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Beyond Coal

Do you ever feel you need a reminder for why you support the Sierra Club with your membership, your donations, and/or your volunteer time? Read "Inside the War on Coal", by Michael Grunwald, describing the impact the Sierra Club's "boots on the ground" efforts have had in retiring more than a third of America's coal plants in the past five years.

www.politico.com/agenda/story/2015/05/inside-war-on-coal-000002

Want to learn more about the Sierra Club's mission to "explore, enjoy, and protect the planet"? Attend our open house, Saturday, July 28. Read more in Activities on page 5 of this newsletter.

Angeles Chapter Awards

Each year, the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club gives out awards to recognize outstanding commitment and leadership to the Club. This year the Palos Verdes-South Bay Regional Group and members of its Executive Committee received several awards.

The PV-SB Group received a Membership and Fundraising Service award for recruiting new members, largely a credit to Bill Lavoie, our Membership and Outreach Chair.

Eva Cicoria, our Conservation Chair and Newsletter Editor, received a Conservation Service award for efforts to protect (Awards, p.2)

Planting Native Drought-Tolerant Plants

by Al and Barbara Sattler

With the current Southern California climate conditions, many people are thinking about ripping out their lawns and planting drought-tolerant plants. But some people don't think much about the types of plants to use in a garden and just settle for whatever the local nurseries have on hand that is labeled "drought tolerant". Your replacement garden can actually have a lot of value to local wildlife if the plants you use are native to our local coastal area. This area is *not* a desert (as some people mistakenly believe) so the plant choices are not just cactus.

The native plant communities of the South Bay area and the Palos Verdes peninsula are diverse, including, for example: coastal (Natives, p.2)

Crude Oil Hits Our Shores



From June 4, 2015. (Photo by Eva Cicoria)

Can you spot the glob of crude oil in the photo above, taken at Sacred Cove tide pools on the Palos Verdes Peninsula? By now, most have heard of the over 100,000 gallons of oil (Oil, p.3)

You're Invited!

PV-SB Open House
Saturday, July, 25, 2015
6-9 PM

Learn how you can become part of Sierra Club's mission to explore, enjoy, and protect the planet!

Read more: Activities page 5

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(Awards, from p. 1)

natural open space against overuse and abuse, as well as for broadening the Group Conservation Committee areas of attention to include issues of local, regional, and national importance, such as oil drilling in residential neighborhoods.

Al Sattler, the PV-SB Group Chair and wearer of many hats over the years at the regional group and chapter levels, was honored for his role as a member of the Angeles Chapter Water Committee from its 2008 inception to date. Al was lauded as "the voice of reason when controversial matters come up" and for sharing his expertise to comment on projects and environmental impact reports.

Last, Lillian Light, a long-time Sierra Club member, accepted a Special Award for Conservation for work by a non-Sierra Club Group, on behalf of the Environmental Priorities Network (EPN), of which she is President. EPN is an interfaith conservation organization active in the South Bay and Palos Verdes areas. Since 2002, they have organized a series of forums on various environmental issues, inviting speakers and hosting tabling by environmental groups and related vendors. EPN has also sponsored a Solar and Green Homes Tour every spring since 2006. At the very first global warming forum they held, they saw the Cool Cities booklet at the Sierra Club table and, inspired by that booklet, they lobbied the various cities of the South Bay and Palos Verdes areas and got many of them to sign up as Cool Cities. These cities pledged to inventory their municipal greenhouse gas emissions and to reduce their emissions to be equivalent to what would have been the requisite levels had the United States committed to the Kyoto Protocol.



Palos Verdes-South Bay Regional Group and Angeles Chapter members at the Angeles Chapter Awards Banquet. From left: Diane Wood, PV-SB ExComm Secretary, Bill Lavoie, PV-SB ExComm Vice Chair and Membership and Outreach Chair, Carole Mintzer, Angeles Chapter ExComm Chair, Al Sattler, PV-SB ExComm Chair and Political Chair and Angeles Chapter Conservation Vice Chair, Barbara Sattler, Eva Cicoria, PV-SB ExComm Conservation Chair and Newsletter Editor, and George Watland, Senior Chapter Director, Angeles Chapter.

(Natives, from p. 1)

sage scrub; riparian areas near stream beds; and beach dune plant communities. Temperature and rainfall are only two of the factors which influence what naturally grows in a given area. Other factors such as soil type, fog, wind, direction of slope and sun/shade exposure are also very important. We have a diversity of micro-climates in this area, and the plants native to our area reflect that diversity.

