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The Hearst Ranch Conservation-- Friends of the RanchLand's View

by Doug Buckmaster
President, Friends of the RanchLand

In keeping with its long-held position of seeking 100% preservation of Hearst Ranch, Friends of the RanchLand (FRL) initiated work in February on what we call a "Blueprint for the Conservation of Hearst Ranch." Because of an absence of detail in the Hearst/American Land Conservancy's (ALC) widely circulated, single-page "Framework," FRL felt that public agencies and the public needed more background and detail than was being provided.

In April, we learned that two or more state agencies had been told by Hearst that there was no opposition to the "Framework." What they failed to reveal was that the County's major environmental groups like ECOSLO, Sierra Club, and the SLO Coast Alliance (SCA) had declined to endorse the "Framework" because of lack of detail. While the Hearst Corporation's PR folks were busy making vague promises and soliciting support from chambers of commerce, county supervisors, and city councils in SLO County, the conservation groups that had been most involved in preserving the Hearst Ranch were openly skeptical of Hearst's refusal to detail their future development plans for the Ranch. Many people turned out to the Board of Supervisors meeting in January (when the Hearst "Framework" was hastily placed on the agenda at the last minute) to express their concerns about the BOS endorsing

a deal involving perhaps \$100 million of the public's money with no specific details.

After we completed our draft "Blueprint," we sent it off to Environmental Defense Center (EDC) in Santa Barbara for review. EDC has represented FRL for over eight years, and in 1997-98 was instrumental in helping us defeat both the East-West Ranch and Hearst Ranch Resort proposals before the Coastal Commission. We have since purchased East-West Ranch (with help from ALC) despite initially being told that "the ranch is not for sale." Sound familiar? EDC edited and made additions to the "Blueprint," expanding it to the 72-page final product which you can view in its entirety on the SCA website (slocoastalliance.org).

Copies of the "Blueprint" were sent to the Coastal Conservancy (the agency negotiating on the State's behalf) on May 12. Copies have also been sent to other agencies, decision makers, and media throughout the state. All reports from Sacramento indicate

that the Blueprint was extremely well-received (except by Hearst representatives). The Coastal Conservancy in particular was "most appreciative of the effort that went into preparing the Blueprint" and thought "... the document to be well thought out and valuable to the process." The Coastal Conservancy praised "the ideas expressed in the document relative to the conservation easement" and found the Blueprint to be "a well-considered, well-researched, and credible document which fleshed out a number of issues on which we needed additional background. And the more information, the better, as we are struggling to get adequate information from the Hearst Corporation. In no way do we see the 'Blueprint' as a threat to successful negotiations, quite the contrary. The Conservancy, too, has concerns regarding the lack of public discussion of the nature of the proposal."

Mary Nichols, Secretary of the State Resources Agency, had also specifically requested "detailed

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Santa Lucia Chapter General Meeting

BLUEPRINT FOR THE CONSERVATION OF HEARST RANCH

Come get the details on Hearst Ranch Conservation that the Hearst Corporation left out of its Framework! Attend the June general meeting, Tuesday night, June 24, 7:00 p.m., at Meadow Park Rec Center, to learn about the "Blueprint for the Conservation of Hearst Ranch," which was created by Friends of the RanchLand and Environmental Defense Center, Santa Barbara.

Our speakers will include Doug Buckmaster, FRL's President, Pat Veesart, former Santa Lucia Chapter Chair and newly

Tuesday, June 24, 7:00 p.m.

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Save the date!!



Notes from the Program Chair

by Ross L. Pepper, Program Chair

The Santa Lucia Chapter general meeting was held last month on Tuesday, May 27, at the Meadow Park Recreation Center. Despite the late afternoon heat, the turnout for the meeting was exceptional, with 65 people in attendance.

