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What Can We Do about Climate Change and Global Warming

D uring our 4th presentation about Climate Change and Global Warming, we will be talking about what we can do as individuals to get our cities and other local government bodies to recognize that this is the most critical issue of our time. Just consider that the last time carbon dioxide in the atmosphere was as high as it is today was 3 million years ago. Then, the world was 5° Fahrenheit warmer and sea levels were 32 to 65 feet higher, yet not a single city in Orange County has declared a climate emergency. Our speaker will suggest how we can get involved, which we must, and you will be inspired by his youthful enthusiasm and optimism about what we can do. Join us and learn how we, as members of the country's oldest environmental organization, can make a difference in the decision-making of our cities, water boards, etc.

- WHERE: Norman Murray Community & Senior Center 24932 Veterans Way Mission Viejo, CA
- WHEN: 7:00 PM, Tuesday, September 24, 2019
- **ROOM:** Juniper

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>> Winter Skills Class << November 13, 2019, 6 – 9 pm</pre>

ome join the OCSS and the Sierra Sage for this fun and free evening class in which experienced Sierra Club leaders will discuss the subject of winter sports (hiking, camping, and more, all while in the snow). Topics will include sleeping systems, sleeping bags, ground pads, four-season tents, apparel (layering), insulated boots, snowshoes, stoves/cooking, train ing for winter hiking, and more. This class will impart the basic knowledge to be prepared to participate in several upcoming Sierra Club winter outings, including several OCSS bus trips to Mammoth Lakes, and to be able to make good deci- sions about what gear to rent, to buy, and to bring.

This one-time class will be held at the REI Coop, 2962 El Camino Real, Tustin, CA 92782. From the 5 Freeway in Tustin, exit at Jamboree Avenue off-ramp, head north one block to the Tustin Marketplace. Make first left into the parking lot. REI will be on the left (south) side of the parking area.

Staff: Todd Clark, Sylvie Cote, Donna Specht Presenters: David Black, Gary McCoppin, and Dennis 'The Bear' Loya



Wednesday, November 6, 2019, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM 0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage Group Outing O: Billy Goat Hill from Borrego Trail 26701 Portola Pkwy, Foothill Ranch, CA 92610

Meet: 9:00 AM at the Whiting Ranch Pkg Lot at the corner of Market and Portola near the Ralphs. 5-mile, 550' elevation gain/loss. Route: Borrego Trail to Mustard to Billy Goat and back down Mustard and Borrego to the parking lot. Bring \$3 for parking, a hat, and at least 1 qt/ltr of water, (2qts/ltrs if temp 80°+). *Poles are recommended*.

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Saturday, November 9, 2019, 8:30 AM 0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing O: North Stagecoach, South Stagecoach Hike 18751 Laguna Canyon Rd, Laguna Beach, CA 92651

8 mi, 1300 gain/loss loop hike, starting from the North Stagecoach Trail from Nix Nature Center, then climbing the West Canyon Trail to the Serrano Ridge Trail to the Camarillo Trail and back to the Nix Center via the South Stagecoach trail. Lots of great views from the ridges. Meet us at the Nix Nature Center at 8:30 am on the west side of Laguna Canyon Hwy 133 south of Lake Forest Intersection and north of Toll Road. Bring at least 2 qts/ltr of water, snacks, hat. *Poles if you have them. Rain Cancels.*

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Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 8:00 AM 0407-Orange County Group: Outing Lion Canyon Falls O: Lion Canyon Falls

9 mi, 900' gain/2300 loss. Starting at Blue Jay on the San Juan Trail, we'll join the Chiquito Trail to descend into beautiful Lion Canyon. After visiting the falls, we'll continue on with an ascent, then some down and up and down again before ending our hike with an uphill on the San Juan Loop Trail to the parking lot across from the Candy Store. Meet 8:00 am at the South Orange County rideshare. From I-5 take Ortega Hwy east, R on Rancho Viejo, L into parking lot. Park to L, across from Ballpark Pizza. Bring at least 2 qts water, lunch, lug-soles. *Rain cancels*.

