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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: Please join us for an informative evening with Moulton/Niguel Water District and the Tree of Life Nursery who will be presenting answers to our local drought issues. Moulton/Niguel will present current updates on the serious water shortage and how to address them. The Tree of Life Nursery, renowned for their expertise on California native plants and other landscaping challenges, will provide unique and helpful ways of rethinking our own landscaping and water use. Between these two expert resources we will have a unique opportunity to address the dilemma of our current situation.

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

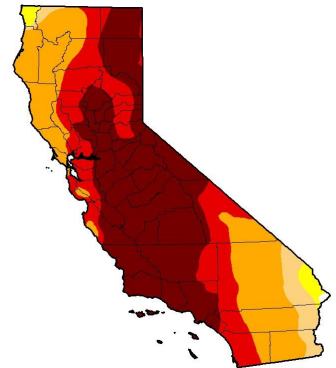
WHEN: 7:00 PM, Tuesday, September 22, 2015

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



Current drought status in California, darker shade means more severe drought, source: US Drought Monitor <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>



WELCOME TO SIERRA CLUB CALIFORNIA!

YOUR VOICE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE STATE CAPITOL

We're entering the last three weeks of the legislative session. By the end of this week, we'll know which bills have gotten out of the Appropriations Committees in each house and are headed to the floors in each house. You can see the list of bills that are among our priorities on our website. (we're following about 90 bills right now, of which we've highlighted more than a dozen as ones that require extra attention).

Among the most important bills we're following are SB 350, SB 32 and SB 788. The first two directly address climate policy and targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in California. The third, SB 788, would close a legal loophole and ensure that a biologically rich marine area off the coast of Santa Barbara doesn't become the target of new oil drilling.

The oil companies have been waging a very tough, edgy campaign to try to kill these bills. SB 350 is coming under intense scrutiny because of that. The oil companies are making outrageous and totally inaccurate claims about what the bill would do--no surprise. They've used these tactics before, time and again. You can read a column about this by the Sac Bee's Dan Morain here: <http://www.sacbee.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/dan-morain/article31841658.html>.

We have been activating volunteers, directing staff organizers, and canvassing and posting lawn signs and doing phoning in the districts of a number of Assemblymembers who have signaled that they don't know how they will vote on SB 350. You can read how that action is affecting at least one of those legislators, Asm. Cheryl Brown, here: <http://calmatters.org/articles/ad-blitz-heats-up-climate-change-fight/>.

We will be sending out alerts statewide after Friday. Please pay attention to those and take action. In the meantime, I ask that you do the following (if you have not already):

1. Go to this address and identify who your state assemblymember is (if you don't already know): <http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/>.
2. Go to your assemblymember's website and get the phone numbers for his/her district office and Sacramento office.
3. Call one of those offices and tell whoever answers the phone that you are a constituent that you want the assemblymember to vote YES on SB 350, SB 32 and SB 788. Tell whoever answers that you don't have the kind of money oil companies have, but you are a voter and you want California to cut its climate pollution dramatically. You want clean air and clean energy.
4. If you get an answering machine, leave a message.
5. Send an email to Meg (meg.gunderson@sierraclub.org) letting her know that you've made the call.

Thank you for doing this.

This is simple. It's important. It is meaningful. It will make a difference. Please do this today, tomorrow or Tuesday. Do it before you forget about doing it.

Thanks so much!

Kathryn Phillips
Director
Sierra Club California

SIERRA CLUB AND VOLUNTEERS

The Sierra Club was founded by legendary conservationist John Muir in 1892, and is now the nation's largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization — with more than two million members and supporters.

The Sierra Club is essentially a volunteer-run organization and volunteers currently take on many assignments and positions within the organization—all in their spare time

Whether it's leading hikes, or outings, helping environmentally-conscious candidates become elected to public office, fighting to protect beautiful places, or promoting renewable energy, volunteers play an incredibly important role in the Sierra Club.

So if you want to make a difference, you need to get involved. If we're going to change everything, we need everyone

If you live in the southern part of Orange County, and would like to get involved, here are some ways that you could make things happen for the better.

