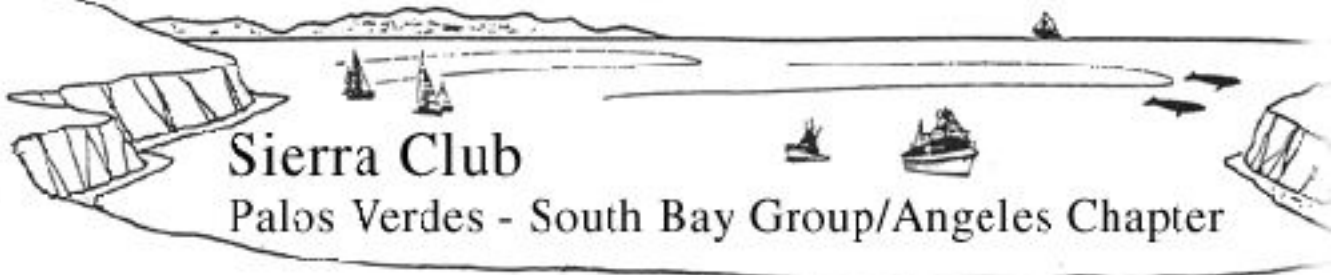


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Garrett in Ten Years

By Garrett Wymore Jan. 30, 2012.

The world can sure change in ten years. I remember ten years ago in fifth grade worrying about the fate of the environment in upcoming years. I found out that I was right to worry. Right now, there isn't much hope for the environment.

I am studying for a Ph.D. in Biology at Stanford University. I am a senior and I'm writing my thesis. I am basing the thesis on the environmental impact of overpopulation. This is a major problem because the world's natural resources are depleting due to overpopulation. The population has reached nine billion, a number scientist 10 years ago thought was impossible. This overpopulation is all because of a pill that increases your life expectancy to 150-175 years. The worst part of this is that the population is supposed to raise three billion people every ten years. With all these people you would think someone would think of the environment and all the things we need that come from it, but it looks as if no one cares. I plan to invent things that are helpful to the environment that people need anyway. I have already thought of a substitute for wood. I hope I can own my own business soon so I can fulfill my goal of saving the environment.

The world sure has changed in ten years... for the worst. I hope in ten years I am saying the same thing except for the better, not the worst. I hope I can make great changes in the world in my lifetime, and inspire others to do other great things to make the world the best place it can be.

(Garrett Wymore is a fifth grader who lives in Palos Verdes. What kind of a world will we leave him in 2014? --Ed.)

From Your Chair

The New Year has begun busily. The Group and Chapter Elections are over and the new (actually old since all the incumbents were re-elected) management committee has been seated. Thanks to Sherry Silver for handling the nominating and elections committee. She got an excellent slate of candidates. The only hard part of this past election was deciding whom not to vote for, all those running were so qualified and all were good friends. Nancy Sorrenti has stepped down as Programs chair, but Joyce White has stepped up to fill her place. Nancy's many years of service will be missed.

As the New Year begins, it is good to take stock of who we are and what we have done. The Palos Verdes/South Bay Group is one of 16 regional groups of the Angeles Chapter. Membership in the Group is based on your zip code. If you are reading this you are probably a member of the group. The group encompasses part or all of the cities of Manhattan Beach, Lawndale, Gardena, Torrance, Redondo Beach, Compton, Carson, Rosewood, Hermosa Beach, Los Angeles, Rancho Dominguez, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Lomita and San Pedro. We have around 4300 members. The Group is run by an Executive Committee consisting of 11 members, 5 of whom are elected one year and 6 the next, all serving staggered 2-year terms. In addition to the 11 elected board members we have 4 ex-officio members and 43 active leaders. This past year we added 5 new leaders, Terry Bass, Carol Anne Mills, Lise Allard, Jerry Trager and Lois Vile, but we lost one very dear leader Don Creighton. Last year the Chapter awarded three of our leaders: Barbara Sattler, Jim Knight and Don Creighton for their service to the club. This year Phil Wheeler and Joyce White will be similarly recognized.

PVSB Conservation Accomplishments & Activities for 2003

We've had a busy year...

Ocean Trails - We met with Coastal Conservation Coalition members to discuss developments and formulate a plan of action, given recent acquisition of OT by Donald Trump. The Coalition decided to have Jess Morton draft a letter, to be sent to RPV, describing our position regarding expectations and understandings previously arrived at with the City and former OT owners. The Coalition sent a letter expressing our concern regarding getting the grant deed that transfers the small portion of land to the City of RPV to the RPV Planning Dept. We also sent a separate, complementary letter of concern.

Long Point - We filed an appeal with the California Coastal Commission regarding various aspects of habitat preservation as they related to the City of RPV's conditions of approval for this project. Some of the issues were resolved to our satisfaction by the Coastal Commission. In addition, the Coastal Commission required an additional area to be revegetated.

South Coast Golf Course - After meetings with, and presentations by South Bay CARES representatives, a letter was sent to appropriate government officials expressing our concerns regarding the proposal to build a golf course on the former landfill.

Coolheights Project - In 2002, we had sent a letter to RPV City officials recommending conditions to protect habitat and trails on a single family residence project. Most of those suggestions were incorporated into the Conditions of Approval. In 2003, CC members participated in negotiations with various interested parties in an effort to achieve an equitable compromise.

Mountain Biking - Trail/Habitat Preservation - As a follow-up to last year's FV article, Barry had numerous conversations with mountain bikers and a few letters/emails to city officials regarding the deteriorating conditions caused by new mountain bike trails in the area being considered for purchase as the Portuguese Bend Open Space Preserve. Follow-up meetings with interested parties will be held in the near future by the PVP Land Conservancy.

Natural Communities Conservation Plan - Proposed Portuguese Bend Open Space Preserve - There's still \$50M in the pot, but many projects are vying for it. There's a possibility that assurances that were made by one California state administration may not necessarily be kept by the current one. We have had assurances that the Portuguese Bend Preserve concept is considered to have merit, and that it is high on the priority list of possible recipients of state funds. The NCCP must be completed before the acquisition can be funded by the Wildlife Conservation Board. The draft NCCP EIR will be available for general public review soon. After having received a preliminary copy of the Plan in the early fall, the Sierra Club, along with other environmental groups, made comments on the Plan which helped shape the draft document.

Lower Filiorum Weed Abatement - A letter was sent to RPV City officials (with copies to other appropriate government agencies) appealing a request to remove "weeds" in a key area abutting the proposed NCCP Preserve. Some of our arguments were that there needed to be adequate biological surveys for any sensitive species conducted at appropriate times of the year and that physical alteration on the site after the NOP date would be in violation of CEQA without the proper EIR analysis that is currently in progress. The appeal was successful.

RPV City Council Elections - Our election committee interviewed all available candidates for the November election. We endorsed Doug Stern and Tom Long, and they both won.

Environmental Charter High School Walks - Late in the year, we were asked to accompany high school classes on field trips here on the peninsula, discussing various aspects of habitat, natural and human history. Plans are being finalized and the walks will occur in mid January.

Native Plant Gardens - There was a great deal of publicity in local papers about problems residents of the City of Lawndale were having when that City characterized their native plant garden as "weeds". Our Group decided not to comment on the issue. However, several individual CC members and other environmental groups drafted letters of support for the residents and their garden. The City backed down and the matter was resolved in a manner apparently acceptable to all concerned.

Barry Holchin
Conservation Chair

PS - If you would like to be contacted by our Conservation Committee regarding issues of concern in our community, please send your name, Sierra Club #, email address, city and phone # to: bholchin@cox.net

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