

Sierra Sage



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You are invited to come to our meeting and learn about ways and means to reduce our waste and preserve the environment and hear plans for cleaning up our streams and beaches.

You will hear from Hoiyin Lp, one of Orange County's newest activists, as she describes the actions to take to make our homeland cleaner and better to live in.

We also will cover upcoming hikes, current status of San Onofre Nuclear Plant fuel storage issue, the latest on the Toll Road, and other topics of interest.

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

WHEN: 7:00 PM, Tuesday, September 26, 2017

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

Protect the Park

FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND ECONOMY

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We fought for 15 years to stop a toll road from destroying San Onofre State Beach – the state park at our doorstep that is enjoyed by 2.5 million visitors annually.

We achieved victory and saved the park with the signing of the historic settlement agreement.

The park is an economic engine that generates more than \$8 million annually for the San Clemente economy and other south Orange County communities.

Recent lawsuits by the San Clemente City Council and The Reserve Maintenance Corporation seek to invalidate this settlement agreement and, by doing so, attack the state park with an attempt to force a toll road through it.

The settlement agreement protects the state park. It does not require that a toll road be built, or if one is approved, where it should go.

An attack on the settlement agreement is a brazen, ill-considered attack on our community's economic driver and a world-renowned natural resource.

Our community needs to confront mobility head-on. But, doing so by attempting to sacrifice the park and Trestles is NOT the right solution.

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EDITORIAL, by Mike Sappingfield, Sierra Sage Newspaper Editor

As you all know, the Save San Onofre Coalition, which includes the Sierra Club, reached a legal settlement with the Transportation Corridor Agency (TCA) last fall, which agrees that no Toll Road will be built in the San Mateo Creek Watershed, which includes Trestles Beach, San Onofre State Park, San Mateo State Campground, and the Richard and Donna O’Neill Land Conservancy.

During the past few months, the TCA has been conducting public forums soliciting public input regarding their options to connect the 241 Toll road with I-5. At least 18 proposals were submitted to the TCA by various sources, including the public. These are all under study by the TCA. A number of these proposals would involve routes through the City of San Clemente. As a result, the City of San Clemente and many of its residents are very concerned. Many believe that their own homes may be taken to build the extension to the toll road. We believe that since the routing of any extension of the 241 Toll Road is in the study/planning stage, residents of San Clemente and nearby affect areas have every right to express their opinions for or against any proposal. In fact, they have a citizen’s obligation to do so. We encourage all residents in San Clemente and nearby areas to attend the public forums and ensure that their interests and desires are considered. We also commend the TCA for their several well advertised public forums and their efforts to listen to the concerns of the people.

The Sierra Club will continue to support and preserve the San Mateo Creek Watershed remaining as pristine open space, maintain Trestles Beach as the World Class Surfing location, maintain and improve San Onofre State Park, San Mateo State Campground, and the Richard and Donna O’Neill Land Conservancy as natural areas in our back yard that we can all enjoy. We will not support any proposal that damages any of those areas.

Finally, Congressman Darrell Issa has jumped onto the publicity bandwagon. San Clemente, Dana Point, San Juan Capistrano, Ladera Ranch and the Rancho Mission Viejo are all within his district. He recently was quoted as promising to pass legislation in Washington to require the 241 toll road be built through the San Mateo watershed, through the Richard and Donna O’Neill Nature Conservancy, through Camp Pendleton, and through the San Onofre State Park, This would override the decisions made by the California Coastal Commission, the San Diego Water Quality Board, positions taken by the Department of the Defense regarding the use of land in the Marine Base, and of course, override the settlement reached between the environmental groups and the TCA. Why would Congressman Issa make this statement? Could it have anything to do with his tight re-election battle coming up? Does he think that the citizens of San Clemente will now vote for him? Time will tell. Personally, I would prefer that all of our Representatives in Congress devote their efforts to resolving the serious problems the country now faces and allow the local folks resolve our local issues.



Outings



Wednesday, September 06, 2017 8:30 AM
0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage Outing
O: Dana Point Harbor to Strands Beach

Moderately-paced 6.7 mi partial loop walk with 600' gain. Walk begins up stairs to the Bluff Trail where we have views of beautiful Dana Point Harbor. Proceed onto dirt path around the headlands and down stairs to the strands beach where seabirds abound. Meet 8:30 am at the parking lot at the SW corner of Golden Lantern and Dana Point Drive. Bring 1 qt water, snacks, and good walking shoes. Water refills and bathrooms available. Possible lunch in harbor following walk.

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Sunday, September 10, 2017 8:00 AM
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: Dana Point to San Clemente Beach walk

Join us for a cool walk on the beach, where you will enjoy scenery, fresh air, and sea breeze, from Dana Point to Trestle beach in San Clemente, for a total of 8 miles, no gain. We will stop over at the San Clemente pier for lunch for about an hour. We will return by bus. The path will lead us on various uneven terrain, from beach to paved path, and everything in-between (some difficult hiking surfaces). Meet 8:00 AM at Doheny State Park Road and Dana Harbor Drive, 1 block west of PCH in Dana Point. Park 1 block uphill from meeting location. Bring water, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, sturdy walking shoes (may get wet; no flip-flop or sandals), lunch or \$\$ to buy lunch at pier, \$ for bus.