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• Saturday, November 16, 2019, 8:00 AM (Time Tentative) 0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: Trail Maintenance in San Mateo Canyon Wilderness Volunteers, male and female, from the OC Group, Sierra Sage Group, and the Gorgonio Chapter maintain trails in the San Mateo Canyon Wilderness on a monthly basis. A new location is selected each month based on current needs. No experience needed—only a willingness to work. Tools and instructions are provided. To receive announcements detailing each month's activities, contact John Kaiser (see below). Leader: John Kaiser (714) 968-4677 jkai39@gmail.com Daniel Donovan (562) 596-1225 daniel.paul.donovan@gmail.com Rich Maxey (949) 310-5134 richmaxey@yahoo.com

Sunday, November 17, 2019, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM 0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing O: O'Neill Park Family Hike

30892 Trabuco Canyon Rd, Trabuco Canyon, CA 92679 3–4 mile hike, 200' gain/loss in O'Neill Regional Park. Good views of O'Neill and Rancho Santa Margarita, possible wildflowers etc. Children 5+ yrs are welcome with a parent or guardian. Meet at 2:00 PM at O'Neill parking lot just to the right of entrance after clearing the entrance and drive into the Park. Bring at least 1 qt/ltr of water per person in group, hats and snacks are recommended. *Rain Cancels*.

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Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM 0407-Orange County Group Outing O: East Ridge Caspers Park

31654 Rancho Viejo Rd, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 Hike up East Ridge, then back via Cougar Pass and Bell Canyon to the parking lot. Meet at 8:30 at the So. Org Cty rideshare point in front of Ball Park Pizza in the shopping area at the corner of Ortega Hwy and Rancho Viejo Rd. This will allow some carpooling into the park. People wanting to meet us inside Caspers will meet us at the furthest north parking lot in the Old Corral area at 8:45 or so. Bring munchies, at least 2 qtrs./ltrs water. *Poles Recommended*.

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Saturday, November 23, 2019, 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM 0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing O: Bear Canyon Hike

31654 Rancho Viejo Rd, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 6.5 mile hike, 1300' gain on the Bear Canyon Trail in the Cleveland National Forest. Bring lunch, 2 qts/ltrs of water, hat, and poles if you have them. We plan to hike up the Bear Canyon Trail then hike the Bear Ridge Trail to 4 Corners, we return on the Bear Canyon trail back to the trailhead. Meet: 8:30 AM at South OC Rideshare point (1 blk east of I-5 on Ortega Hwy, in the parking lot at the SE corner of Ortega Hwy and Rancho Viejo Rd in front of Ball Park Pizza in San Juan Capistrano). Alternate meet: 9:00 AM at the Forest Service Parking Area across from Candy Store on Ortega Hwy. Forest Service Parking Passes or US Senior Pass required for parking. *Rain Cancels*.

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Sunday, November 24, 2019, 3:00 PM 0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing O: Signal Hill Sunset Hike 2475 Cherry Ave, Signal Hill, CA 90755

Moderate 4-mile, 750 ft gain loop hike exploring the Signal Hill Trail System. Route makes maximum use of the walking trails inside the private residential areas before they close to the public at Sunset. Enjoy 360° views to the ocean, San Pedro, Downtown LA and Long Beach, and learn a little about the history of Signal Hill. Afterward, those interested can join us for refreshments at Mothers Market Café and outdoor patio. Meet near entrance of Mothers Market on Cherry Avenu e in Signal Hill. Contact leaders for more information:

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Saturday, December 7, 2019, 8:00 AM (Time Tentative) 0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing O: Trail Maintenance in San Mateo Canyon Wilderness South Orange Cwounty ride share

Volunteers, male and female, from the OC Group, Sierra Sage Group, and the Gorgonio Chapter maintain trails in the San Mateo Canyon Wilderness on a monthly basis. A new location is selected each month based on current needs. No experience is needed—only a willingness to work. Tools and instructions are provided. To receive announcements detailing each month's activities, contact leader John Kaiser (see below).