PAGE 7 HAS THE EMAIL AND PHONE NUMBERS OF THE PEOPLE TO CONTACT BELOW

- **Hike Leader** — all hike leaders must be trained and certified. Therefore, the first step is to contact one of our two Outings Chairs, Todd Clark and Sylvie Cote for help in starting the training and certification process. With more hike leaders, we can conduct more hikes for our members.
- **Hospitality** — All our events need volunteers to help greet and sign in people, set up refreshments, and pass out information documents. To help, contact Patty Sappingfield .
- **Facebook** — We do not currently have a Sierra Sage Facebook page. We would like to have one. To do so, we need a volunteer or two to help establish one and to keep it updated. If you would like to be in on the ground floor in creating a new Facebook Page for the Sierra Sage Group, Contact the Communications Chair, Mike Sappingfield
- **Membership** — We need volunteers to help build membership by staffing a table and events in Orange County, answering questions about the Sierra Club, and encouraging people to join. If you would like to help in this area, contact our Membership Chair, Garry McCoppin
- **Executive Committee** — Elections will be held in November for 4 positions on our Executive Committee. If you would like to get involved in making the Sierra Sage Group better by being one of the decision makers, Contact the Nomination Committee Chair, Mike Sappingfield

PUBLIC INVESTIGATIONS VINDICATE SIERRA CLUB OPPOSITION TO SAN ONOFRE SETTLEMENT

The San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station near San Clemente was closed about two years ago because of safety flaws in steam generators that caused a small radioactive leak. But that wasn't the end of the story. What was to be done with nuclear waste stored at the plant, and who would pay for it? Who would bear the economic loss of shutting San Onofre a decade before the end of its expected operation?

The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is the front-line player on cost-sharing issues. The PUC held a public hearing in Costa Mesa last June that heard a panel of witnesses including the PUC's Office of Ratepayer Advocate, the Utility Reform Network TURN (a self-styled consumer group), Friends of the Earth, and Southern California Edison. These parties supported an agreement that would require ratepayers to compensate Edison for \$3.3 billion of the \$4.7 billion economic loss.

Multiple public investigations revealed improper communications between the PUC and Edison. It's a complex saga but at its center is one key dynamic: PUC President Michael Peevey seemed to have lost any sense of boundaries between his official role as a public regulator and his self-designated role as confidential strategy advisor to a regulated settlement under a cloud of suspicion.

A fair and open regulatory review process seemed to have been trumped by confidential coordination between Peevey and the utility on terms of the agreement. The investigations culminated in the recent ruling by a PUC administrative judge that these contacts and conversations were improper.

From the get-go in June of last year, and many times in the months that followed, the Sierra Club called for the proposed settlement to be scrapped. We were joined by San Diego attorney Mike Aguirre and Ray Lutz of Citizens Oversight Inc. Frankly, it shouldn't have taken a scandal to bring about a revision in this unreasonable proposal. Ratepayers had no part in the technology breakdown that shut San Onofre.

The Sierra Club and other activists asked why ratepayers should bear any responsibility for a problem in which they played no part. That remains the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter position. We will await next moves and will not hesitate to speak out.

By: **Glenn Pascall, Chair,
Sierra Club Task Force on San Onofre**

Outings



Wednesday, September 09, 2015 9:00 AM

0407-Orange County Group Outing

O: Crystal Cove Beach Walk

Sept 9 Wed Orange County/Sierra Sage 6 mi, 200' gain. This is 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 9:00 am at the SW corner of PCH & Cameo Shores, Corona del Mar. Park along the frontage road just inside entrance to Cameo Shores, or park on Cameo Highlands. Bring water, snack, walking shoes.

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Sylvia Stevenson 949-616-2765 sjstevenson2828@yahoo.com

Saturday, September 12, 2015 8:30 AM

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: Whiting Ranch Sleepy Hollow Hike

A "Mike's Hike" 4 miles round trip, 200' gain moderately paced walk through shady oaks and sycamores in Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park. Often see lots of deer. Children 5 years and up with parent(s) are welcome. Meet 8:30 am at secondary Whiting Ranch Parking Lot on Glenn Ranch Road, ¼ mi east of Portola Parkway in Lake Forest. Bring \$3 for parking, water, camera, munchies, hiking shoes, and hat. Rain cancels.

