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You are invited to join us at our bi-monthly meeting:

We will discuss environmental issues and conservation issues current to Orange County Residents as well as discuss the various hikes and other activities being presented in Orange County in the near future.

PROGRAM: Caminos de Santiago or How to make the famous pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela

Find out why the motto of the Caminos de Santiago is "the way is the goal." Ed and Helen Maurer will talk about and show pictures of the 1000 year old routes they have followed from Switzerland toward Santiago de Compostela in Spain. Although there's plenty to see along the trail, from Romanesque churches to pretty villages, from austere highlands to fantastic beaches, the daily ten-mile walk is an opportunity for quiet contemplation and for conversation with others on the 'same errand', i.e. the enjoyment of a major time-out from daily pressures and a chance to connect with others and re-connect with oneself. The pictures you'll see attempt to evoke this unique quality of walking the Caminos. **Presented by Ed and Helen Maurer.**

**WHERE: Norman Murray Community and Senior Center
24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, CA**

WHEN: 7:00 PM, Tuesday, July 22, 2014

**ROOM: Juniper Room
Refreshments Provided.**

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 and Oso Creek. Turn left onto Veterans Way and drive to the Murray Center Parking Lot

(Note: meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of odd numbered months. Hence, the next meeting will be Sept 23, 2014)



Mission Viejo competing to be Coolest California city, win \$100K

The City of Mission Viejo is one of 10 California cities competing for \$100,000 in prizes in the CoolCalifornia City Challenge.

The goal of the CoolCalifornia City Challenge is to engage California residents to reduce energy consumption and build healthier, more vibrant and sustainable communities.

Mission Viejo last month signed up for the competition that motivates and rewards residents for reducing their carbon footprints and helping to build more vibrant communities. Participants track driving and home-energy use and take energy efficiency surveys to earn points for being green. Points count toward participant raffle tickets for cool prizes and also help participants' cities earn sustainability funding from challenge sponsors. Every action participants take earns their household, team and city points in the statewide competition.



At the end of the competition, the city with the most points is crowned "Coolest California City" and two cities will be named "Cool California City" by the California Air Resources Board.

We ask all Mission Viejo Sierra Club members to help Mission Viejo to be greener and the "Coolest California City" by signing up for the challenge at [http:// www.coolcalifornia.org](http://www.coolcalifornia.org).

CALL FOR ACTION ON SAN ONOFRE (See p 3)

Dear Members and Supporters,

California ratepayers have carried the whole financial burden of the San Onofre nuclear generator failures. If your home, business, school, shopping center or city hall is powered by Southern California Edison, you paid for the defective nuclear generators and management failures at San Onofre.

A variety of critical and complex problems related to the non-operating San Onofre nuclear power plant have raised new questions about fairness to ratepayers – a goal that cannot be achieved without requiring financial accountability of utility management and shareholders.

Please tell the California Public Utility Commission that it is not fair to ratepayers to pay for costs arising from the installation of unproven technology used in the failed San Onofre nuclear generators

[Take action as a resident by calling on the California PUC to give \\$1.65 Billion relief to ratepayers for the failed San Onofre nuclear generators.](#)

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CPUC Email: public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

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Thank you for your support.

**Statement of Glenn Pascall, Sierra Club
to the California Public Utilities
Commission
June 16, 2014**

President Peevey and Commission members,

As the Sierra Club's San Onofre Task Force Chair, I am here on behalf of the 40,000 members of the Angeles Chapter, many of whom are ratepayers affected by the case before you today. Last year our members sent you almost 3,000 letters on this issue.

I will put the matter briefly: Defective technology shut San Onofre ten years earlier than planned. We can all agree that the best economic outcome for our region would be if the entire cost related to this event is paid by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, the maker of the defective technology.

However, that outcome is not feasible. At best, Mitsubishi will pay for the direct cost of the flawed system it sold Edison. The remaining issue is who covers the costs of the plant going off-line and then being shut permanently.

America's free market economy is based on a system of risks and rewards. Regulated utilities are a partial exception to this model. Investors are guaranteed a rate of return and utility users are guaranteed reasonable rates.

San Onofre involves an issue beyond this neat model. What is fair cost sharing when management fails to perform due diligence on unproven new technology that subsequently fails at a direct cost of several hundred million dollars and total non-performance losses in the billions?

In such a case, to hold management harmless on financial compensation and job security, and to exempt shareholders so there is no impact on profits, is to depart from the American free-market economic system of risk and reward, and to put in its place a form of corporate welfare enforced by a government agency.

The only way to completely avoid this outcome is to entirely refund to ratepayers the extra amount collected from them solely because of the shutdown and closure at San Onofre. Anything less than this represents a departure from the free-enterprise model in which management is accountable and investors hold management responsible for errors and omissions.