Amie Williams, a young documentary filmmaker educated at UCLA Film School, showed her latest work, a documentary produced under contract for PBS. The title to her film is "Fallon, NV: Deadly Oasis." The film was centered on the fact that an exceptionally high number of children in Fallon have been diagnosed with leukemia. The film followed the mother of one of the children, Brenda Gross, whose five-year-old son Dustin was the first child in Fallon to be diagnosed with leukemia. Brenda has become the public spokesperson for the community, challenging state and federal officials to investigate the various possible causes of this cancer cluster.

One of several possible environmental causes of the cancer is related to the fact that Fallon is home of the Fallon Naval Air Station, famous for its Top Gun training school. It is standard practice for pilots to dump JP8 jet fuel (which is composed of benzene, a known carcinogen) into the air when returning to the base, in order to reduce weight prior to landing. In addition to this air-dispersed jet fuel, it is also a fact that a 30-year-old pipeline, which is used to supply the Naval Air Station with JP8 fuel, runs directly through town, past schoolyards and homes. While the analysis of the water samples taken from the town's drinking water supply show no evidence of benzene, it does contain one of the highest levels of arsenic in the U.S., 100 parts per billion, considered extremely hazardous by the EPA. This is a second possible environmental cause that is being investigated. An ironic fact is that the water supplied to the Naval Air Station does come from the town's wells.

The audience was very attentive during the video presentation, especially given the heat and the rather poor viewing conditions (a 27-inch TV monitor watched by 65 people). Following the film, there were many questions posed by the audience. The Q and A period lasted for 35-40 minutes.

It is my own opinion that the film was very powerful in that it showed the tragic consequences of some (as yet unknown) environmental agent wreaking havoc on this small community. However, I felt that the film would be a better documentary if it were edited down substantially. It was far longer than necessary, redundant in many places, belaboring points that were made time and time again. At other times, I felt that important points were not clarified enough or were not dealt with at all. On balance, I was glad to have had the opportunity to view the film.

The program for the June meeting will focus on the importance of environmental protection of farm land, using the Hearst Ranch as a focal point. As usual, there will be refreshments and an opportunity ask questions and learn more. Bring your friends.

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A First: Our Santa Lucia Chapter Coordinator



I'm Terri Knowlton, a California native born in Sacramento. I enjoy hiking, kayaking, bicycling, reading, cooking and gardening. As a Master Gardener, I'm particularly interested in organic gardening and California native plants. Viewing and identifying wildflowers have taken me to Yosemite, Shasta, the Tahoe area of the Sierra Nevada and, of course, on numerous trails in San Luis Obispo County. Locally, Montana de Oro State Park is my favorite place to hike, and I've explored nearly every trail there.

I am a member of a cohousing community, Oak Creek Commons, in Paso Robles which is currently under construction and will be completed in early 2004.

For six years of my childhood, my family lived in Japan when my father worked there for the civilian Corps of Engineers. Although we lived on government bases and attended U.S. military schools, I learned much about Japanese culture and customs. My life today reflects those influences in my appreciation of Japanese art, gardens and a simple, uncluttered lifestyle.

My family returned to Sacramento, where I completed school, earned a two-year degree in accounting, and worked for a construction company for eight years. During the next few years, I lived in several cities, including San Luis Obispo and Simi Valley (where I earned a B.S. degree in Business Administration from CSU Northridge in 1991). I returned to Sacramento for three years until my former boss in San Luis asked me to come back. It was an offer I couldn't turn down because I like the Central Coast so much. Today I live in San Luis Obispo with my cat.

I have worked as a volunteer for many organizations over the years, including the SLO Art Center, SLO Scientists, Enhancement, Oak Creek Commons and the Master Gardeners. The opportunity to work for the Sierra Club is a fortuitous culmination of my determination to make a difference in the world. As your Chapter Coordinator, I look forward to providing support for the dedicated Sierra Club volunteers, from the Executive Committee to those who want to work a few hours a month.

Please contact me at (805) 543-8717 if you have interest in helping out in the office. We will have regular hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. The first order of business is to organize the office and set up our volunteer database.