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Wednesday, December 11, 2019, 9:00 AM 0407-Orange County Group Outing, Black Star Canyon O: Black Star Canyon

10 mi, 1300' gain/loss. An out-and-back hike to a pretty highland valley where we'll have lunch on the site of a Native American camp among oak trees and morteros. The climb, though steady, is not particularly difficult. Hike begins at 9:00 am at the gate on Black Star Canyon Rd. From I-5 take El Toro Rd east to the Y at Cooks Corner, head L onto Santiago Cyn Rd, R on Silverado Cyn Rd, almost immediate L onto Black Star. Park before the gate. Bring at least 2 qts water, lunch, lug-soles. *Rain cancels*

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 Saturday, December 14, 2019, 8:00 AM 0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing O: Tenaja Trail

Meet at South OC Ride Share

Join us on a 7 mi, 900 ft gain hike to Fisherman Camp along the most scenic trail in the San Mateo Canyon Wilderness. Gain occurs on the exit hike. Several crossings of Tenaja Creek are involved, which will be a factor only if recent rain; in that case, hiking poles might be useful for crossings. Bring lunch, water, and hiking boots. Lunch will be at Fisherman Camp. *Rain or critical fire danger will cancel.* Meet at the south OC ride share at 8 am or at the trail head at 9:15 am. Directions to trail head are available from leader (below).

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Sunday, December 15, 2019, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM 0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing O: Oso Creek Family Walk

24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, CA 92692

Join us for an urban walk on the Oso Creek Trail in Mission Viejo. The hike will be approximately 3-4 miles with some mild up and down to the trails. Meet at the Norman Murray Senior and Community Center on Veterans Way in Mission Viejo at 2:00 PM at the parking lot on the north side of the Center. Lots of flowers and running water in the creek. *Rain Cancels*.

Michael Sappingfield (949) 768-3610 <u>mikesapp@cox.net</u> Audrey Tomovich (949) 204-7600 <u>tomovich@cox.net</u> Saturday, December 21, 2019, 5:30 PM 0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing O: Newport Beach Boat Parade Walk 427 Newport Center Dr., Newport Beach, CA 92660

Join us for an evening of fun as we walk to Balboa Island (5 mi. r/t, 300' gain), watch the Boat Parade, and view decorated houses on Balboa Island, followed by dinner (opt.) at Fashion Island. Meet 5:30 PM at the bell tower in Fashion Island (near Macy's) in Newport Beach. Bring money for dinner/refreshments. *Inclement weather does not cancel*. Contact leaders for more information. **Todd Clark** (714) 803-0195 clarkta@hotmail.com **Audrey Tomovich** (949) 204-76w00 tomovich@cox.net **Karen Deweese** (562) 270-3487 kldeweese@me.com Linda Ledger (949) 444-1285 linda.ledger@me.com **Sylvie Cote** (949) 547-2998 mlsylvie@hotmail.com

Sunday, December 22, 2019, 3:05 PM 0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing O: Signal Hill Sunset Hike 2475 Cherry Ave, Signal Hill, CA 90755

Moderate 4-mile, 750 ft gain loop hike exploring the Signal Hill Trail System. The route makes maximum use of the walking trails inside the private residential areas before they close to the public at Sunset. Enjoy 360° views to the ocean, San Pedro, Downtown LA and Long Beach. Learn a little about the history of Signal Hill. Later, those interested can join us for refreshments at Mothers Market Café and outdoor patio. Meet near entrance of Mothers Market on Cherry Avenue in Signal Hill. Contact leaders for more information:

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Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 9:00 AM 0407-So. OC Group Outing, Aliso Wood Grand Tour O: Aliso Wood Grand Tour

11.5 miles, 900' gain. Start the New Year right with great views and 3 parks. Starting at Canyon View, we'll go down Wood Canyon, then take Meadows Trail up to Moulton Meadows for lunch. Then we'll head for Alta Laguna (Top of the World), and return via the West Ridge and Cholla Trail. While there's a big climb in the middle, it's downhill at the end! The distance can make it rather strenuous. Meet 9:00 am at Canyon View Park (from El Toro Rd go S on Moulton Pkwy, R on Glenwood, uphill & over Toll Road where it becomes Pacific Park Dr., R on Canyon Vistas Dr to bottom of hill) with water, lunch, lug-soles. *Rain cancels*.