The best time to plant a native garden is in the fall, just before the winter rains (we hope they will come!). If you plant a native garden in the summer, the plants will struggle all summer long, have less chance of surviving, and require frequent watering to keep them alive. Instead, spend your summer letting your lawn die while you learn more about which native plants you like best that will be suitable for the various locations in your yard.

You might want to visit some local native gardens to see what various native plants look like: Madrona Marsh, Point Vicente, and White Point all have native plant gardens. There is also a lot of information available on the Internet, for example www.sccnps.org and www.pvplc.org/_education/native_plants.asp.

(Natives, p.6)

Reusing Graywater is Smart Conservation

Graywater (also spelled “greywater” or “gray water”) is water from showers, tubs, bathroom sinks, and clothes washers. Graywater *does not* include sewage, including kitchen sink water that has entered the drain. Homes, schools, offices and other buildings where people live or work produce a significant amount of graywater, approximately 60% of total indoor water use.

Landscaping irrigation is often the single biggest category of urban water use, accounting for up to 70% of total urban water use, particularly in warmer inland areas. Graywater is ideal for irrigating landscaping, and can make good use of the 60% of indoor waters appropriate for graywater reuse.

Outdoor graywater use requires no treatment. Simple laundry-to-landscape systems are inexpensive to install and do not require a permit. More elaborate systems may require permits and graywater use is regulated by the California Plumbing Code. Graywater systems can be designed to use gravity rather than a pump, saving energy in the reuse process. Graywater is safe for use when simple guidelines are followed.

It is estimated that even if only 10% of households had graywater systems, the reduction in water use could equal the output of an entire desalination plant. In the Los Angeles area, graywater reuse capacity could range from 50 to 165 million gallons per day.

(Oil from p.1)

spilled when an oil pipeline owned by Plains All American Pipeline (the same company that owns the propane and butane tanks near residences in San Pedro) ruptured near Refugio Beach in Santa Barbara County.

Beaches in Santa Barbara County were heavily impacted immediately. Initially, it was thought that oil from the spill was moving seaward, and not toward other beaches. In the days and weeks after the spill, however, globs of the sticky tar-like substance were reported on South Bay beaches and as far south as Long Beach and San Clemente.

While it remains uncertain whether the tar balls at Sacred Cove were from natural seepage or associated with the pipeline spill, recent test results of some of the globs that landed on Manhattan Beach linked them to the Santa Barbara spill.

Photo: Stand In the Sand rally in Santa Barbara at which Sierra Club national partnered with Sierra Club California and the Los Padres (Santa Barbara) Chapter, along with many local groups, in response to the Refugio State Beach oil spill May 19.



(Photo by Darrell Clarke)

Take a Tour

The Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County are offering a tour of their Joint Water Pollution Control Plant on August 1, beginning at 9 AM. On the tour, you will learn what happens to wastewater at the plant. Afterwards, the adjacent 17 acre Bixby Marshland will be open for tours, from 10 AM to 2 PM. The Plant is at 24501 S. Figueroa St., Carson. To RSVP (please RSVP by July 31) or for more information, please contact *Nell* at 562-908-4288, ext. 2300 or e-mail nmadigan@lacsdsd.org.

Weekly Activities

Conditioning Hikes: Wear lug sole boots. Arrive early. Rain cancels. Bring red lens flashlight.



Monday Nights O: Rancho Palos Verdes: Slow moderate 2 hr 4-6 mi hike. Not for beginners. Leave 6:30 PM from end of Crenshaw (Del Cerro Park). Hike the trails of Portuguese Bend Reserve, Filiorum, and some streets. Some steep trails. Only one group. Wear sturdy shoes or lug sole boots and bring a red lens flash light. Rain cancels. Ldrs: Bill Lavoie, Jacques Monier, Zoltan Stroll.



Tuesday Nights O: San Pedro/PV: 2 hr, 5-8 mi hike. 2 hiking groups: fast/strenuous and moderate (suitable for newcomers/beginners). Leave 6:30 PM from 8th and Averill. Ldrs: Brooks Chadwick, Barry Bonnickson, Joyce White, Dorie Chadwick, Jacques Monier.



Thursday Nights O: Palos Verdes Peninsula: 2 hr, 5-8 mi hike, flat/hilly streets/trails. Up to 5 hiking groups: slow, slow mod, mod, fast mod, fast/strenuous. Leave 6:30 PM from parking lot near Rite Aid Drugs at Hawthorne & Silver Spur. Ldrs: Linda Werk, Brooks Chadwick, Joyce White, Jacques Monier, Bill Lavoie, Judy Shane, Dorie Chadwick, Zoltan Stroll.