Local Eyes on Diablo Safety Sought by Mothers for Peace

by Pete Wagner, Chair, Conservation Committee

On May 23 the Mothers for Peace petitioned the California Public Utilities Commission for the fourth time in 12 years to open up the Diablo Canyon Independent Safety Committee as a public information resource on the nuclear power plant. The DCISC was created by the State in 1988 to oversee the plant " ... for the purpose of assessing the safety of operations and suggesting any recommendations for safe operations" as described on its website, DCISC.org. It is the only such oversight body at the 103 nuclear power plants in the US. Its three members are appointed by the Governor, the Attorney General, and the California Energy Commission Chairperson after a screening and review process that includes PG&E. Committee members take their assignment very seriously and consistently track down safety incidents at the plant.

DCISC's only public communications consist of publishing its annual report on the web (and providing hard copy at the Cal Poly library), holding three open meetings yearly at which technical items concerned with day-to-day operations are discussed in detail and public comments and questions invited, as well as individual meetings with any member of the public by request.

There is no vehicle other than the DCISC for the public to obtain information about the plant except through PG&E, which is not an objective source, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which has not proved especially effective and may have biases of its own. But the DCISC carries out no active communication with the public; indeed outreach is not included in its mandate. Activities such as tutorials on nuclear generation for the lay public, advice to the community on such matters as plant safety and terrorism, presentations at public meetings, and newspaper articles simply don't exist; yet we regularly hear from community members that they are anxious, especially since September 11, about what would happen to the plant and the region after an accident or act of malice.

The Mothers have met only resistance from the DCISC in their effort to add an active public informational role to its duties. The latest attempt, the CPUC petition, has the full support of our chapter and is in accord with a resolution passed last year by the California/Nevada RCC. It comes just after a PG&E threat to disband the DCISC appears to have been thwarted in part by, ironically, intense lobbying in Sacramento by the Mothers.

The petition (see www.mothersforpeace.org) calls for relocation of the DCISC office from Monterey to San Luis Obispo, revision of the nomination and application process for membership and removal of PG&E from involvement in it, expansion of the committee to include one or more members who are technically competent and at the same time responsible for taking community interests into account, and adding public outreach to its duties, including such actions as filming for public television broadcast. The Chapter filed a declaration in support of the petition. The elements of our declaration are listed below.

We are baffled by the DCISC's unwillingness to support the petition.

Conservation Committee Report

by Pete Wagner, Chair, Conservation Committee

June has turned out to be a busy time for your Conservation Committee. We have been granted formal recognition as a "party" at the upcoming Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting on July 10 to decide on PG&E's Diablo proposal to exchange an easement and cash for continuing to allow the documented larval mortality and ecosystem disruption caused by once-through cooling. Party status gives us the right to speak for up to 50 minutes, call witnesses, and cross examine. Our written comments, which are extensive but not different from those in the May Santa Lucian, faced a June 9 deadline for submission. We need a good turnout for the July 10 hearing. It will be held at the Water Board office just off Broad Street near the airport, starting at 1 p.m. Call or e-mail me for further directions. PLEASE ATTEND!

Late in May we provided a formal declaration to the California Public Utilities Commission in support of a petition submitted by the Mothers for Peace which seeks to expand the mandate and membership of the Diablo Canyon Independent Safety Committee. It is described elsewhere in this issue. We also spoke at the June 3-4 DCISC meeting.

The issue of Duke's proposal to expand Morro Bay Power Plant, now before the California Energy Commission, continues to percolate. The so-called PMPD (Presiding Members Preliminary Decision) was released to the full CEC and the public on April 30. (See the May Santa Lucian). It recommended once through cooling as opposed to dry cooling, in direct opposition to the Santa Lucia Chapter's position. A written analysis challenging the PMPD, which is the outgrowth of a long and detailed study, had to meet a June 13 deadline. We continue to work with the Coastal Alliance on Plant Expansion (CAPE) on trying to persuade the CEC to reverse the PMPD and concur with its own staff, the Coastal Commission, and the National Marine Fisheries Service in favor of dry cooling. As reported last month, a public hearing on the PMPD will be held at the Morro Bay Veterans Hall, 1 p.m., on June 30. Again, please attend if you can.