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Wednesday, September 13, 2017 9:00 AM
0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage Group Outing
O: Buck Gully

5 mi, 100' gain hike up and back exploring this cool coastal canyon hidden in Corona del Mar. Meet 9:00 am at the parking lot at the corner of Marguerite Ave and 5th Av. Turn E from PCH onto Marguerite: the parking lot is next to Oasis Senior Center at 801 Narcissis in Corona del Mar. Bring snack, water, sturdy walking shoes. Ldr: Sylvia Stevenson, Asst: Gail Roy

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Saturday, September 16, 2017 11:00 AM
0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: Leader Training Day and Hike, Irvine

Leadership Training candidates come and join experienced leaders on this easy pace 4-5 mile, 500' gain hike in the hills of Irvine. Prior to the hike, we will have an introduction about Angeles Chapter Leadership Training. When the hike begins, we'll discuss trailhead talk, group management is-

sues, Leave No Trace, safety, ten essentials, etc. There will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions. After the hike, more Q and A. how to pick your provisional hike, assistant leader, participants. If you have already attended Leadership Training and just don't know how to complete the requirements, come join us, we can help. You can also sign up for the October 7, Leadership Training seminar at this event. Deadline for Leadership Training Seminar registration is September 23. Meet 11am at Turtle Rock Community Park picnic tables, Not at the Tennis Courts. Directions: 405 Fwy, exit S at University/Jeffrey, L on Ridgeline, L on Turtle Rock, pass Sunnyhill, L into parking lot of Turtle Rock Community Park. Bring snacks or lunch, hiking boots, water, hat for the hike.

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Wednesday, September 20, 2017 8:30 AM
0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage Outing
O: Serrano Creek Trail

4.7 mi ow, 590' gain for short hike; 11 mi rt, 690' gain for long hike. Starting at Heritage Park in Lake Forest, we meander on the trail in Serrano Creek Park, cross Trabuco Rd and continue along a shady suburban trail, climbing gently toward Foothill Ranch. The short hike ends before we cross Rancho Pkwy, and 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 (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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Saturday, September 23, 2017 8:00 AM
0417 Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing
O: Laguna Greenbelt Hike

Laguna Greenbelt Hike; Laurel Canyon, Lizard, Bommer, & Willow Trails 5.5 miles, 500' of gain. Enjoy the shady walk up the trails and the easy walk on the ridge and down to the parking area. Meet 8:00 AM at the Willow Staging parking area on Laguna Canyon Road, just s.of El Toro Junction. Bring 2 qts of water, hat, snacks and \$\$ for pkg
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Wednesday, September 27, 2017 8:30 AM

0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage Outing

O: Arroyo Trabuco

This is an easy 5 mile hike downstream and back with up to six stream crossings, so bring your poles if you have them. Approx. 100' of loss/gain on the hike. Enjoy the fabulous tropical rain forest look to this unique area of Orange County which includes one of the largest sycamore groves in California. Meet 8:30 am at the O'Neill Park trailhead on Arroyo Vista in Rancho Santa Margarita. From I-5, exit onto Alicia Pkwy going east. Follow Alicia Pkwy until it ends. Turn R on Santa Margarita Pkwy to Empresa, R on Empresa to Banderas, R on Banderas to Arroyo Vista, R until the houses end on the R. Trailhead 100 yds further on R. Park on street. Bring munchies, water, hat, and change of socks in case your feet get wet.

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Wednesday, October 04, 2017 9:00 AM

0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage Outing

Crystal Cove Beach Walk

7 mi, 200' gain. An easy walk along the beach & bluff top in this beautiful State Park. Newport Beach. Optional stop at Ruby's Date Shack for lunch. Meet 9:00 am at the SW corner of PCH & Cameo Shores, in Corona del Mar. Park along frontage road just inside entrance to Cameo Shores, or park on Cameo Highlands. Bring water, snack, walking shoes. *Peter R Height 949-713-4569 prheight1@cox.net*
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Saturday, October 7, 2017 7:30 am

0417 Sierra Sage of South OC

O: Lucas Canyon Trail Maintenance

Sierra Club (Orange County Group, Sierra Sage Group, & San Geronio Chapter) volunteers, male and female, maintain trails in the San Mateo Canyon Wilderness. In October, we will work on the Lucas Canyon trail as well as the access trail into lower Lucas Canyon. Considerable brushing is needed on both trails. The Lucas Canyon trail has some fallen trees and significant tread repair is needed at one location. No experience is needed, just a willingness to work, and tools are provided. Bring work gloves, sturdy boots, water, lunch. The hike could be up to 5 miles round trip with a 600' elevation gain at the end of the day.

We will meet at the south OC ride share at 7:30 am to car pool to the trail head. Those coming from Riverside should contact the leader for meeting time and location. Rain, excessive heat, or critical fire danger will cancel.

