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By Mary Forgione
SOUTHERN SIERRAN EDITOR

The beginning of a new year is always a good time to reflect on the past and set new goals for the year to come — and it's not that hard. Here are some ways to start making a difference.

• Commit to green activism: Make the New Year your year to volunteer for one of the many campaigns sponsored by the Chapter and beyond. This year make the year you make a contribution to the Chapter that goes beyond the membership dollars you paid last year when you first joined the club.

• Commit to being active: Make this the year you actually get church support, Elden discovered that he didn't have the same address.

Editor's note: Judith Anderson worked alongside Elden Hughes on key desert campaigns and continues to work on desert issues for the Angeles Chapter. Here are some of her thoughts on what Elden accomplished for the Chapter and how he shared his vision of desert protection with the world.

AN APPRAISAL

By Judith Anderson

Elden Hughes could operate on a big stage, the desert, but he made it as feel as though you were sitting around a campfire with him and he was teaching you the words to Hi Jole, the tale of the Arab who took the U.S. Army's camels across the desert. I remember Elden's guitar and leadership of campfire discussions helped educated and brought hundreds of club members from across the country. When Elden took on the task of getting the California Desert Protection Act, our targets included two senators from Utah, one senator from Nevada, and more than two hundred members from across the country. When Elden took on the task of getting the California Desert Protection Act, our targets included two senators from Utah, one senator from Nevada, and more than two hundred members from across the country. When Elden took on the task of getting the California Desert Protection Act, our targets included two senators from Utah, one senator from Nevada, and more than two hundred members from across the country.

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Resolute to get inolve in 2012

The Sierra Club Angeles Chapter is working on a variety of interesting projects in protecting local lands and upholding clean air and clean water standards — and we need your help this year.

Volunteer to host local parties for their efforts on environmental campaigns.

Join other activists each month at the Angeles Chapter Office (3435 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 320, L.A.) to learn about these campaigns. Here are some upcoming meetings:

Water Committee: 7 p.m. Jan. 10 (second Tuesday of the month)

Climate Change and Energy Committee: 7 p.m. Jan. 12 (second Thursday)

Zero Waste Committee: 7 p.m. Jan. 24 (second Tuesday)

Tofind out more, contact: Chapter staffers Jennifer Robinson (jennifer.robinson@sierraclub.org) or George Watland (george.watland@sierraclub.org) to get involved or for more information.

New Southern Sierran editor

By Ron Silverman

SPECIAL CHAIR DIRECTOR

Please join me in welcoming (back) Mary Forgione as editor of the Southern Sierran newsletter. Forgione, a longtime Southern California journalist whose work appear in the L.A. Times and other publications, served as editor of the Chapter's newsletter from 1997 to 2000. I am very glad Mary is back at the helm and looking forward to her creativity and expert writing and editing skills on the Southern Sierran's online presence.

I'm confident Chapter members will enjoy pitching ideas and writing stories as well as reading the Southern Sierran journalism at its best.

Send letters, submissions to southern.sierran@sierraclub.org.

For the record: The October Southern Sierran offered mem-

ters an opportunity to opt out of a print copy of the newsletter (in addition to the electronic version). That offer was made prematurely and isn't available.

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The Sierra Club is open to all people who believe in preserving ancient, diverse ecological region for future generations. The club's mission is to protect the priceless resources in California's desert, including Joshua Tree and Death Valley. The Sierra Club chapters and local groups are working on desert issues for the Angeles Chapter. The Southern California Desert Conservation Council includes Elden Hughes as president and the Mojave Desert as one of its key areas of focus. Elden Hughes has been a leader in the Mojave Desert since the 1990s, working on the Sweetwater Mesa and the Mojave Desert, he walked in the campaign and helped to protect the land. He followed a string of important desert campaigns, including the 1990s, when he first joined the club. The Southern California Desert Conservation Council includes Elden Hughes as president and the Mojave Desert as one of its key areas of focus. Elden Hughes has been a leader in the Mojave Desert since the 1990s, working on the Sweetwater Mesa and the Mojave Desert, he walked in the campaign and helped to protect the land. He followed a string of important desert campaigns, including the 1990s, when he first joined the club.

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Newspaper ad for Sepulveda Basin audience: "Sepulveda Basin’s sweet spot benefits birds – and those who value them.

By Jan Kidwell

The Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area is a well-kept secret, but don’t tell the birds. The San Fernando Valley covers 60 acres of bird habitat north of Burbank Boulevard on the basin’s east side, south of the Van Nuys Reservoir and an Evergreen Reclamation Plant which releases 18 million gallons of treated water daily.

