

# Sierra Sage



Sierra Sage of South Orange County, a Group of the Sierra Club ■ Bimonthly Events & Outings

*You are invited to join us at  
Our bi-monthly meeting!*

## Climate Change & Global Warming— the fourth of our topics on the subject

**T**his will be a truly electrifying evening as we continue our exploration of personal solutions and approaches to Climate Change and Global Warming. The program's focus is on making our homes carbon neutral. Our speaker will show the environmental advantages of going electric inside the home and of creating a better envelope around it. Since our homes are a large source of greenhouse gas emissions that we can control, the techniques to reduce these emissions are relatively easy to accomplish. Join us to learn how to reduce your home's carbon footprint.



**WHERE:** **Norman Murray Community  
& Senior Center**

24932 Veterans Way  
Mission Viejo, CA

**WHEN:** 7:00 PM, Tuesday,  
September 24, 2019

**ROOM:** Juniper

**DIRECTIONS:**

**Northbound on I-5**, exit at La Paz, turn right onto La Paz, cross Marguerite Parkway and proceed over Oso Creek. Turn left onto Veterans Way and drive to the Murray Center Parking Lot.

**Southbound on I-5**, exit at La Paz, turn left onto La Paz, cross Marguerite Parkway & Oso Creek. Turn left onto Veterans Way and drive to Murray Center Parking Lot.



# Annual Election of Officers, Sierra Sage Group

Each year, half of the members of the Sierra Sage Group's terms expire and we are required to conduct an election. The Angeles Chapter will do the same thing for the Chapters Executive Committee. The actual ballot of Chapter candidates and Sierra Sage Candidates will be sent out to our members. If you are a member of the Sierra Sage Group, you will get both the Chapter Executive Committee candidates and the Sierra Sage Group Executive Committee candidates. The actual ballot information and procedures will be sent to all the members in a few weeks. It will let you know the voting process and the time periods that you can vote.

There are six candidates for five positions. We believe that it is important to let you know as soon as we can! Herein is the information on the Sierra Sage Group Executive Committee Candidates:

## ■ Candidate Statement, Duana Miller

I am running for reelection to the Executive Committee of the Sierra Sage. I am currently the Vice Chair and have served as Chair and an Outings leader in the past. I am anxious to continue serving the organization in leadership as well as supporting environmental causes that we support. Please consider supporting me.



## ■ Candidate Statement, Helen Maurer

I have been a member of the Sierra Club for decades and became a leader of the Wednesday hikes in the early 2000s. From 2010 to 2018 my husband and I led European hiking trips for the Angeles Chapter. For the past 2 years I have served on the Sierra Sage Ex Com. Simply put, I enjoy the outdoors and enjoy sharing the many beauties of our world—and a sense of how precious it is—with others. Serving on the Ex Com is yet another way to do this.



## ■ Candidate Statement, Linda Ledger

I am running to be a member of the EXCOM of Sierra Sage because I believe strongly in the goals of the Sierra Club to preserve, protect and enjoy our natural environment. I have been a Sierra Club member since 1989 and have been an EXCOM member for the past 4 years. As an active hike leader and a novice trip leader, I think it is important to have a voice in matters affecting our area's environment and the activities we lead and sponsor.



## ■ Candidate Statement, Risa Koppel

With this statement, I am reaching out to you to share a little about myself and to express my desire to participate as a member of the Executive Committee. I am huge supporter of the Sierra Sage group and all the good works that the 2group does. I have a demonstrated record and a passion for numerous areas of environmental preservation and protection. And, like many of you, I support those politicians who support our environment and wildlife causes.



Personally, I bring responsibility and personal commitment to all my civic, community, and professional activities:

— Volunteer my graphic design services to the production of the Sierra Sage newsletter.

— Local Coordinator, CCI Greenheart, an International Exchange Student Program in South Orange County

In summary, I would love the opportunity to add my participation to the Executive Committee and I would sincerely appreciate your vote.

## ■ Candidate Statement, Vicky Hazley

I am a current member of the Management Committee and running for re-election. I also served as the Alternate Chapter Representative. If elected, I would have the opportunity to review and provide input on Sierra Sage matters. I would continue to participate in activities that showcase and promote the Sierra Sage Group in Orange County.



I have supported the Sierra Club by participated in tabling events such as Ocean Awareness Day in Dana Point and Panhe at San Mateo Campground. These public outreach events provide educational opportunities to help the public understand the need to protect nature and how to get out and enjoy outdoor areas.