In conclusion, it is absurd on its face to make ratepayers responsible for costs related to the installation of an unproven and fatally defective new technology caused by supplier failures of design and manufacture, and management failures of due diligence.

Thank you for consideration of these views.

Glenn Pascall

Starr Ranch BBQ

91 people signed up for the 15th annual Starr Ranch BBQ on May 18th. The weather was great, the beverages flowed and 7 different hikes, walks and bird walks were conducted. The band called TEDD kept everyone's toe tapping and in a great mood.

Special thanks to Connie and Mary staffing the registration table, Patty Sappingfield and her crew handling the food and condiments, to John Kaiser and his crew grilling the burgers and veggie burgers, Penny and her crew dispensing the cold beverages, Sharon Koch and her crew with sales and memberships, Kirsten and her crew handling the opportunity drawing, and especially Sylvie Cote and Todd Clark and their crew of leaders conducting all of the hikes, walks, and bird walks safely and allowed everyone to have a great time.

We also want to express our appreciation to Pizza Port of San Clemente for donating the beer, (if you haven't been there yet and have a taste for great pizza and cold beer, give them a try.)

Thanks are also earned by Penny Elia for donating the wine, and many others for donating the items for the Opportunity Drawing.

Next Year, the BBQ will be held again at Starr Ranch on May 17th. Get your tickets early!



Outings



Saturday, July 19, 2014 7:00 AM

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: San Jacinto Loop

6 miles round trip, 950' gain and 8 miles round trip, 1750' gain. Two hikes from the top of the Palm Springs Tramway (8420') to Round Valley (9060') via Long Valley trail outbound and the ridge trail back. Longer route will include a hike to Wellmans Divide (9720'). Enjoy the cool 75 degree temperatures in mid summer, walking through the pine forests along cool mountain streams on the upper slopes of Mt San Jacinto. Meet 7 am at the south entrance of parking garage of the Irvine Transportation Center (Irvine Train Station, Ada & Barranca) or 9 am at tramway entrance. Bring money for tramway fee, lunch, water, lugsoles. Rain cancels.

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Saturday, July 26, 2014 8:00 AM

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: Holy Jim Falls Hike

A "Mike's Hike". 4 miles round trip, 300' gain. Join us for a moderately paced hike through a shady canyon to a local waterfall. Who knows, there might even be water this late. Meet 8 am at dirt parking area south of bridge where Plano Trabuco/Live Oak Canyon Road crosses Trabuco Creek in Trabuco Canyon. We will carpool in to the trailhead. FSP required at trailhead if you drive your own vehicle beyond the meeting place. Rain cancels. Bring water, munchies, hat, mosquito repellent, and sunscreen.

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Sunday, August 03, 2014 8:30 AM

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: Crystal Cove Brunch Walk

A "Mike's Hike". 5 miles round trip. Enjoy the cool morning air in a walk along the entire length of the Crystal Cove Beach, break for a potluck brunch, then return to parking lot. Meet 8:30 am at south end of

Reef Point parking lot (ocean side of PCH) in Crystal Cove Park. Bring money for park fee and brunch items to carry on the hike to the end of the beach to share with others. Wear comfortable shoes, hat, sunscreen. Rain cancels.

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Saturday, August 16, 2014 8:00 AM (Time Tentative)

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: Sugarloaf Mountain (9952')

Join us as we hike one of the "seven summits of Big Bear", the highest peak in the range outside of the San Geronio Wilderness. Weather permitting, you will be treated to all-encompassing views of the whole eastern half of the San Bernardinos. This is a day-long 8 miles, 2000' gain, hike. Bring 10 essentials, lugsole boots, hat, jacket, sunscreen, 3 quarts of water, lunch. USFS Adventure Pass is required at the trailhead. Forecasts of thunderstorms and/or rain, or fire cancels. Pre-registration required. Contact leaders for more information. Leaders: Todd Clark, Sylvie Cote, Fran Penn.

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Saturday, August 30, 2014 9:00 AM

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: Beach Hike, Doheny to San Clemente or Trestles

4 miles, no gain, to the pier, or 8 miles to Trestles. Return by bus from either place. Enjoy the beach scenes and new trail along the railroad. Meet 9:00 AM at Doheny State Park road and Dana Harbor Drive, 1 block west of PCH in Dana Point. Park 1 block uphill from meet location. Bring water, hat, sunscreen, hiking shoes (may get wet), lunch (or \$ to buy lunch at pier)

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Angeles Chapter – Sierra Club Leadership Training Program

The Leadership Training Program (LTP) is conducted by the Leadership Training Committee (LTC) and provides trainees with the attitude, knowledge and skill essential to sound leadership of Angeles Chapter outings. The LTP prepares graduates for certification at one of five levels, which are designated “O-1”, “O-2”, “I”, “M” and “E”.