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Linda Ledger 949-496-8029 linda.ledger@cox.net

Sunday, September 27, 2015 9:00 AM

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: Chapparosa Park - Salt Creek Trail

Join us as we hike the Salt Creek Trail along the watershed, from Chapparosa Park in Laguna Niguel to Salt Creek beach in south Laguna Beach and back. This is a 7 miles 500 feet gain moderate hike, with potentially spectacular views of the ocean. Bring hat, sunscreen, comfortable walking shoes, 2 quarts water, light jacket, snack, and money for beverage (optional). At mid-point, we will stop at a cafe near the beach. From the 5 freeway, take Crown Valley exit and turn west. Turn left at Golden Lantern. Turn right at Chapparosa Park road and drive to the end of the park. Park near the restrooms. The trailhead is at the end of the parking lot. Contact leaders for more information.

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Sylvie Cote 949-547-2998 clarkta@hotmail.com

Wednesday, September 30, 2015 9:00 AM

0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage

O: Dripping Cave in Aliso Woods Cyn Wilderness Park

6 mi, 100' gain/loss. This is a woodsy hike down Wood Canyon to Dripping Cave, where water drips when it rains. At one time, the rock shelter was used by robbers and thieves. Return by the same route or another scenic trail. Bring water, snack/lunch, lugsoles. Rain, 3 days after rain, cancels. Meet 9:00 am at Canyon View Park. From El Toro

Rd in Laguna Woods, turn S on Moulton about 1 mi, then R on Glenwood and up the hill, over the toll road, R on Canyon Vistas Dr. Park at bottom of hill on the street. Canyon View Park is on the L.

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Saturday, October 03, 2015 8:00 AM (Time Tentative)

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: Trail Maintenance in San Mateo Canyon Wilderness

The Santa Ana Mountain Task Force (Orange County Group, Sierra Sage Group, San Gorgonio Chapter) maintains trails in the San Mateo Canyon Wilderness. Volunteers, male and female, keep the trails open and safe. The specific work location is chosen each month based on current needs. Work involves lopping or sawing to clear the corridor and repairing tread as needed; those wishing to concentrate only on lopping are welcome. Tools are provided. Bring work gloves, sturdy boots, water, lunch. Typically we meet at the south Orange County ride share at either 7:30 or 8:00 am depending on the trail head destination for that month. Rain or critical fire danger will cancel. To receive email announcements with details of each month's activity, send an email to *John Kaiser 714-968-4677 jkai39@gmail.com*

Rich Maxey 949-310-5134 richmaxey@yahoo.com

Linda Ledger 949-496-8029 linda.ledger@cox.net

Wednesday, October 07, 2015 9:00 AM

0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage

O: Colinas Bluffs Trail

8 mi rt, 400' gain, moderate. Short steep tail sections with good views as we hike South along Colinas Ridge bordering Laguna Niguel and San Juan Capistrano, to Camino del Avion. Return same way or take bus back to starting point (\$0.75 seniors, \$2 others). Meet 9:00 am at McDonald's on Golden Lantern & Marina Hills Dr in Laguna Niguel. Bring water, lugsoles, hat.

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Saturday, October 10, 2015 9:00 AM

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: Orchard Camp Hike

Hike up the Wilson Trail from Sierra Madre to Orchard Camp. The 7 mile round trip route with 2000' gain takes us past ferns, through trees and across a stream. Meet 9:00 am at the corner of Miramonte Ave and Mt. Wilson Trail Road. From the 210, exit Baldwin Ave, go north 2 miles, turn right on Miramonte Ave to Intersection with Mt. Wilson Road. Bring lunch, 2 liters water, hiking boots, clothing layers and hat. Rain Cancels

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Wednesday, October 14, 2015 8:30 AM

0407-Orange County Group Outing

O: Caspers Park: West Ridge/Cougar Pass

6.5 mi, 600' total gain/loss. Enjoy the hike going up the Luskorn Trail, the West Ridge Trail, (with great views), the Starr Rise Trail, Bell Cyn Trail, Oso Trail, Cougar Pass Trail and back to Bell Cyn and the cool shady oaks. We will pass the magnificent prickly pear patch with opportunities to see deer, bobcats, hawks, mountain lions, coyotes, and if you are really lucky, a grey fox. Meet 8:30 am at the South Orange county rideshare parking lot in the Ortega Plaza in front of Ball Park Pizza, 1 block E of I-5 on the Ortega Hwy in San Juan Capistrano. We will carpool into Caspers Park (parking \$3) to the parking lot N of the Old Corral. Bring hat, 2 qts water, lugsoles or hiking shoes, and munchies.. *Michael Sappingfield 949-768-3610 mikesapp@cox.net*
Rich Maxey 949-310-5134 richmaxey@yahoo.com