A State Parks and Recreation proposal to drastically reshape Morro Bay State Park was yet another fast-breaking issue that had to be dealt with on a short deadline. The proposal has some attractive features, including the replacement of introduced tree species by indigenous vegetation; however we have opposed it in its present form on grounds it would completely disrupt the park's serene atmosphere and destroy its unique character. State Parks denies this but has not produced any tangible evidence in support of its claim. At the time of writing, June 3, the proposal is on the agenda for the California Coastal Commission meeting in Long Beach on June 12, with a staff recommendation to approve. We submitted our written position today. Our hope is that a decision will be deferred until an evaluation which includes an escorted public walk-through can be arranged. To date, State Parks has not responded to informal suggestions for such a guided tour.

As a member of the recently created Marine Interest Group's Working Committee, Leslie Krinsk continues to track its progress toward finding means to protect marine resources in our coastal region. The Committee's activities will be reported in a future issue of the Santa Lucian.

Mothers for Peace

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It has consistently opposed previous attempts and, as recently as its meeting in early June, failed to comment at all on our plea to endorse the petition. We value its work but believe it is not enough. The community needs an unbiased window into Diablo, and none exists. We will continue to press the issue with or without DCISC support. Please send me your comments. I will be sure they reach the appropriate parties.

Elements of Santa Lucia Declaration to the CPUC:

1. A DCISC office for public inquiries should be established in the San Luis Obispo region. The present office is too small and too distant to be effective.

2. The DCISC mandate should be modified to explicitly include public outreach.

3. PG&E or the DCISC budget should pay for live television broadcast of its meetings.

4. Membership on the DCISC should be broadened to include one or more technically competent public members whose primary responsibility is to take community interests into account. The budget should be adjusted accordingly.

5. Members should be selected by a process that completely excludes PG&E and encourages applications and nominations from the public at large. While the present members are highly competent, even distinguished, the participation of PG&E in the membership process violates a desired arms-length relationship between the utility and the oversight body.

6. The DCISC should aggressively pursue full coordination of its work with that of NRC review teams. Merely being given a report is not enough.

7. The DCISC should under-

take or sponsor a security analysis with particular attention to security measures against terrorist actions. If analyses are being carried out by others, the DCISC should keep the public informed of their status.

Lopez Lake Outing--May 11, 2003

by Eliane Guillot

This hike begins at French Camp, the northeastern part of the Recreation Area along the Wittenberg arm of the lake. It follows the Tuoski, Two Rivers and Duna Vista trails. The Twin Rivers trail climbs to the crest line between the broad Wittenberg arm and the narrower and winding Lopez arm.

The group consisted of two newcomers (from San Benito County) plus a group of 8 Nipomo residents, more familiar with water sports than hikes. The group with 5 adolescents came to a Sierra Club hike for the first time as a Mother's Day present.

With warm weather by midday, transitions from open grasslands to shaded oak patches were welcome. A few times we came to a standstill to observe deer nearby or on marshes at the edge of the lake. Flowers were abundant after the recent rain, including California poppies, small yellow violets in the open and monkey flowers in semi shade. There was so much poison oak that staying on the trail was paramount. At the top, small clusters of Indian paint brushes colored the landscape. From the observation point, one got a bird's eye view of the entire area, plus clear sight of the Oceano and Nipomo dunes in the distance. Wood benches in the upper parts were convenient rest stops for younger hikers.

Hearst Ranch Blueprint

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input from the local and statewide environmental community on the Hearst Corporation's 'framework' as well as thoughts on what a reasonable conservation deal should contain." She said that, "the Blueprint is an excellent working document for the State to refer to in its negotiations with the Hearst Corporation and ALC."