Some of that water feeds into a wildlife lake that provides habitat for great and snowy egrets, great blue herons, cormorants, geese, ducks and other birds. The lake also contains an island that can birds rest and even nest. It has human contact, except for birds and other admirers who view the shore.

A new master plan for the dam and the wildlife area restates the importance of this parkland and steps that should be taken to ensure its protection.

The latest update to the master plan, approved by the Army Corps of Engineers on September 28, contains a copy of the original agreement leasing most of the Sepulveda Basin to the City of Los Angeles.

The whole of the Sepulveda Basin is primarily a flood control area. The city has taken on maintenance, so residents of Los Angeles can use most of it for recreation. There’s also a golf course in the Sepulveda Basin, and Lake Balboa, which is ringed by blossoming cherry trees in spring.

The goal for the wildlife area is to provide optimum success for the wildlife while providing for appropriate public use. The plan also acknowledges that in spring and fall, during wildlife migration months, more people will visit the birds, potentially increasing instances of littering, fishing and bringing dogs through the wildlife area.

Well-placed signage to enforce the “No Dogs” and “No Fishing” rules would go a long way to help remind us all how to protect this beautiful resource.

Learn the fine points of environmental law

The Chapter’s Legal Committee is hosting a daylong workshop March 17 on environmental law for activists. The workshop will be held at Loyola Law School near downtown Los Angeles. Topics to be covered include:

coastal protection;
land conservancies and trusts; and
environmental effects of oil.

The workshop is free but requires advance registration. E-mail Dean Wallraff at dwwallraff@sierraclub.org for Legal Wallraff, Committee.

Toss out California’s environmental quality act? It’s crazy

There’s another ballot initiative to repeal the California Environmental Quality Act, the California Coastal Act, the California Environmental Species Act and abolish the California Environmental Protection Agency and the Air Resources Board. Get the true perspective to this initiative. The measure must collect 780,615 signatures of registered voters to qualify for the ballot, according to the California Secretary of State’s office.

—Mary Forgione, Committee

No more bad news about bad air

Three new studies released in December by the California Air Resources Board reveal that exposure to airborne fine-particle matter significantly elevates the risk for premature deaths from heart disease in older adults and elevates incidence of strokes among post-menopausal women. Heart disease is the No. 1 killer in California and is responsible for approximately 35 percent of annual deaths.

The board commissioned the studies to further investigate the connection between fine particulate pollution and public health impacts in California.

—Air Resources Board
What makes the San Gabriels so special

By Mary Forgione

I’ve spent a good deal of the past three decades tromping around the San Gabriel Mountains, the craggy brown that runs from high point Mount Baldy almost south to Alamitos Bay to the mouth of the Los Angeles River. I have walked across the Anne’s High School watershed and marveled at the green-lined trails and stream beds in spring have come to define LA’s most iconic and beloved back yard.

Like many Angeles Chapter hikers, I thought I knew these mountains by heart — and by foot. But the National Park Service changed all that.

The federal agency issued a report in September that sketched out the possibility of creating a brand-new San Gabriel Mountains National Recreation Area that might be much bigger than the current national forest, adding key watershed areas and looping in the Puente-Chino Hills.

Why? The report is filled with eye-popping details about how special these particular mountains and hills are — and why they would be perfect for a new national parkland. Here are a few of the findings:

To read an executive summary of the entire San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains Special Resource Study, go to www.nps.gov/pvrs/sangabri el/. To learn more about efforts to protect the San Gabriels, check out San Gabriel Mountains Forever at www.sangabrielmountains.org.

—The San Gabriels are among the fastest-growing mountains in the world, gaining about 2 inches a year due to the force of a series of faults beneath their surface.

—The mountains contain rocks from all major geologic eras — the Mount Lowe plutonic suite, Pelona schist and others — and some more than 1 billion years old, making them the oldest rocks on the West Coast.

—The mountains are home to 67 plant species and 105 wildlife species, including some endangered or threatened.

—The San Gabriels contain “outstanding” examples of habitats such as coastal sage scrub, alluvial sage scrub, relict juniper communities, big-cone Douglas fir and others.

—The mountains are among the most biologically diverse fish in all of Southern California.

—The Puente-Chino Hills area have the best remaining stands of California walnut-dominated forests and woodlands south of Ventura County.

