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You are invited to join us at our bi-monthly meeting — Learn about the local Group of the Sierra Club, outdoor opportunities this Fall and, of course, get the latest on San Onofre.

Program: Earthquake Preparedness, Before the Earthquake

Speaker: Susan Trent of *Be Ready Earthquake and Survival*

Do you think you are ready for an emergency like an earthquake? Even if you do, join us for a presentation from expert Susan Trent, with Be Ready Earthquake and Survival. It promises to be an informative evening, with the opportunity to purchase an all inclusive Be Ready Emergency Kit.

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

WHEN: 7:00 PM, Tuesday, September 27, 2016

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



Will Orange County get it's own National Monument?

More than 100,000 acres of Orange County, including sections of Newport Beach, could be designated as a national monument under a proposal heading to Congress next month.

U.S. Rep. Ed Royce (R-Fullerton) is expected to introduce a bill that, if passed by Congress, would establish the Santa Ana Mountains to Sea National Monument. The area would encompass about 101,500 acres of open space, including Crystal Cove State Park, Upper Newport Bay and Buck Gully Reserve, which consists of about 300 acres near San Joaquin Hills Road. The monument also would include about 45,700 acres in the Cleveland National Forest, Bommer Canyon in Irvine and Laguna Coast Wilderness Park in Laguna Beach, according to a presentation by Newport Beach city staff during a City Council study session this month.



The National Monument would be the 17th in California and the 123rd in the United States. The Statue of Liberty and Castle Clinton in New York are among the most recognized and visited national monuments. If the bill is approved, a local advisory committee would be created and tasked with submitting a plan for the monument to the federal government. The process would take about three years.

Laura Detweiler, Newport Beach's recreation and senior services director, said the designation would bring the area more national significance and could provide some federal resources for managing the land. It also would likely increase tourism in the area. The proposal would not require federal funding and could enhance collaboration among state, federal and public landowners that make up the monument area, Detweiler said. "One thing that it allows us to do is work on regional level issues that transcend our boundaries, like fire prevention, recreation, trails, invasive species and, most importantly, how we all tie in together with the water quality of our bay," she said.

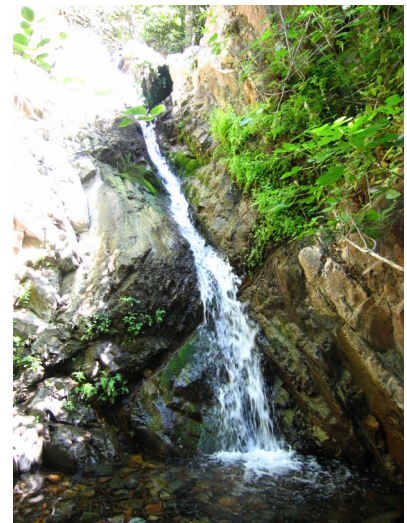
However, Newport Beach Councilman Scott Peotter raised concerns about the potential for increased federal regulation of the land as a result of national monument status. He suggested the city ask Royce not to include Buck Gully in the bill. "This is a prestige thing," Peotter said. "There's a potential carrot out there for more money, but there's also a hammer out there for more regulations."

Council members Keith Curry and Tony Petros praised the proposal's effort to maintain open space in Orange County. "This area will be preserved as open space for future generations of Californians, and I am so proud that we have a small part of this," Curry said.

The city is expected to ask a member of Royce's staff to make a presentation to the City Council in coming weeks to discuss the bill. If the council favors it, city staff would draft a letter of support to be signed by the council.

Orange County Supervisor Todd Spitzer sent a letter to Royce in June indicating his support for the monument. "The Santa Ana Mountains to Sea National Monument will provide critically important world-class conservation and recreation experiences in the middle of one of the most urban regions in the country," Spitzer wrote. "Designation of these lands as a monument ensures that these special natural and cultural resources, geological features, trails and other visitor facilities will all be managed and cared for in a manner fitting with their national importance."

—LA Times



CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION TO RULE ON FUTURE OF BANNING RANCH ON SEPT 7th

Activism in Orange County: update on Banning Ranch

By Everette Phillips

Did you ever wonder about the Sierra Club motto: “Explore, Enjoy, Protect”? The purpose of the Banning Ranch Task Force is to “Protect”, and enjoy each others company as we engage in activism to protect Banning Ranch – the last unprotected coastal space of its kind, located between Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa and Newport Beach at the mouth of the Santa Ana River. It has the potential to be part of a larger Open Space of 1000 acres called the Orange Coast River Park (www.ocriverpark.org)

You can play an important role in protecting this open space – the Coastal Commission has a hearing scheduled for September 7th and we are busy with the final stretch of a journey started in late 1990. **PLEASE ATTEND THE HEARING ON SEPT 7:** Every person there supporting the environment helps keep the earth safe and preserve the wild areas. **The Coastal Commission hearing for the proposed Banning Ranch development is:**

September 7, 9:00 am

**Newport Beach Civic Center,
100 Civic Center Dr. NB, CA 92660**

(this is above the central library). Please mark your calendar and plan to show up. So much depends on a large turnout of the public!