Saturday, October 17, 2015 8:00 AM

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: South Tenaja Trail

South Tenaja to Fisherman Camp: Moderate, 7 mile round trip, 950' gain. Join us for a scenic hike down the South Tenaja trail to Fisherman Camp. We will have lunch at Fisherman Camp before returning uphill along the same trail. The hike has several crossings of Tenaja Creek which is a factor only if recent rain. Meet 8:00 am at the South OC rideshare point(Ortega Business Center, Rancho Viejo & Ortega Highway, San Juan Capistrano) or 9:30 am at South Tenaja trailhead (call leader). Bring 2 quarts water, lunch, lug soles. Rain or critical fire danger cancels. *Rich Maxey 949-310-5134 richmaxey@yahoo.com*

Saturday, October 24, 2015 8:30 AM

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: Holy Jim Trail to Bear Spring

This 9 mile round trip with 1950' gain hike has 7 stream crossings and passes through sycamore, fir, maple and oak trees on the way to the Main Divide Road where we will stop for lunch. Meet to carpool at the dirt clearing off of Trabuco Creek Road. High clearance vehicles needed for the 4.4 mile rutted dirt road to the trailhead. Bring lunch, 2 liters water, warm layers, hiking shoes or boots. From the 5 take El Toro exit east for 8.6 miles. Turn right onto Live Oak Canyon Road which becomes Trabuco Canyon Road. Go past O'Neill Regional Park and turn left after the bridge onto into the dirt parking area.

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Saturday, November 07, 2015 9:45 AM

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: Modjeska House Tour/ Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary

Join us for a guided tour of the Forrest of Arden, the century old home and gardens of the famous Helena Modjeska. Cost: \$5.00 to leader but please RSVP by October 24. Please bring comfortable walking shoes, water, your own lunch, to be enjoyed at the nearby Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary, home of local birds, reptiles, amphibians and insects. RSVP leaders for directions to this secluded historic spot off Santiago Canyon. *Linda Ledger 949-496-8029 linda.ledger@cox.net*
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Rich Maxey 949-310-5134 richmaxey@yahoo.com

Sunday, November 15, 2015 8:30 AM

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: Bear Canyon Loop Hike

7 miles, 1300' gain from the Candy Store through chaparral and oaks, via the Bear Canyon Trail to 4 corners, then down to Pidgeon Springs for lunch, then back to the Candy Store. Meet 8:30 am at South OC Rideshare (1 Block east of I-5 on Ortega Highway and Rancho Viejo Road in front of Ball Park Pizza, in San Juan Capistrano). Bring water, lunch, hiking shoes or boots. We will carpool to the FS Parking Lot and Trailhead at the Candy Store. Forest Service Passes required for those driving to the Trailhead. Rain cancels.

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Meet Sierra Sage Outings Leaders SYLVIA STEVENSON

Sylvia has been an Outings Leader Sierra Sage for over 15 years. She has a wide repertoire of events ranging from kayaking, Street biking, & mountain biking, leading week long trips to such places as Arches and Canyonlands National Parks, as well as leading a plethora of hikes in Orange County.



Angeles Chapter and Sierra Sage Group Present

NEW ENGLAND EXTRAVAGANZA II

October 3-11, 2015

This trip has only one opening for a woman who is willing to share a room with another woman. If you are interested, contact Mike Sappingfield ASAP. Also, if you want to be on the waiting list in case of cancellation, contact Mike.

Join us for this 9 day, 8 night fly-drive excursion to the delights of New England in the fall. Highlights will be exploring the **Freedom Trail** in Boston, including visits to **Paul Revere's house, Bunker Hill, The Old North Church, etc.** and visiting key historical sites such as **Concord, Lexington, Mayflower II, a Grist Mill, and Plimoth Plantation.** In following days, we will explore the fall colors of New Hampshire and Vermont. Highlights will be **covered bridges**, a visit to a Cheese and Maple Sugar farm, walks along wilderness streams, **Ben and Jerry's Factory, Mt. Washington via the cog rail**, and others. We will finish the trip with a visit to Maine with stops in Freeport to visit the 24 hr flagship **LL Bean store, lighthouses and Acadia National Park.**

Trip includes all transportation in New England, 8 nights lodging, all admissions to scheduled places, and breakfasts. Trip does not include air fare to and from New England and lunches and dinners.