Saturday Hikes: For all Sat hikes, wear lug sole boots, bring a snack & water. If you anticipate rain, wear rain gear. **See locations and other details in Other PV-SB Group Activities listings and at the website.**

Monthly Activities



Executive Committee Meeting. Second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM the PVSB Group Executive Committee meets to discuss matters relevant to the Group. Meeting open to all Sierra Club members. Call secretary for meeting location.



Moonlit Hikes in Palos Verdes O. Friday before or on full moon. Meet 7:30 PM. Easy to moderate 1.5-2 hr hike in Palos Verdes hills. Go for pizza afterwards. Check website for details.

Other PV-SB Group Activities

[Symbols used for outings: hiking, flight, backpack, educational, conservation, bird watching, slides, moonlit hike, bus trip, flowers, skiing, lodge, trail work, snow shoeing.]



Jul 4 Sat O: Abalone Cove Hike. Moderate 6 mi, 1000' gain, 3 hrs. Take Palos Verdes Dr South to Forrestal Dr, north to gate. Meet at gate at 8 AM. Trails: Klondike Cyn, across Portuguese Cyn, Portuguese Pt, Abalone Cove. Wear lug sole boots, bring a snack and water. If you anticipate rain, wear rain gear. Leaders: Stephen Bradford and Steven Morris.



Jul 11 Sat O: Malaga Cove Hike #1. Moderate 6 mi, 600' gain. Meet 8 AM at the Malaga Cove Plaza fountain (Palos Verdes Dr W and Via Corta). The route covers trails and fire roads overlooking Bluff Cove with exceptional panoramic views. Wear lug sole boots, bring a snack and water. If you anticipate rain, wear rain gear. Leaders: Steven Morris and Alix Benson.

(Activities, p.5)

IMPORTANT NOTICES

In order to participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please see <http://content.sierraclub.org/outings/local-outdoors/resources> or call 415-977-5528. In the interest of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing, or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel. For bus trips, our seller of travel number is CST 2087766-40. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California.

NOTICE REGARDING MINORS

Each minor participant must have a Minor Waiver form, available at http://angeles.sierraclub.org/sites/angeles.sierraclub.org/files/docs/Minor_Waiver.pdf. If the minor is not accompanied by a parent or guardian, they must also have a Medical Treatment Authorization & Consent Form available at <http://clubhouse.sierraclub.org/outings/forms/programs/insurance/minorrelease.pdf> signed by a parent or guardian. Minors not having these signed forms shall not go on the hike.

For up-to-date information on all activities, see the PV-SB website <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/pvsb>

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Name: _____ Sierra Club #: _____ Expiration Date: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone No: (____) _____ E mail: _____

Thank you for your Membership! Remember to Renew!

Activities continued



Jul 18 Sat O: Marina to West End of Pt Fermin Park. Moderate 6 mi, 500' gain. Meet at 8 AM in the parking lot at the Northeast corner of 22nd St and Miner St in San Pedro (At the end of Harbor Blvd). We will walk on surface streets to the west end of Pt Fermin park and maybe down to the beach. Wear footwear with good support, bring a snack and water. If you anticipate rain, wear rain gear. Well behaved dogs on leash are welcome. Leaders: Stephen Bradford and Terri Straub.



Jul 25 Sat O: Three Sisters Reserve Hike #4. Moderate with one steep climb, 2 1/2 hours, 1200' gain. Meet 8 AM Rancho Palos Verdes City Hall, 30940 Hawthorne Blvd. Trails include McCarrell Canyon, McBride, Zote's Cutacross, Jack's Hat. Wear lug soles, bring snack and water. If you anticipate rain, bring rain gear. Leaders: Terri Straub and Alix Benson.



Jul 25 Sat O: Open House for Palos Verdes-South Bay Group. Ever wondered what the Sierra Club is all about? Join us at an open house! Grab some refreshments, and talk to our local leaders who work to preserve and restore the few remaining natural places in our communities. Or chat with our outing leaders to get info on local hikes, backpack trips in the Sierras, and treks in distant lands. Find out how you can become part of the Sierra Club's mission to explore, enjoy and protect the planet. Join us from 6 PM to 9 PM Saturday Night, July 25, at 423 via Mesa Grande, Redondo Beach 90277. For more information, contact Bill Lavoie at 310-378-8723.