There’s more in this report, which is well worth a read, that supports the most compelling reason for creating a national recreation area that includes the San Gabriels and Puente-Chino Hills: There’s simply nothing else like it. Anywhere.

“Together, the San Gabriel Mountains and Puente-Chino Hills contain a combination of themes and resources not found in any national park unit or comparably managed area,” the report says.

Steven Anderson, Chair, San Gabriels Campaign Committee

Happens with timber pine, above, juniper, big-cone Douglas fir and other native foliage in the San Gabriel Mountains, what made the National Park Service take notice.

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**Calendar**

Start your New Year’s adventures with these Chapter trips

**Voyage of the Glaciers: Alaska, the Last Frontier, May 18**

Rated C/O and sponsored by the Angeles Chapter and OC Sierra Singles. Cruise the Inside Passage from Vancouver, B.C. to Whittier, Alaska on the Coral from Van-****

**Denali and the Kenai Peninsula, May 21-27 (Alaska land tour)**

Rated O and sponsored by the Angeles Chapter and OC Sierra Sage. Add a week to Voyage of the Glaciers or fly up and meet the group in Alaska for a seven night/five day land tour around Alaska's);

**Colorado, National Park and Monument Sampler, July 21-29**

Rated O and sponsored by the Angeles Chapter. Spend nine days of hiking, sightseeing, and wildlife viewing at Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado National Monument, Arches National Park, Mesa Verde National Park, Hovenweep National Monument, Yucca House National Monument, Great Sand Dunes National Park, and a tram ride to the top of Pikes Peak. Spend three days in Estes Park, Colo., hiking, wildlife viewing and sightseeing in Rocky Mountain National Park and three days learning about early American Indian civilizations at Mesa Verde, Hovenweep and Yucca House. The trip begins and ends in Denver and costs $1,450 per adult and $900 for children under 13 staying in parents’ room. Price includes lodging (double occupancy), bus, park admissions and more. For information, contact trip leader Donn Specht, donnaspetch@siouxe.com or (714) 963-6345. Co-leader: Ana Caderz.

**Angels Chapter Centennial**

Toasting a successful century of activism and outings

And yes, we’re ready for the next 100.

By Bob Cates

ANGELES CHAPTER HISTORIAN

More than 60 local Sierra Club members on Nov. 5 braved the winter wind at Mt. Baldy Village to bask in the cheery warmth of Harwood Lodge and celebrate the first century (plus four days) of the Sierra Club in Southern California.

In number of participants, the celebration party approximated the size of the initial gathering on Nov. 1, 1911, at the Knickerbocker Building in downtown Los Angeles when the Southern California Chapter of the Sierra Club was born.

As the Club’s first chapter, we were a grand experiment — and can proudly boast that the optimism of our founders was well placed. The spirit of innovation has continued within our organization from day one to the present. In the intervening decades, we have spun off sibling chapters throughout Southern California, changed our name to the Angeles Chapter and become the largest chapter of the Sierra Club.

Formed primarily to foster and expand upon the adventurous spirit of the Club’s yearly High Trips, our forebearers early on created an innovative outings program that became the heart and soul of the Angeles Chapter. Special-interest activity groups have flourished in this environment: mountaineering sections, nature study groups, river touring, bicycling, skiing, and of course, hiking, hiking, hiking.

The framework provided by the outings program offered an umbrella and operational model for many other diverse groups that made their first appearance in the Club within the Angeles Chapter: Sierra Singles, Gay and Lesbian Section, International Community, K-9 Hikers, Little Hikers, and Inner City Outings among others.

Now, 100 years of conservation neglected throughout the years. How fitting it was to have our Centennial Celebration at Harwood Lodge, named in honor of Aurelia Harwood, who in 1919 led the first group of women to visit inside the park and to climb the San Jacinto Mountains as a wildlife preserve. Not long after Harwood our first clearly defined chapter conservation activist, she was known as the first of the parks and the first of the women. 

In the early decades, the Chapter followed the lead of the mother club in terms of conservation issues, but we provided strong input into those policies through the board members we elected to be part of the Branch. As early as 1919, Board Member A. E. Clark, Harold Crown, and the aforementioned Harwood.

Chapter members at Harwood Lodge, the building named for the Sierra Club’s first woman president.

But it was chapter member Welden Fairbanks Head who may tightly be called the true Father of Conservation in the chapter, as well as in the Sierra Club as a whole. Decommissioned from World War II as a full-fledged colonel, Head soon organized the Sierra Club conservation troops and had them marching on the San Jacinto Mountains — one of the first major battles of both the Chapter and National Conservation committees.