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Wednesday, October 11, 2017 9:00 AM

0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage Outing

O: Dripping Cave

A woody 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 street. Canyon View Park is on the L.
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Wednesday, October 18, 2017 9:00 AM

0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage Outing

O: Salt Creek...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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Sunday, October 22, 2017 8:00 AM

0417-Sierra Sage of SOC Group Outing

O: Whiting Ranch

Join us as we hike part of Whiting Ranch for a total of 7 miles round trip, 500' gain/loss. We will start at the parking lot adjacent to Wahoo Fish Taco (27412, Portola Parkway, Foothill Ranch, CA 92610) and return same way. Bring 3 quarts water, lugsole boots, hat, sunscreen. Hiking poles are recommended. From the 5 freeway, exit Lake Forest Drive and head northeast to Portola Parkway and then turn right. The parking lot will be on your right. Meet the leaders in the parking lot. Bring money (optional) for refreshments after the hike. *Todd Clark 714-803-0195 clarkta@hotmail.com*

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Wednesday, October 25, 2017 9:00 AM

0407-Orange County/Sierra Sage Outing

O: Peter's Canyon Loop

Easy-paced 6 mi rt, 700' gain/loss loop hike around the reservoir and over rolling hills. On the return we'll enjoy the shady canyon beneath willow, black cottonwood, and sycamore. Meet 9:00 am at the Park, corner of Jamboree and Canyon View (from 5 Fwy, N on Jamboree, or from 55 Fwy, E on Chapman, S on Jamboree. Then take Canyon View into parking area.) Bring water, snacks, light hiking boots, \$3 for parking or have permit. Rain, park closure (www.ocparks.com), cancels. Ldr: Sharon Kirk. Asst: Linda Ledger

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SWITZERLAND 2018

SEPTEMBER 4-18, 2018

Come along for a delightful exploration of Switzerland by following the Swiss Trail from north to south, one of the last great outdoor adventures in this highly-developed country. We sample the best bits of this trail, and add short jaunts into neighbouring France, Germany, and Italy. Our travels take us across rural and urban, flat and mountainous, Catholic and Protestant, French, German, Romantsch, and Italian speaking Switzerland, as our leaders -- both citizens of Switzerland -- share with us how these diverse cultures have come to form a vibrant nation of 8 million that ranks among the happiest, most competitive and wealthiest in the world.

We follow the trail by hiking about 10 miles most days, or rely on Swiss public transport, known for its punctuality, for part or all of the way*. Our suitcases will be transported from hotel to hotel, and we'll just carry our daypacks.

Trip includes economy air transportation from Los Angeles to Zurich, round trip; 13 nights lodging (2 persons sharing twin bedded room with private bath - single supplement available upon request); breakfast and one main meal daily; local guides, all admissions to scheduled places; all transportation in Switzerland*; and transportation by van of one suitcase. * Trip does not include nominal transportation costs arising from not participating in the hiking program, meals not mentioned above, beverages with main meals, cancellation insurance, and all expenses of a personal nature.

The estimated trip cost is \$5,500 for Sierra Club Members (\$5,600 for non-members). The "land only" credit is \$1,000. A \$100 initial, completely refundable deposit will hold your place on the trip until the final price and terms and conditions will be published in October 2017. Please send your check made out to Sierra Sage to Ed Maurer, 24001 Salero Lane, Mission Viejo, CA 92691, or request a detailed itinerary from balois@cox.net.



ANGELES CHAPTER AND SIERRA SAGE GROUP PRESENT YELLOWSTONE & GRAND TETONS NATL PARKS

SEPTEMBER 8-15 2018

LEADERS: MIKE & PATTY SAPPINGFIELD

Join us for this 8 day, 7 night Bus excursion to the **Grand Tetons and Yellowstone National Parks** in Northwestern Wyoming. We will fly into Bozeman, MT where we will be picked up and transported as needed to and through both National Parks and back to Bozeman where we will fly home.

Highlights of the trip include visiting **Old Faithful Geyser** and the many geysers and springs in the **Upper, Middle, and Lower Geyser Basins, Grand Prismatic Spring, Fountain Paint Pot** and many other hydrothermal features. Wildlife abounds with the possibility of seeing **Bison, Pronghorns, Elk, Deer, Moose, Black Bear, Grizzly Bears, Wolves, Coyotes, Osprey, and Eagles**, as well as lots of **squirrels and chipmunks and other creatures**. We plan to visit natural features such as the **Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone and its falls, Undine Falls, Tower Falls, Lewis Falls, Jenny Lake, the Grand Tetons and the upper Snake River**.



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

Trip cost is **\$1450** for Sierra Club Members (\$1550 for non-members). A few single rooms are available for an additional cost. **A \$500 deposit will hold your place on the trip with the remainder due by June 1, 2018.**

This trip will open for registration on Oct 1, 2017.

For information and to apply, contact Mike Sappingfield at mikesapp@cox.net (949-768-3610) or write to him at P.O. Box 524, Lake Forest, CA 92609



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- Interested in electing environmentally supportive politicians into local offices? Contact Sharon Koch at slkoch@ix.netcom.com
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