Trip cost is \$1395 for Sierra Club Members (\$1495 for non-members) Optional Group Air ticket available for \$407.95

A \$500 deposit will hold your place on the trip with the remainder due by July 1, 2015. 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: Mike & Patty Sappingfield**

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS

MAY 21-28 2016

LEADERS: MIKE SAPPINGFIELD AND LINDA LEDGER

This trip is full. If you would like to be on the waiting list in case of cancellations, contact Mike Sappingfield

Join us for this 8 day, 7 night fly-drive excursion to the Appalachian Mountains in Tennessee and North Carolina in the spring. We will be using Gatlinburg, Tennessee, just outside the National Park, as our base for the entire trip and use vans to get to places within and around the park.

Highlights will be exploring the **Great Smoky Mountains National Park** including **Cades Cove, Clingmans Dome, Mingus Grist Mill, the Mountain Farm Museum in Oconaluftee, and the Cataloochee Valley** with its wild turkeys and elk herds. We want to experience the **backwoods with its magnificent hardwood forests and many creeks and waterfalls** so we plan to hike almost every day for at least 3-7+ miles. Additionally we plan to visit

the nearby **Cumberland Gap National Historical Park** and enjoy the short hike through the Gap as well as visiting the magnificent **Biltmore Mansion** in Asheville, NC.

Trip includes all transportation in Tennessee and North Carolina, 7 nights lodging, all breakfasts and two picnic lunches, and all admissions to scheduled places. Trip does not include air fare to and from Tennessee and the remaining lunches and dinners and any optional admissions.

Trip cost is **\$1150** for Sierra Club Members (\$1250 for non-members). **A \$500 deposit will hold your place on the trip with the remainder due by February 2016.** 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: Mike Sappingfield, Linda Ledger

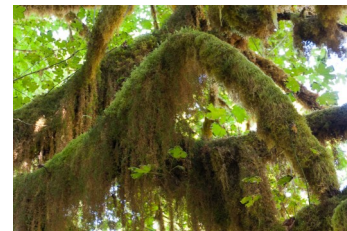
Mt. Rainer, Olympic National Park and Victoria, B.C.

July 16 – 24, 2016

LEADERS: MIKE & PATTY SAPPINGFIELD

This trip has only two slots left, one for a man and one for a woman. For more info, contact Mike

Join us for a 9 day, 8 night excursion to explore the wonders of the Pacific Northwest's Mt. Rainer, fabulous Olympic National Park rain forests, beaches and mountains and complete with a ferry ride to Vancouver Island in Canada to visit Victoria with opportunities to sample the delights of the City and explore **Butchart Gardens** and the Juan de Fuca Strait. You might even have a chance to enjoy High Tea at the Empress Hotel. Mt. Rainer highlights will include visiting **Sunrise Visitor Center, Silver Falls, and Paradise Valley** in Mt Rainer. **Hurricane Ridge, Hoh River Rain Forest, Rialto Beach and the walk to Hole in the Wall** along the rocky and driftwood strewn beach are highlights in the Olympic



National Park. We will even visit **Cape Flattery** and the **Makah Indian Reservation** and hike out to the Cape.

We will return to the US in northern Washington to catch our flight home by taking a ferry winding through the San Juan Islands. Lodging, planned admissions, and transportation while on the trip included. Breakfasts and two lunches are also included. The remainder of meals and optional activities are not included. Air fare to and from SEATAC Airport and most meals not included.

Cost for the trip is \$1350 for Sierra Club members (\$1450 for non-members). To reserve a spot, send a \$500 deposit (check made out to Sierra Club--Sierra Sage) to Mike Sappingfield, 26352 Via Juanita, Mission Viejo, CA 92691. For information, call or email Mike at 949-768-3610 or mikesapp@cox.net. **Leaders: Mike & 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 **greenpl1@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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Join the Sierra Club

Yes, I want to join! I want to help safeguard our nation’s precious natural heritage. My check is enclosed.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State _____ Zip _____

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Membership Categories (circle one)

	Individual	Joint
Introductory	\$15	
Standard	\$39	\$49
Supporting	\$75	\$100
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Life	\$1000	\$1250
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