Additional Background:

The developer has two separate Coastal Development Permits (CDP) under review: CDP# 9-15-1649 for 82 new oil wells next to residential areas and CDP# 5-15-2097 for a development on the mesa of Banning Ranch between Coast Hwy in Newport Beach and Talbert Nature Preserve off 19th Street.

The CCC Staff will release their Staff Report shortly. This report is suppose to represent the best science available and contain a complete review of the project as the project conforms to the Coastal Act. One important aspect of the Coastal Act is the protection of Environmentally Sensitive Habitats Area (ESHA). These are the special places with native plant and animal species live, forage, visit or just need in order to survive. There are 16 Special Status Species found on Banning Ranch. The Coastal Act protects ESHA and does not allow mitigation for development. Mitigation is the practice of promising to recreate a habitat in a new location in exchange for destroying a habitat in a current location. At Banning Ranch, the landowner was cited by the Coastal Commission for taking action that reduced ESHA or degraded it.

Always feel free to ask questions: BanningRanch@angeles.sierraclub.org



Outings



Wednesday, September 07, 2016 9:00 AM
0407-Orange County Group/Sierra Sage Outing
Salt Creek Bagel hike

O: Salt Creek, aka "The Bagel Hike": 7.5 mi, 200' gain, moderate. Scenic walk from Chapparosa Park to the beach, then up over the Headlands to Dana Point Harbor. Return by bus after lunch (optional) 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 parking there. Bring water, walking shoes, bus fare (\$0.75 seniors, \$2 others). Newcomers welcome.

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Saturday, September 10, 2016 7:00 AM
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: San Juan Trail Loop Hike

Starting at the Blue Jay Campground trailhead we follow the Old San Juan Trail through some Oak trees and Chaparral then along a ridge generally downhill to a Oak tree rimmed meadow informally called Chiquito Basin then it's uphill for 300 yards to the base of Sugarloaf Peak. From there we pick up the New San Juan Trail and follow its winding path back to where it meets the Old San Juan trail and back to the trailhead. Total distance is about 8.5 miles with elevation gain of about 1100 feet. Bring water, lug soles, lunch, hat, sunscreen. Meet 7:00 AM at Ortega Plaza parking lot SE corner Ortega Hwy and Rancho Viejo, San Juan Capistrano.

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Wednesday, September 14, 2016 9:00 AM
0407-Orange County Group/Sierra Sage Outing
Crystal Cove beach walk

O: Crystal Cove Beach Walk: 6 mi, 200' gain. An early summer stroll along the beach & bluff top in this beautiful State Park in Newport Beach. Optional stop at Ruby's Date Shack. Meet 9:00 am at the SW corner of PCH and Cameo Shores. Park on Cameo Shores or Cameo Highlands. Bring water, walking shoes.

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Wednesday, September 21, 2016 8:30 AM
0407-Orange County Group/Sierra Sage Outing
Serrano Creek hike

O: Serrano Creek Trail: 4.7 mi one way, 590' gain. (or 10-12 mi rt) Starting at Heritage Park in Lake Forest, we meander on the trail in Serrano Creek Park, cross Trabuco Road and continue along a shady suburban trail, climbing gently toward Foothill Ranch, where we cross Lake Forest Drive and the short hike ends. Participants return to the

starting point by public transportation (OCTA bus #177). The longer hike continues into Whiting Ranch following Live Oak Trail and returning on Serrano Creek Trail all the way back to Trabuco Rd with a stop for lunch (picnic or eatery) in Foothill Ranch en route. Meet 8:30 am at the Heritage Hill parking lot on Serrano Rd, less than a block north off Lake Forest Dr (west of the intersection of Lake Forest Dr & Trabuco Rd). Bring water, snack, lunch, or lunch money (long hike), water, snack, bus fare (.75 seniors, \$2 adults) for the short hike. Walking shoes ok for these hikes. Rain cancels.