- **O-1:** Applies to uncomplicated outings such as single-day hikes on trail.
- **O-2:** Applies to overnight, away-from-the-car outings on trail.
- **I:** Adds navigation skills for outings involving cross-country travel.
- **M:** Adds the skills for leading 3rd class rock and uncomplicated snow climbs.
- **E:** Adds the skills for leading 4th class rock, more difficult snow climbs and more advanced navigation.

Requirements for becoming a leader at the basic “O-1” and “O-2” levels are:

1. Current Sierra Club membership
2. Participation on five Sierra Club trips or hikes
3. Passing an open-book pre-seminar exam from the Leader’s Reference Book (LRB)
4. Attendance at an all-day LTP seminar
5. Completion of Red Cross Standard/Basic First Aid plus Adult CPR or equivalent training
6. Satisfactory completion of a provisional outing

NOTE: These requirements, except for the pre-seminar exam, do not need to be completed before the Seminar.



Duana Miller,
Long Time Sierra Sage Outings Leader

Enrollment information:

Sign up by forwarding a copy of the application below plus the required fee to the Registrar. The fee for the LTP is \$25 with the Leader’s Reference Book or \$10 without the LRB.* The Registrar must receive the completed application at least **two weeks** prior to the seminar. The seminar is held twice a year on a Saturday in the spring and fall. A Leader’s Reference Book, pre-seminar exam and other information will be mailed at least 10 days prior to the seminar.

* The fee also includes the all-day seminar and a leader recognition patch with a certificate.

WEBSITE: <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/ltc/> EMAIL: lcregistrar@hundredpeaks.org

DETACH BELOW FOR MAILING

YES! Enroll me! My check for \$25.00 (includes LRB) payable to “Sierra Club” is enclosed.

Mail to: Steve Botan, LTC Registrar, 18816 Thornwood Circle, Huntington Beach, CA 92627

Phone: 714-321-1296

Check the session you desire:

_____ October 25, 2014 Costa Mesa Community Center, 1845 Park Ave., Costa Mesa 92646

Name _____

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Note, the Next Seminar will be in April, 2014 in Los Angeles County

RIDESHARE MEETING POINTS

N Orange Co... Park-N-Ride, E side of Tustin Av just S of Lincoln Av, Orange.

S Orange Co... Ortega Plaza parking lot SE corner, Ortega Hwy/Rancho Viejo, San Juan Capistrano

Tustin ... Redhill Ave on N side (Fwy side) of Stater Bros Market just SW of Redhill Ave exit from Santa Ana Fwy



FLORIDA KEYS AND EVERGLADES

March 7-14, 2015



The Sierra Sage Group along with the Angeles Chapter and the Sierra Singles Section of the Sierra Club are pleased to be able to announce a week long vacation trip next spring to Florida to explore and enjoy the Florida Keys and Everglades National Park.

Join us for this 8 day, 7 night fly-drive excursion to the wonders of Florida Everglades and the Florida Keys. Highlights will be visiting the Everglades National Park, viewing the many varieties of birds such as Herons, Anhinga's, Ibis, Cranes, Egrets, as well as alligators, turtles, snakes and many more wild creatures. Who knows, we might even see some manatees and American Crocodiles. We will visit John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park on Key Largo to view the reef on a glass bottom boat, swim and or maybe even snorkel. Key West is one of the destinations with opportunities galore to enjoy the shops, museums, and historical places and/or take advantage of the tours, etc available. We will even stop at the Dolphin Research Center on Grassy Key and the History of Diving Museum on Upper Matecumbe Key in Islamorada.

Trip includes all transportation in Florida, 7 nights lodging, all admissions to scheduled places, and tours and all breakfasts. Trip does not include air fare to and from Florida and lunches and dinners, nor does it include optional items such a snorkeling tours, scuba diving, or canoe or kayak rentals.

Trip cost is \$1350 for Sierra Club Members (\$1450 for non-members) A \$500 deposit will hold your place on the trip with the remainder due by December 1, 2014. For information and to apply, contact Mike Sappingfield at mikesapp@cox.net (949-768-3610) or write to him at 26352 Via Juanita, Mission Viejo, CA 92691. **Leaders: Mary Morales, Mike Sappingfield, Patty Sappingfield**



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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** for date, time and directions.
- Preserve the Coastal areas of Orange County? Contact Penny Elia at **greenpl@cox.net**
- Interested in electing environmentally supportive politicians into local offices? Contact Sharon Koch at **slkoch@ix.netcom.com**
- Want to keep the Santa Ana Mountains wild? Or even want to help maintain the trails in the San Mateo Wilderness Area? Contact John Kaiser at **jkai39@gmail.com**
- Still think the toll road through the Richard and Donna O'Neill Nature Conservancy, San Mateo Campground, and Trestle Beach is a bad idea? Contact Bill Holmes at **bill.holmes@att.net**



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