I became a member of the Sierra Club Sierra Sage Group several years ago. I have participated in numerous day hikes and six Sierra Club Outings trips. I'm registered for Leadership Training Course and Leader's Hike this fall. I have enjoyed exploring nature's beauty and the importance of leaving it in a condition for others to appreciate.

## ■ Candidate Statement, Tina Bach

I would like you to consider supporting me for the Executive Committee as it seems that the very worthy people currently on the Committee could benefit from some relief. I have supported the Sierra Club by participating in public outreach, and this year made the commitment and became a Life Member. I am in the process of becoming a hike leader. I would like to contribute to the outings offered to our Sierra Sage members and participate in interest groups across the Club so I could function as an automatic connector between Sierra Sage and other groups in the Angeles Chapter and beyond.



I completed the Wilderness Travel Course, became a member of the Chapter's Water Committee and the Hundred Peaks Section (HPS). I started to help John Kaiser with his trail maintenance efforts in our local mountains and look for more opportunities to help Sierra Sage be as valuable and enjoyable for you as possible. As part of the Executive Committee, the opportunities would be greater and more numerous and I could learn first-hand from the extraordinarily experienced and knowledgeable people currently serving there like our long-time Executive Committee Chair, Mike Sappingfield.



# OUTINGS...

## ● WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019, 9:00 AM

### 0407-Orange County Group Outing / O: Crystal Cove Beach Walk CA-1 & Cameo Shores Rd, Corona Del Mar, CA 92625

7 mi, 200' gain. An easy walk along the beach & bluff top in this beautiful State Park in Newport Beach. Optional stop at Ruby's Date Shack for lunch. Meet at SW corner of PCH & Cameo Shores in Corona del Mar. Park along frontage road just inside entrance to Cameo Shores or park on Cameo Highlands.

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## ● WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019, 7:15 AM

### 0407-Orange County Group Outing / O: Icehouse Canyon/Saddle 14171 Red Hill Ave, Tustin, CA 92780

O: Icehouse Canyon/Saddle: Join us for 8 mi rt, 2600' gain in the San Gabriel Mtns along an inviting creek, by private cabins and through beautiful forests. We'll stop for a snack at Columbine Spring, lunch at the Saddle and return the way we came. Nonaggressive dogs are welcome. Meet 7:15 am at the Tustin Rideshare (one block south of I-5 on Redhill in the portion of the parking lot on the north side of Stater Bros). Bring 2+ liters water, lunch/snacks, lugsoles, poles, rain jacket, non-cotton layers. Rain cancels.

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Linda Ledger (949) 444-1285 [linda.ledger@me.com](mailto:linda.ledger@me.com)

## ● SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

### 0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

#### O: Family Hike in Thomas Riley Wilderness Park Thomas F. Riley Wilderness Park

30952 Oso Pkwy, Coto De Caza, CA 92679

Join us at 2:00 PM for a 3-4 mile easy hike loop through groves of massive Oak trees, meadows, up hills to a vista point, and back to the cars. This hike is designed for families with children (5 years and older) and with a relaxed pace. We will point out flowers, and other items of interest. Riley Park is at the East end of Oso Parkway just before the Coto de Caza entrance gate. Parking is \$3 at a machine (takes cash, credit cards, and OC Park Passes). We will meet in the Parking Lot next to the Horse Corral. Contact leaders for more information.

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## ● WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

### 0407-Orange County Group Outing / O: Colinas Bluff Trail

30211 Golden Lantern, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

Join us for this approximately 6.5 mile, 1500 feet elevation gain hike, starting in Laguna Niguel and hiking on the ridge that straddles Laguna Niguel and San Juan Capistrano. On a clear day, we will get panoramic views of South Orange County, the Pacific Ocean and Catalina Island. (Rain Cancels) Meet near Starbucks at 30211 Golden Lantern, Laguna Niguel. Please park close to the street in the shopping center. Bring hiking shoes, water, sunscreen, hat, snacks and money if interested in optional lunch after the hike. From the 5 freeway and Crown Valley Parkway, head west on Crown Valley to Golden Lantern and turn left. Follow Golden Lantern until you reach the Starbucks parking lot.

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## ● WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019, 8:30 AM

### 0407-OC Group Outing / O: Canyon to Coast via Rattlesnake

Canyon to Coast via Rattlesnake: 7.5 mi, 1430 gain / 1660 loss. Starting at Willow, we'll take Laurel and Lizard to Bommer Ridge, then follow a combination of Rattlesnake and No Dogs down to Crystal Cove. Rough and/or steep sections on Rattlesnake give this otherwise moderate route a strenuous rating. Great views. The #1 bus on PCH takes us to downtown Laguna Beach, where #89 bus returns us to our starting point. Meet 8:30 a.m. at Willow parking lot (from El Toro Rd turn L at Laguna Cyn intersection; parking lot is immediately on R). Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, poles recommended, \$3 for parking, bus \$2.00 reg, \$.75 seniors per ride. Rain cancels.