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Sunday, September 25, 2016 9:00 AM
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: Chapparosa Park

Join us as we hike from Chapparosa Park in Laguna Niguel to Salt Creek Beach in Dana Point and back. This is a 7 mile, 500 feet gain hike. Weather permitting, we expect potential scenic views of the ocean and surrounding hills. We will stop mid-point at a local coffee shop for a break. Bring water, hat, sunscreen, hiking boots, money for coffee shop (and/or snack). Meet 9:00 AM at the trailhead at the Chapparosa Park. (From 5 freeway, exit Crown Valley and turn west on Crown Valley. Then turn left on Moulton Parkway. Then turn right on Chapparosa Park Road. The parking and trailhead are at the end of the cul-de-sac, near the bathrooms). Contact leaders for more information.

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Wednesday, September 28, 2016 7:15 AM
0407-Orange County Group/Sierra Sage Outing
O: Icehouse canyon:

Join us for an 8 mi, 2600' gain hike in the San Gabriel Mtns along an inviting creek, past private cabins and through beautiful forests. We'll have a snack at Columbine Spring, lunch at the saddle and return the way we came. Meet 7:15 am at the Tustin Rideshare (one block south of I-5 on Redhill in the portion of the parking lot at the Stater Bros strip mall that extends behind the Union 76 gas station). Bring 2+ liters water, lunch/snacks, lugsoles, poles, rain jacket, non-cotton layers. Rain cancels.

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Saturday, October 01, 2016 8:00 AM (Time Tentative)
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: Trail Maintenance in the San Mateo Cyn 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 location of each month's activity depends on the current trail conditions. To receive monthly email notices with de-

tails for that month, contact John. The work will involve cutting back or removing plants to provide a proper corridor and correcting drainage and erosion problems. Tools are provided. Bring work gloves, sturdy boots, water, lunch. Meeting location is usually at the south Orange County ride share at either 7:30 or 8:00 am depending on the location of the work. Rain or critical fire danger will cancel.
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Wednesday, October 05, 2016 9:00 AM
0407-Orange County Group/Sierra Sage Outing
Aliso/Woods Canyon

O: Aliso/Wood Cyn: Join us for a 8-10 mi, 600' gain loop from Canyon View Park to Top-of-the-World Park, then down into Aliso Wood Cyn Wilderness park and ending back at Canyon View Park. If time allows, we will take a lovely nature trail that is only used by hikers and back to our cars thru greenery along the trail. Meet 9:00 am at Canyon View Park with lugsoles/hiking shoes, water, snacks, hat & sunscreen. 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 Vista Dr. Park at bottom of hill on street. Canyon View Park is on the L. Rain, 3 days after rain, cancels.
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Saturday, October 08, 2016 8:00 AM
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: Morgan Trail

Join us as we hike from the San Juan Loop parking area to the south Main Divide for lunch in a scenic grove of oaks at upper Morrell Canyon. Return same way. The distance is 10 miles round trip and the elevation gain outbound is 1000'. Meet at 8:00 am at South OC ride share or 8:30 am at the FS San Juan Loop parking area across from the Candy Store. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain or critical fire level will cancel.
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Wednesday, October 12, 2016 9:00 AM
0407-Orange County Group/Sierra Sage Outing
Back to the Bay

O: Back to the Bay: Join us on a 5 mi, minimal gain hike from the east side of Newport Back Bay to the Muth Center. This is an interesting hike with lots of flora and fauna to explore as we walk along East Bluff Drive over the bridge at Jamboree and on to the Muth Center; involves a short car shuttle. Meet 9:00 am at the Muth Center at Irvine and University in Newport Beach. Bring good hiking or walking shoes, hat, water and a snack.
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Wednesday, October 19, 2016 8:30 AM
0407-Orange County Group/Sierra Sage Outing
O'Neill Park

O: O'Neill Park: 7 mi, 700' gain. Our route begins on the Live Oak Trail past the nursery and traversing a long ridge overlooking O'Neill Park proper. We hike along the main ridge before descending into one of the park's several oak-shaded canyons and the park HDQs, then loop around the canyon bottom and return to the ridge via another can-

yon. Meet 8:30 am at the end of Meadow Ridge Dr. Take El Toro Rd E to the next light past Glenn Ranch Rd, turn R on Valley Vista Way, R on Meadow Ridge to the end. Rain within 3 days cancels. Bring 2 qts water, lunch/snack, hiking shoes/boots.
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Saturday, October 22, 2016 8:00 AM
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: 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 pt (Ortega Business Center, Rancho Viejo & Ortega Hwy, San Juan Capistrano) or 9:30 am at South Tenaja trailhead (call leader). Bring 2 qts water, lunch, hiking shoes/boots. Rain or critical fire danger cancels.
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Wednesday, October 26, 2016 9:00 AM
0407-Orange County Group/Sierra Sage Outing
Witch's Garden Laguna Beach