Since 1945, the growth of the environmental movement has continued within the Sierra Club as a whole. Decommissioned from World War II as a full-fledged colonel, Head soon organized the Sierra Club conservation troops and had them marching on the San Jacinto Mountains — one of the first major battles of both the Chapter and National Conservation committees.

A major challenge for our second century will be to maintain the sense of community that first brought Sierra Club members living in Southern California together 100 years ago to form our chapter. We are after all a “club,” not an association or league or federation. Judging by the warm feelings of camaraderie expressed by our membership at the various Centennial events throughout the year, that club spirit is still alive and well. Despite the tremendous growth and changes in the Sierra Club, the original founders of the Southern California Chapter were magically transported to Harwood Lodge in Nov. 5 last year, they would have felt perfectly at home.
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**Events**

**Jan. 9, Orange County Group**

The Orange County Group’s 50th Anniversary is coming up! The event will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2012, at the Executive Craftsmen’s Hall, 1845 Park Ave., Costa Mesa. For more information, contact Donna Specht (donnaspecht@yahoo.com).

**Jan. 10, Orange County Chapter and Sierra Sage Group**

Meet 6:30 PM at the Costa Mesa Transportation Center, 1845 Park Ave., Costa Mesa. For optional potluck, bring a dish to share and beverage. Contact: Donna Specht (donnaspecht@yahoo.com).

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**Hikes**

**Jan. 7, Franklin Canyon Hike**

- **Distance**: 3.2 miles
- **Elevation Gain**: 600 feet
- **Difficulty**: Easy Class 2

Join Sierra Singles to hike some of the most photographed landscapes on earth in the beautiful canyon near Hollywood. Bring water, snacks, and sunscreen. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Hollywood Bowl Metro Station.

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**Jan. 26, Sierra Singles Monthly Meetup**

- **Distance**: 3 miles
- **Elevation Gain**: 2000 feet

Enjoy the sights of Malibu with friends old and new, on an easy, family friendly hike. Meet at 9 a.m. on Southbound Route 1, Pacifica State Beach Park, just south of Malibu. Contact: Jeanne Karpenko (818-244-7481).

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**See Ball, the Gobi desert and more on these fund-raising trips**

**Wild Bomoque Adventure, March 28 to April 16, O-rated**: A 20-day adventure to the land of the head hunters. Stay at premier wildlife lodges and visit rainforest areas to get closeups of endangered orangutans, unracial silver leaf monkeys, rare proboscis monkeys, macaques, hornbills and more. Includes daily outings designed for the moderate walker and includes transport to and from Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary. For more information, contact the Angelos Angeles Chapter. Contact: Leaders: Mike Sappingfield (mikesapp@cox.net) and Sylvia Stevenson.

**Mongolia-Gobi Desert, Mongolia, Steppe Adventure, Aug. 17-Sept. 5, O-rated**: See the best of Mongolia’s capital Ulaanbaatar. Stay mostly in traditional Mongol “ger” camps, which are tents with hot cooked meals, hot showers and flush toilets. Explore national parks on easy hikes to see the rare Mongolian wild horse, gazelles, camels, ibex, deer, possibly snow leopard and ibex. Other trip highlights: Karakorum, the ancient Mongol capital, many old Buddhist monasteries, and Neolithic ruins; the largest sand dune of the Gobi; and the Flaming Red Ciffs. Optional Beijing extension at the end of the trip. Costs: $2,650 per person. Call 720-548-4336 for more information.

**Bali Island and Komodo Dragons, Sept. 9-24, O-rated**: The Chapter’s first trip to peaceful Bali and Komodo Island, home to the famous Komodo Dragons. Highlights include the famous island of Bali and the island of Flores, spanning several days in each location. Trip includes transportation (planes, boats, and coaches) as well as accommodations (based on double occupancy), some meals/happy hours, all park/museum entry fees, guides, tours and more. The price is $1,995 per person plus discounted group international and domestic airfare. Contact: the Angelos Angeles Chapter. Contact: Leaders Bruce Hale, (818) 957-0876. For more information, call (818) 957-0876.

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**Jan. 8, Winter Hike**

- **Distance**: 5 miles
- **Elevation Gain**: 600 feet

Enjoy the sights of Malibu with friends old and new, on an easy, family friendly hike. Meet at 9 a.m. on Southbound Route 1, Pacifica State Beach Park, just south of Malibu. Contact: Jeanne Karpenko (818-244-7481).

