

Sierra Sage

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



A S MOST OF YOU KNOW, the entire nation is under direction to utilize **social distancing** until future notice as part of an effort to get the COVID-19 pandemic under control. The current Sierra Club directive is that we will utilize the social distancing rules at all times. All in-person group activities have been cancelled, including **hikes, campouts, travel adventure trips, meetings**, etc. until we are advised that we can again begin to resume gatherings. The current guidance is for the period until June 14, 2020. We do not know what the guidance will be beyond June 14, such as continued, made stricter, or eased up.

Therefore, there will be **no** May Sierra Sage Group Meeting this month, and as well, there will be **no** Sierra Club hikes until the situations improve. We believe that is in the best interests for all of us to follow the various directives to get us through this pandemic with good health! As such, this newsletter is missing a lot of information that would normally be here.



*We, at the Sierra Sage Group,
wish you and those you hold dear,
good health at this most difficult time
for us all.*



SAN ONOFRE STATE PARK is located on the property of the Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base. The Park was granted a 50-year Lease for the San Onofre State Park in 1971 and is set to expire in 2021.

The State Park Foundation, the San Onofre State Parks Foundation, and the California State Parks have been working for the past couple of years on getting a new lease to allow the park to remain open and for public use of the beach, campgrounds and back country hiking and biking trails.

The San Onofre State Park Foundation has issued a Press Release on April 25, 2020 advising us that the Department of the Navy and the Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton support a 3-year extension to allow time to complete a new 50-year extension. This is a major step in the process.



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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 greenp1@cox.net
- Interested in electing environmentally supportive politicians into local offices? Contact **Sharon Koch**, 949-717-7745, slkoch99@att.net
- Want to keep the Santa Ana Mountains wild? Or want to help maintain trails in the San Mateo Wilderness Area? Contact **John Kaiser** at jkai39@gmail.com

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