O: Witch's Garden: 7 mi, 1300' gain, 1500' loss. As Halloween approaches, what better way to celebrate the season? We'll take Willow to Bommer Ridge and on to Laguna Beach, where we'll pass the 'Witch's House' as we reenter civilization. Some may wish to lunch at Zinc. Meet 9:00 am at Laguna Coast Wilderness Willow entrance (NOT Nix). From I-5 take El Toro Rd west to the "T" at Laguna Cyn Rd, turn L, then shortly R into large parking lot. Bring water, lugsoles/hiking shoes, \$3 for parking, bus fare (75 cents seniors, others \$2), and lunch money (opt). Rain cancels.
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Saturday, October 29, 2016 7:00 AM
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: Smith Mountain (5111') Hike

Easy paced hike to Smith Mountain (5111') off Azusa Ave (HWY 39) in San Gabriel Mountains. Hike begins at signed trailhead in large parking area and follows scenic trail for 3.0 miles to Saddle just north of Smith Mtn. We then follow a use trail for 1/2 mi. up to the peak and have lunch. Returning on the same route back to the parking area. Total distance is 7.0 miles round trip with 1800 feet of elevation gain. Bring water, lug soles, sunscreen, lunch and hat. Meet 7:00 AM in Tustin on Redhill Ave on N side (frwy side) of Stater Bros Mkt just SW of Redhill Ave exit from Santa Ana Frwy.
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RIDESHARE MEETING POINTS

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

**Angeles Chapter and Sierra Sage
Group Present**

Wonders of Oregon II

July 16- July 23, 2017

This trip is full: however, we are establishing a wait list in case of cancelations

Wikipedia describes Oregon as: "...diverse, with a windswept Pacific beaches, volcano studded Cascade Mountains, abundant waterfalls, dense evergreen forests, ... and high desert sprawling across much of its east all the way to the Great Basin".

Come join us on our 8 day, 7 night fly-drive trip as we explore this fascinating and interesting State.

You will start by enjoying the beaches, lighthouses, and historical sites of the **Oregon Coast** before moving inland along the magnificent **Columbia River Gorge** to explore the incredible waterfalls, fun hiking and even touring **Bonneville Dam and Fish Ladder**. The last part of the trip will include **Mt. Hood, Newberry Crater and its amazing obsidian flows, Lava River Cave, and last, but not least, Crater Lake**.



Trip includes all transportation in Oregon, 7 nights lodging, all admissions to scheduled places, and tours and most breakfasts and some picnic lunches. Trip does not include air fare to and from Portland, Oregon and most lunches and all dinners, nor does it include optional items.

Trip cost is \$1295 for Sierra Club Members and \$1395 for non-members. \$500 deposit will hold your place until April 1, 2017 when the full amount is due. We will be accepting applications on or after July 1, 2016. If you desire trip information, email Mike Sappingfield at mikesapp@cox.net or call him at 949-633-6993.

Leaders: Mike Sappingfield, Patty Sappingfield



Advance Notice

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Southern New Mexico

Fall 2017

We are currently planning a trip to Southern New Mexico in the Fall of 2017. It will be either the last part of September or the first part of October. **We plan to have all the planning done by November 1st of this year. If this trip interests you, send us an email stating your interest and contact information.** We will establish a file of interested people so that we can notify them of all the information relating to the trip, including the dates, the actual itinerary and the costs. We will even send out the application forms at that time.

The trip will be a week long, starting on a Saturday flight out of Southern California to **El Paso, Texas** and returning the following weekend. Highlights are **Carlsbad Caverns National Park**, with maybe a return at twilight to watch the bats fly out to feed. Other stops include **Guadalupe National Park, Roswell, Lincoln County (Billy the Kid country), Las Cruces, White Sands National Monument, Alamogordo, Hatch**, and possibly a day in **Silver City**, a 19th century mining town.

The trip will include all lodging, all transportation from the El Paso Airport and return and all scheduled stops in between. All admissions to scheduled events are also included. Most breakfasts will be included, and some picnic lunches. Dinners and the remainder of the lunches will be the responsibility of the traveler. Air fares are extra, but we do plan to make group airplane arrangements, with the cost the responsibility of the traveler.

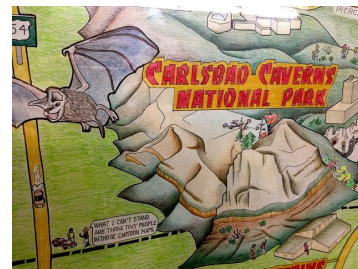
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- Executive Committee meetings are open to all members of the Sierra Club who reside in South Orange County. Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Contact Mike Sappingfield at mikesapp@cox.net for date, time and directions.
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