

# Sierra Sage

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

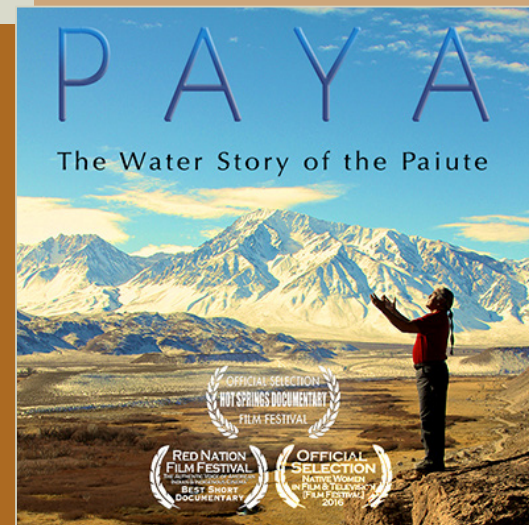
## Paya: The Water Story of the Paiute

**PAYA: THE WATER STORY OF THE PAIUTE** tells the untold story of America's longest lived water war between the Owens Valley Paiute and the city of Los Angeles.

Using in-depth interviews, 2-D animation, archival footage and photography, *Paya* documents the history of the Owens Valley Paiute who constructed and managed sixty square miles of intricate irrigation systems for millennia, long before Los Angeles diverted the Owens River through the Los Angeles Aqueduct, 220 miles across the Mojave Desert.

After the Indian War of 1863, surviving Paiute returned to the valley from the Eastern Sierra and White Mountains to find their ancient waterworks taken over by white settlers.

Over 150-years later, the Paiute continue the fight to save their waterworks, which are remnant in the Owens Valley landscape. Using archival maps from 1856, the filmmakers spent four years working with Paiute elders to locate and map their remnant irrigation systems using GIS technology, ultimately laying the foundation for a 'first use' water rights case now under-way. *Paya* is currently being used by the Owens Valley Paiute and the Native American and academic communities nationally to mobilize tribes.



As part of our normal bi-monthly meeting, we will include a virtual screening of the very exception film, "Paya: The Water Story of the Paiute."

Date: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020 AT 7:00 PM

Zoom meeting: <https://sierraclub.zoom.us/j/96325075481?pwd=NncrcXNnRzhUbkwvZmVxOHRRRV18SUT09>

Meeting ID: 963 2507 5481 | Passcode: 3250

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** This meeting is open to Sierra Sage members, non-members, and prospective members. If you need assistance connecting the Zoom setup, just contact **Mike Sappingfield** at 949-633-6993 any time between now and just before 6:55 on November 17th.

We will also welcome **Kim Orbe**, our new Conservation Programs Manager. **Mike Sappingfield**, our Sierra Sage Group Chair, will be making some announcements and introductions of our Executive Committee team.



## Sierra Club Policies re: Covid-19

**T**HE SIERRA CLUB has updated their policies and we will continue to follow them. These guidelines will be in force through, at least, **February 28, 2021** for Sierra Club activities.

- No group meetings or gatherings—Use virtual meetings like Zoom or similar programs. (Conference phone calls or computer meetings are okay)
- No scheduled hikes, trips, etc. until pandemic is over.
- Use face masks whenever you are meeting other people.
- Use safe distances between people—minimum 6 ft.
- Wash your hands and arms with hot soapy water after touching anything.



*We, at the Sierra Sage group and the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club, extend our sincere wishes to you and those you hold dear for Enjoyable and Heartfelt Holidays. And here's to 2021—May we all enjoy a very Healthy and Bountiful year ahead!*

## We Welcome Our New Conservation Program Manager

### ■ Kim Orbe Conservation Program Manager

**K**im Orbe is joining the chapter staff as our new Conservation Program Manager. She fills the position last held by Angelica Gonzalez in supporting our conservation activities. Kim joins us from the Nature for All and Water For All coalitions, where, as coordinator, she wore many hats including coordinating lobbying, coalition meetings, grant reporting, websites and hikes. Before that she worked for the U.S. Forest Service as the Youth Programs Outreach Coordinator, working with schools to organize work parties and educational opportunities for under-represented communities. She's a graduate (and valedictorian of her class!) of the Outward Bound Adventures Diverse Outdoor Leaders Institute. In addition to her impressive resume, Kim's Spanish language knowledge, commitment to inclusivity, and her organizing talent will be a huge help in coordinating the Chapter's multitude of conservation activities. Kim officially joined us on October 20. Join us in giving her a warm welcome and a rich introduction to the Angeles Chapter.

Kimberly works with the Conservation Committee as well as other regional groups and entities to help increase the capacity of the Chapter's conservation program. She brings years of experience working with diverse communities and grassroots organizations





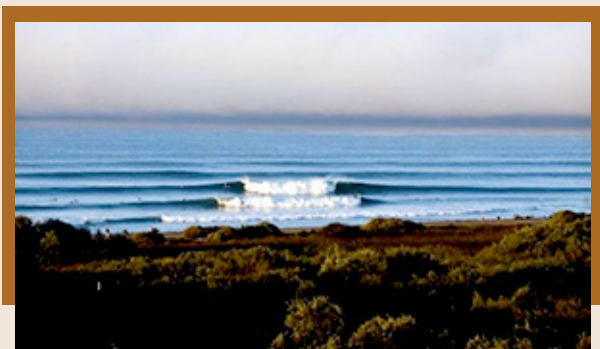
## Update on Assembly Bill 1486

**O**n Friday, September 25, California's Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB1426 (Assemblywoman Boerner Horvath) that protects the northern portion of Camp Pendleton and San Onofre State Beach from road construction.

AB 1426 prohibits Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA), any CA state agency, any regional agency, or any local agency from building a road through the northern portion of Camp Pendleton including San Onofre State Beach or the Richard and Donna O'Neill Conservancy. The bill also prohibits TCA from funding or building a road, or Caltrans from approving a major thoroughfare, in a larger area designated as the "Avoidance Area" that includes the northern portion of Camp Pendleton (including San Onofre State Beach), the O'Neill Conservancy, and significant additional habitat lands. The Avoidance Area is designated in crosshatch on the attached map (represents about half the area shown on the map). The measure does not prohibit widening the existing I-5 corridor, which requires USMC/Dept. of Navy approval, State Parks from doing internal road improvements, or the United States Government from building roads, the latter of which the bill could not do anyhow.

The legislation should be the final conclusion of two decades of discussions about putting a new highway through the northern portion of Camp Pendleton.

You can access a copy of AB 1426 with the following link: [http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201920200AB1426](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1426)



### Sierra Sage Group Executive Committee Election

There are currently five (5) openings for the Sierra Sage Group Executive Committee.

The current nominees are:

- **Sharon Koch** (Incumbent)
- **Mike Sappingfield** (Incumbent)
- **Patty Sappingfield** (Incumbent)
- **Ed Maurer** (Former Incumbent)

If you have not already voted for your Sierra Sage Group Executive Committee Candidates, please do so. **You have until November 7th.**



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