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**Jan. 28, Lunch and a Movie in Pasadena**

- **Distance**: 2 miles
- **Elevation Gain**: 500 feet

Join the Los Angeles Group for a fun filled hike during the day and enjoy a movie in the evening. Meet at 9 a.m. at home, 336 E Colorado Blvd. in Pasadena. For more information, call Luis at 626-793-9665.
CALENDAR & CLASSIFIEDS

February 5, Red Line Metro Stations Tour. Sponsored by Orange County Sierra Singles and Wilderness Adventures. Contact: Leader Mark Mitchell (markm@lacma.org) and Keith Martin. Price includes lodging, continental breakfast, happy hour, Sunday dinner. Cost is $295 per person for Sierra Club members; $310 per person for non-members. Apply by April 10 (class may fill before that date). The price includes ground transportation, some meals; 7 nights' lodging; grand finale ahi restaurant dinner; Airtel is extra - best prices early. Limit: 14; 8s fast. Contact leader for instructions on how to sign up. Leaders BI Crane: (818) 773-4601 and Joan Weaver.

February 11: I-rated. Moderate 4-plus mile day ski in the San Bernardino Mountains. Beginners who have had at least a couple of days prior ski experience welcome! We'll break trail on a route that will depend on participants skill level. Metal-edged, back-country skis and back-country boots highly recommended. Bring winter clothing, water, lunch. Sponsored by Orange County Sierra Singles and Wilderness Adventures. Contact: Leader Ken Calvert, 1666 S. Bishopsfield #14, Los Angeles, 90034 or e-mail Donna Spetch at donnaspech@juno.com.

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March 16-20: Garden Isle: O rated. Sponsored by Sierra Club members. Spots limited to 15. To enroll, send two 4-by-6" color photos, a check for $45 per person for Sierra Club members and $50 per person for non-members; e-mail contact: leslie@ocsierra.org or call 714-950-5050. Leader David Meltzer, 611 E Pine Ave, Fullerton, CA 92832. Quality Inn lodging, (two persons, two beds with private bath and more), free shuttles. Price includes bus, lodging, continental breakfast, happy hour, Sunday dinner. Cost is $295 per person for Sierra Club members; sponsored by Orange County Sierra Singles and Palos Verdes South BP. Contact: Reservationist Dick Clement, 1033 East Van Biber, Orange, 92866.

March 19-25: Winter Survival Skills Field Workshop. Feb. 28: I-rated. Learn about snow skills, such as how to build an emergency shelter, fire building, signaling and survival strategies. Travel over snow with snowshoes or cross-country skis and ski tours around trip, 300 feet gain, at Mt. Pinos. Limit 15. Sponsored by Orange County Sierra Singles. Contact: Leader Virgil Talbott (virgil.talbott3@founder.com) and Gwen Sharp.

March 20: I-rated. Moderate 4-plus mile day ski in the San Bernardino Mountains. Beginners who have had at least a couple of days prior ski experience welcome! We'll break trail on a route that will depend on participants skill level. Metal-edged, back-country skis and back-country boots highly recommended. Bring winter clothing, water, lunch. Sponsored by Orange County Sierra Singles and Wilderness Adventures. Contact: Leader Ken Calvert, 1666 S. Bishopsfield #14, Los Angeles, 90034 or e-mail Donna Spetch at donnaspech@juno.com.

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March 24-30: Tropical Botanical Gardens, stop at Hana Bay. Valley. Free day to shop in Hana, rent an ocean/river kayak, swim Hana Bay, Rainforest cabins for 3 nights, 1 night rustic cabins at Kahi Mountain Park and 3 nights beachfront condos. Meals cooked group commissary style, ad help with duties. The price is $1,200 per person for Sierra Club members; $1,424 per person for non-members, before April 1 (price increases after that date). The price includes ground transportation, some meals; 7 nights' lodging; grand finale ahi restaurant dinner; Airtel is extra - best prices early. Limit: 14; 8s fast. Contact leader for instructions on how to sign up. Leaders BI Crane: (818) 773-4601 and Joan Weaver.