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Helen Maurer 949-768-0417

## ● SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019, 8:30 AM

### 0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

#### O: Caspers West Ridge Cougar Pass Hike

33103 Rancho Viejo Rd, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

6.5 mi, 500 gain/loss hike up the West Ridge Trail, then north on the Bell Canyon Trail and Oso Trail to Cougar Pass, then back to parking lot on Bell Canyon Trail. Some nice views from the west ridge. Meet at 8:30 AM at the South Orange County Rideshare (Parking lot at Rancho Viejo Rd & Ortega Hwy in front of Ball Park Pizza in San Juan Capistrano). Bring 2 qts/ltrs of water, hat, snacks. We will carpool from the Rideshare Pt. to Caspers and park at the northern most parking area at the Old Corral. People who which to meet us in Caspers should expect us between 8:45 and 8:50 am.

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## ● WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2019, 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM

### 0407-Orange County Group Outing / O: Buck Gully Hike

721 Marguerite Ave, Corona Del Mar, CA 92625

5 mi, 100 gain hike up and back exploring this cool coastal canyon hidden in Corona del Mar. Meet 9:00 am at the parking lot at the corner of Marguerite Ave and 5th Av. Turn E from PCH onto Marguerite: the parking lot is between Oasis Senior Center and the Fire Station in Corona del Mar. Bring snack, water, sturdy walking shoes.

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## ● SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019, 8:00 AM (Time Tentative)

### 0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

#### O: Trail Maintenance in San Mateo Canyon Wilderness South Orange County ride share

O: Trail Maintenance. 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. The 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 with details of each month's activities contact John Kaiser (714) 968-4677 [jkai39@gmail.com](mailto:jkai39@gmail.com)

Rich Maxey (949) 310-5134 [richmaxey@yahoo.com](mailto:richmaxey@yahoo.com)

## ● WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2019, 8:00 AM

### 0407-Orange County Group Outing / O: Morgan Trail

Morgan Trail: 10 mi rt, 1000 gain. Hike to South Main Divide Rd for lunch in a scenic grove of oaks and sycamores in upper Morrell Cyn. Return same way. Meet 8:00 am at South OC rideshare point. From I-5 take Ortega Hwy east, R on Rancho Viejo, L into parking lot. Park to L, across from Ballpark Pizza. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain cancels.

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● **Saturday, October 12, 2019, 8:30 AM**

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing / O: O'Neill Park Hike**  
8 mile, 1300 ft gain/loss in O'Neill Park. We will hike up Live Oak Trail from the MeadowRidge trailhead to the Vista Point, then follow Live Oak Trail south along the ridge to its end. Lunch will be at the picnic area and return north on Coyote Run, and the Homestead trail back up on Vista Trail before returning to our starting point on Meadow Ridge. To get to the trailhead, go East on El Toro Rd past Glenn Ranch road to Valley Vista, follow Valley Vista until it turns right and becomes Meadow Ridge Drive. Park as far south as you can on Meadow Ridge Drive. Bring 2qts/ltrs of water (more if temp forecast is 90s+) Rain Cancels.

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● **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2019, 9:30 AM**

**0407-Orange County Group Outing**  
**O: Trabuco Ridge Trail in San Juan Capistrano**  
**Imperial Dr, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675**  
Join us for a six-mile hike with a gain/loss of 1100 feet on the Trabuco Ridge Trail in San Juan Capistrano. Bring water, lunch/snack, hiking footwear, hat and sunblock. Trails may be steep in areas so you may want to bring poles. This is a dog friendly hike. Non-aggressive dogs are welcome. No restrooms at the trailhead.

**Leader Kathleen Fisher (714) 812-5708 fisher.k@mac.com**  
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● **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2019, 8:30 AM**

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**  
**O: Laurel-Lizard-Bonner Loop Hike**  
18751 Laguna Canyon Rd, Laguna Beach, CA 92651  
Join us for a 5.5 mi comfortable climb up the lower Laurel trail and Lizard trail up to Bonner, then back Bonner to Willow Staging Area. Meet at 8:30 AM at the Willow Staging Area on the Laguna Canyon Hwy, just south of El Toro intersection. Enjoy great views, beautiful hiking terrain, and some shade on the way up. \$3 per car parking at the Willow Staging Area. Bring at least 2 qtrs/ltrs. of water, hat, snacks, poles if you have them. Rain Cancels.