Aug 1 Sat O: Central Peninsula Hike #1. Moderate 7 mi, 600' gain, 2.5 hrs. Meet at Rolling Hills Estates City Hall, NW corner of Crenshaw and Palos Verdes

Dr North, at 8 AM. Trails: Moccasin, Howlett, Valmonte Canyon, Via Palomino. Wear lug sole boots, bring snack & water. If you anticipate rain, wear rain gear. Leaders: Barry Bonnicksen and Emile Fiesler.



Aug 8 Sat O: Miraleste Trails Hike. Moderate 6 mi, 1000' gain. Meet at 8 AM in the parking lot of Peck Park in San Pedro. The entrance to the park is at the SE corner of Western Ave and West Crestwood St. We will meet about 100 yards into the first parking lot. We will take the Canada, Lorraine, Via La Paloma, Frasceti and Colinita Trails. Wear lug sole boots, bring a snack and water. If you anticipate rain, wear rain gear. Leaders: Steven Morris and Terri Straub.



Aug 13-16 Thu-Sun O: Mammoth, Yosemite, Bristlecone Pine Forest Bus Trip. Would you like to hike through grassy meadows under towering pines, soak your feet in pristine alpine lakes, and feast your eyes on vistas of snow-capped granite peaks? Join us August 13-16, 2015, for an adventurous four days of glorious hiking on some of the most spectacular trails in the high Sierras. The grand finale will be a visit to the ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest to hike among the oldest living things on the planet. Participants must be fit enough to hike 5-7 miles in hilly terrain at high altitudes (over 10,000'). We stay all three nights in Mammoth Lakes' Quality Inn. Price includes bus, shared motel room, driver's gratuity, and snacks. Depart early Thurs from Redondo Beach and return Sun night. There is a \$40 cancellation fee. If you cancel less than 30 days before departure, you will receive a refund only if the trip is full and we find a suitable replacement for you. Send 2 business-size self-addressed stamped envelopes, H&W photos, gender (M or F), email address, and check to PVSBSierra Club for \$360 to reservationist (*Activities*, p.6)

PV-SB GROUP LEADERS

Current leaders active in the PV-SB Group

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Bob Baldwin, 7500 Wystone Ave, Reseda, CA 91335. Ldrs: Judy Shane (judyshane@aol.com) and Bob Baldwin (rbaldwin@unex.ucla.edu). Co-leaders: Zoltan Stroll and Emile Fiesler.



Aug 15 Sat O: Chandler Preserve Hike. Moderate 6.5 mi, 600' gain. Meet 8 AM Palos Verdes Dr East 1/8 mile south of Palos Verdes Dr North, at trailhead. We will take the Dapplegray, Chandler, Golf Course Overlook, Saddlehorn Loop, Palomino, Phillip's Cyn, Heavenly, Strawberry, Old Witch, and George F Cyn Trails. Wear lug sole boots, bring a snack and water. If you anticipate rain, wear rain gear. Leaders: Barry Bonnicksen and Aileen Wigglesworth.



Aug 22 Sat O: Three Sisters Area Hike #3. Moderate, 3 hours, 1500' gain. Meet 8 AM Rancho Palos Verdes City Hall, 30940 Hawthorne Blvd. Trails include Barkentine, McBride, Zote's Cutacross, Kelvin Canyon. Wear lug soles, bring snack and water. If you anticipate rain, bring rain gear. Leaders: Terri Straub and Steven Morris.



Aug 29 Sat O: Central Peninsula Hike #2. Moderate 7 mi, 1000' gain, 3 hrs. Meet at Rolling Hills Estates City Hall, NW corner of Crenshaw and Palos Verdes Dr North, at 8AM. Trails: Landfill Loop,

Chadwick Cyn, and more. Wear lug sole boots, bring snack and water. If you anticipate rain, wear rain gear. Leaders: Barry Bonnicksen and Steven Morris.

(Natives, from p.2)

Another great source of information will be the September 7 meeting of the South Coast Chapter of the California Native Plant Society (SCCNPS). In this meeting, Tony Baker and Ric Dykzeul, who both specialize in landscaping with native plants, will show examples of the various plants that will be offered for sale at the October 3 SCCNPS plant sale, describing the plants and their preferred growing conditions. You will have the opportunity to ask questions. More information is available at <http://www.sccnps.org/>.

There are a number of other local native plant sales in the fall, right at the start of the planting season, and the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy holds a native plant sale on the fourth Saturday each month from noon to 2 PM at White Point Nature and Education Center, 1600 Paseo del Mar, San Pedro. More information on this sale and other places to purchase native plants is available at http://www.pvplc.org/_education/native_plants.asp.

Next Submission Deadline *Foggy View* July 15, 2015