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April 15-25: Backpacking Class in the Redwoods. O-rated. Have you ever wanted to learn to backpack and get away from the crowds? Learn how to backpack in three evening classes on Sundays (April 29, May 6 and 13). Culminating in a trip to a Redwood Forest Grove in Sierra Nevada on June 2-3. Learn what to take, latest in equipment, what to do before you leave LA. Backpacking equipment give-aways and refreshments at classes. Attendance mandatory April 29. Class to participate on the trip. Apply by April 10 (class may fill sooner). Conservation Committee Fundraiser. To enroll, send two 4-by-9-inch self-addressed stamped envelopes, home and work phone numbers, e-mail address, and a check for $45 per person for Sierra Club members and $50 per person for non-members. Contact Leader David Melzter, 611 E Pine Ave, El Segundo, CA 90245. Co-leader: Fred Englund.

Hawaii

June 23-30, 37th Annual Hawaiian Islands Eco-Adventure. Maui, the Garden Isle. O rated. Sponsored by the Backpacking Committee. (No backpacking on this trip). Spend 8 days experiencing the unique and outstanding nature and culture of Hawaii. Enjoy: moderate hikes (4 to 7 miles with 500 to 1,500 feet of gain/loss) in Kokee State Park, Hike Alaka’i Swamp, Polu’u Lookout, Awaiakua Trail to views of the canyon and NaPali coast 4,000 below. More moderate 4-mile round trip No Pali Coast day hike to Hanakapiai Beach to explore lava caves. Snorkel/swim in picturesque, less crowded Ka’Beach and Tunnels Beach. Tour National Tropical Botanical Gardens, stop at views of Waimai Canyon and Kalalau Valley. Free day to shop in Hana, rent an ocean/river kayak, swim Hana Bay, Rainforest cabins for 3 nights, 1 night rustic cabins at Kahi Mountain Park and 3 nights beachfront condos. Meals cooked group commissary style, ad help with duties. The price is $1,200 per person for Sierra Club members; $1,424 per person for non-members, before April 1 (price increases after that date). The price includes ground transportation, some meals; 7 nights' lodging; grand finale ahi restaurant dinner; Airtel is extra - best prices early. Limit: 14; 8s fast. Contact leader for instructions on how to sign up. Leaders BI Crane: (818) 773-4601 and Joan Weaver.

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Leave a lasting legacy

If You Care Deeply about protecting Southern California open space and natural resources,

Make The Angeles Chapter Foundation Conservation or Outings Endowment a beneficiary of your will, trust, or other asset

To Protect our open space and natural resources for California families and their futures,

And Ensure that the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter’s crucial outings and conservation programs will thrive for the next 100 years … and beyond.

Please act now, future generations will be grateful.

Why Put Angeles Chapter Foundation Endowment in your Will or Trust

The Angeles Chapter Foundation is the only tax exempt entity dedicated to providing financial support for the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter and its Outings and Conservation Programs. It has supported the Angeles Chapter and its programs for over 25 years.

Our Board of Directors is composed of respected former Chapter Chairs and Conservation and Outings Leaders.

All of the Foundation’s work is performed by former and current chapter leaders and other volunteers. Because there are no paid staff, administrative expenses are kept to the bare minimum, so almost all income is used to support Angeles Chapter programs.

An Endowment is the best way to provide funds for the long term future. The funds in an endowment are retained intact, so the income earned from those funds can be used every year to support the Angeles Chapter’s crucial Outings and Conservation Programs.

Why Act Now:

If not now, when? The long term future of the Angeles Chapter depends on supporters like you.

Over the past 100 years the Angeles Chapter has worked to achieve many major environmental victories and save over ten million acres of wilderness and open space for future generations. These have included:

- The Desert Protection Act (over 9 million acres protected)
- Creating Joshua Tree National Park (over 1 million acres protected)
- Preserving Tejon Ranch (over 240,000 acres protected)
- Creating Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (over 154,000 acres protected)
- Protecting Ballona and Bolsa Chica wetlands (over 2200 acres protected)
- Creating the San Gabriel River/Rio Hondo Emerald Necklace (over 1500 acres protected)
- And many other victories.

And The Angeles Chapter has conducted over 100,000 trips and outings which have inspired hundreds of thousands of Southern Californians to appreciate nature and want to protect our wild lands and open spaces.

The Next 100 Years and Beyond Depends on You.

The Angeles Chapter Foundation has established conservation and outings endowments to provide permanent support for Chapter programs.

The foundation is seeking pledges of support for these endowments through bequests, trusts, and other commitments to ensure that the Angeles Chapter and its conservation and outings programs can continue to thrive for the next 100 years and beyond.

Please help us achieve this goal by naming the Angeles Chapter Foundation Endowment in your will or trust, or contact us for more information.

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