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● **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019, 2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM**

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**  
**O: O'Neill Park, Arroyo Trabuco Family Hike**  
**71 Alondra, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688**  
Join us for a 3-4 mile easy hike from the Arroyo Vista Trail Head down the Arroyo Trabuco to the stream crossing and return. We will enjoy the massive sycamore and oak trees, and a tropical forest as well as a running stream. We will see numerous birds, possible some deer, and wildflowers. Directions: From I-5 exit East drive on Alicia Parkway all the way to its end at Santa Margarita Parkway, right on Santa Margarita to Empresa, right on Empresa to Banderas, right on Banderas to Arroyo Vista, right on Arroyo Vista to the trailhead on the right just past the last houses on the right. Park on the side of the road. No parking fee required. Recommend a quart of water, snacks and a hat per person.

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● **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2019, 8:30 AM**

**0407-Orange County Group Outing**  
**O: North Stagecoach Serrano Ridge Hike**  
**Nix Nature Center, Laguna Beach, CA 92651**  
8 mi loop hike, 1300 ft gain/loss in Laguna Coast Wilderness on North Stagecoach, Serrano Ridge, Camarillo, and South Stagecoach, ending at the starting trail at the Nix Nature Center on Laguna Canyon Hwy (133). Hike has great views of the Laguna Canyon, Irvine back country, etc.

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● **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019, 4:20 PM**

**0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing**  
**O: Signal Hill Sunset Hike**  
**2475 Cherry Ave, Signal Hill, CA 90755**  
O: Join us on a 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, and learn a little about the history of Signal Hill. Afterward those interested can join us for refreshments at Mothers Market Cafe and outdoor patio. Meet near the entrance of Mothers Market on Cherry Avenue in Signal Hill. Contact leaders for more information:

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● **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2019, 9:00 AM**

**0407-Orange County Group Outing / O: The Bagel Hike**  
**Chapparosa Park, 25191 Chapparosa Park Rd**  
**Laguna Niguel, CA 92677**  
7.5 mile 200 foot gain, moderate, Scenic walk from Chapparosa Park past Gelson's down to and along the beach, then up and over the Dana Point Headlands to Dana Point Harbor. Return by bus after lunch (opt.) at the bagel place. Meet 9:00 AM at Chapparosa Park. From I-5 go W on Crown Valley, L on Golden Lantern, R on Chapparosa and through park to the very end. Those arriving by 8:45 may wish to take the first R after turning onto Chapparosa and park there. Bring water, walking shoes, bus fare (\$0.75 seniors, \$2 others). Newcomers welcome.

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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 the 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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>> **WINTER SKILLS CLASS** <<

November 13, 2019, 6 – 9 pm

**C**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, training 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 decisions 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**

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

by John Monsen

**T**oday Governor 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 gallons 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 Portantino (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 Resources. 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

**T**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 Klamath 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. Dinners 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 [mikesapp@cox.net](mailto:mikesapp@cox.net), or via postal mail to Sierra Sage Group, P. O. Box 524, Lake Forest, CA 92609 on or after October 1, 2019.

*For more information, contact*

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Note: \* Denotes voting member of the Executive Committee

*Sierra Sage Meetings*

- Executive Committee meetings are open to all members of the Sierra Club who reside in South Orange County. Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Contact **Mike Sappingfield** at [mikesapp@cox.net](mailto:mikesapp@cox.net) for date, time and directions.
- Preserve the Coastal areas of Orange County? Contact **Penny Elia** at [greenp1@cox.net](mailto:greenp1@cox.net)
- Interested in electing environmentally supportive politicians into local offices? Contact **Sharon Koch**, 949-717-7745 at [slkoch@ix.netcom.com](mailto: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](mailto:jkai39@gmail.com)

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**Sunday, September 22, 2019**

**FROM 2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM**

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 O: Family Hike in Thomas Riley Wilderness Park**

Thomas F. Riley Wilderness Park  
 30952 Oso Parkway | Coto De Caza, CA 92679

**J**oin us at 2:00 PM for an 3-4 mile easy hike loop through groves of massive Oak trees, meadows, up hills to a vista point, and back to the car. This hike is designed for families with children (5 years and older) and with a relaxed pace. We will point out flowers, and other items of interest. Riley Park is at the East end of Oso Parkway just before the Coto de Caza entrance gate. Parking is \$3 at a machine (takes cash, credit cards, and OC Park Passes). We will meet in the Parking Lot next to the Horse Corral. Contact leaders for more information.

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