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 Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM 0407-Orange County Group Outing O: Oso Creek—Jeronimo Open Space Hike 24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, CA 92692

Join us on a 5½-mile, 400 ft gain/loss hike on Oso Creek Trail, the Jeronimo Open Space, and Naciento Trail and return via loops. Enjoy walking along running creeks, lots of flowers, and the views of the Arroyo Trabuco. Meet up at the north parking lot at Norman Murray Center, 24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo at 9:00 AM. Bring 2 qts/ltrs of water, munchies, Poles optional. *Heavy Rain Cancels*. **Michael Sappingfield** (949) 768-3610 mikesapp@cox.net **Helen Maurer** (949) 768-0417 <u>Tgables@cox.net</u>

Governor Signs Legislation Dealing a Major Blow to the Cadiz Inc. Nojave Desert Water Mining Project

by John Monsen

oday Goven or Newsom signed Senate Bill 307 into law, dealing a major setback to the Cadiz Inc. water mining project in the Mojave Desert. The legislation, a victory for the Sierra Club and its allies, will require a stringent safety review by the State Lands Commission of projects that could impact desert water resources. The governor noted that the new state review will be based on "independent scientific analysis" and that for a project to go forward it must demonstrate "certainty that it will not threaten important natural or cultural resources."

Cadiz had hoped to extract 16 billion gallens of water a year from underneath the Mojave Trails National Monument near Joshua Tree National Park. Adding to momentum to passage of the bill were two recent scientific studies confirming earlier findings by the United States Geological Survey that the Cadiz project was unsustainable and would dry up springs essential to the survival of desert life. In December 2018 the Department of Fish and Wildlife found the project's environmental review (EIR) to be inadequate.

SB 307 was authored by State Senator Richard Roth of Riverside and championed by principal co-authors Laura Friedman (D-Glendale) and Anthony Portanino (D-Pasadena). It gives the State Lands Commission two years to review the Cadiz project in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Department of Water Resource. For Cadiz to go forward the commission must certify that the project "will not adversely affect the natural or cultural resources" of public lands in the Mojave Desert. This will be a challenging standard for Cadiz to meet but that doesn't mean they won't try.

The Cadiz response has been to fund over a million dollars in "independent" research by the Three Valleys Municipal Water District (San Dimas, Claremont, Pomona). That is not independent of Cadiz, Cadiz funding or Cadiz-allied consultants. They hope to use the results with the State Land Commission.



Hiking Trip to Coastal Redwoods, July 11–18 or 19, 2020

Advance Notice: Applications to Be Available On or After October 1, 2019

Leaders: Mike Sappingfield, Linda Ledger

his is an advance notice of a hiking trip to the Coastal Redwoods State and National Parks in July of 2020. The plan is to fly to Oakland on the morning of July 11, then hike and sightsee throughout the Redwood National Park, Humboldt Redwoods State Park, the Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, Del Norte Redwoods State Park, and the Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park with hikes from 5 to 8 miles in each of the parks. Between hikes, we plan to visit the beaches and lagoons, a lighthouse or two, and check out the other local attractions such as large herds of Roosevelt Elk. We might even take a jet boat tour of the Kumath River.

Physical Conditions. This is primarily a hiking trip. The hikes will have two leaders on each hike, and go at a moderate pace. Participants must be able to hike several days in a row with climbs of 600 to 1200 feet and stay up with the group. If you want to go faster than a moderate pace, you should not come. We intend to enjoy the scenery. Conversely, if you have trouble staying up with the group, this may not be the trip for you. All participants are expected to participate in all hikes.

Food. Breakfasts and some lunches will be provided. Dinness and most lunches are on your own.

Lodging will be in hotels (3-Star and 4-Star hotels) every night with most rooms having 2 people to a room. A few private rooms will be available for an additional cost.

Cost for the trip with 2 people to a room have not yet been finalized but we expect to be in the range of \$1400 to \$1600 per person.

On **October 1**, when we begin accepting applications, we will have a final itinerary, final cost figures, and a list of the hikes planned to share with interested parties. You can request application forms via email at <u>mikesapp@cox.net</u>, or via postal mail to Sierra Sage Group, P. O. Box 524, Like Forest, CA 92609 on or after October 1, 2019.

For more information, contact Mike at 949-633-6993, <u>mikesapp@cox.net</u>or Linda at 949-444-1285, <u>linda.ledger@me.com</u>

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- Preserve the Coastal areas of Orange County? Contact Penny Elia at greenp1@cox.net
- Interested in electing environmentally supportive politicians into local offices? Contact Sharon Koch. 949-717-7745 at slkoch@ix.netcom.com
- Want to keep the Santa Ana Mountains wild? Or want to help maintain trails in the San Mateo Wilderness Area? Contact John Kaiser at jkai39@gmail.com

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HIKE OF THE MONTH

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This is one of a series of walks in the wild areas of Orange County designed to give families with small children—5 years and up an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors.

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