The "Blueprint" from Friends of the RanchLand and EDC states very clearly our concerns and recommended language for the conservation easement. It deals from strength and we hope funding agencies will be firm in demanding enforceable protection for Hearst Ranch. Ideally outright purchase would best guarantee permanent protection, and we sincerely believe (and our past experience with East-West Ranch confirms) that virtually everything is for sale if conditions are right. The cost of fee-title purchase of the Ranch may not be out of scale with the cost of the easement alone and may prove a considerable savings long term, given what can be anticipated in expenses associated with easement enforcement. Public ownership of the entire Hearst Ranch is the most cost effective and durable choice, over the long term, for protecting irreplaceable biological, cultural, scenic, and public access values.

If a total fee-title purchase proves to be infeasible, FRL would consider supporting a purchase that would allow small parcels, created to accommodate existing dwellings and commercial units, and the proposed 27 new home sites (if clustered), to be retained by the Hearst Corporation with the balance of the Ranch being transferred to the public in fee-title. If neither of these options proves feasible, then considerable and extensive conditions must be applied to any easement considered in order to ensure the protection of resources and lasting public benefit. Here is an overview of

recommendations for this easement:

1. Public Participation: Full details of the proposal should be made available to the public for a reasonable comment period before any proposal is finalized and a transaction occurs. (Legislation introduced in May by Sen. Byron Sher and Assemblywoman Fran Pavley would make this a legal requirement. We support it.)
2. Outright Purchase: Friends of the RanchLand endorses an outright purchase of the entire Ranch and a transfer of the fee-title to public ownership. If an easement is purchased instead, comprehensive language protecting resources must be included, and the easement must be guaranteed to be both durable and enforceable. Because of their Williamson Act tax relief, taking the Ranch off the tax rolls would have insignificant impact on the County's tax income.
3. Development: Any easement should ensure that development does not interfere with the conservation values of the Ranch. There should be no additional development at Old San Simeon.
4. Rangeland: Grazing should be conducted using the best stewardship and management practices, and in a manner that does not degrade the range. There should be a Range Management Plan for conservation of the Ranch.
5. Biological Resources: Permitted activities should preserve and protect the diversity of habitat types and require the restoration of such habitats that have been degraded. There should be a Habitat Management Plan.
6. Scenic Values: All permitted activities should preserve and enhance critical viewsheds. Development should be strictly limited and light pollution prohibited or effectively mitigated.
7. Public Access: Access to the coast by should be maximized, including designation of a Coastal Trail segment. Access on the east

side of Highway 1 should be formalized where historic use is in evidence.

8. Cultural Sites: All permitted activities must preserve, restore, and respect sites and landforms deemed culturally significant by Native American groups. A Cultural Preservation Plan should be developed for permitted activities.

9. Historic Sites: The easement should maintain and preserve sites, routes, and other areas of historical significance on the Hearst Ranch and ensure that they are accessible to the public.

10. Traffic & Circulation: Highway 1 should remain a scenic two-lane road, recognized for its contribution to California's coastal renown and designated as a Federal Scenic Byway. Consistent with this recognition, passing lanes should not be installed unless absolutely required for safety reasons and their length restricted.

11. Enforceability and Durability: The easement contract must contain such language as to ensure management and oversight of the property and verifiable compliance with easement requirements and conditions. The easement contract must be secure from revisions privately negotiated between the Hearst Corporation and the easement holder. The easement should be held by a public entity of sufficient size, independence, and public accountability as to be immune to undue pressure from the Hearst Corporation and provision must be made for third party enforcement. An endowment of an amount sufficient to fund the creation and implementation of a comprehensive management and monitoring plan must be made a

part of the purchase agreement.

We are all on the same page: seeking to preserve the invaluable resources on the Hearst Ranch and to be certain that the public actually gets value for the public funds which will be expended. Friends of the RanchLand encourages you to read the "Blueprint" before believing what is being said about it or forming opinions. Once you do, we are confident that you will endorse it. Note: The Friends of the RanchLand Blueprint can be seen on two websites:

www.slocoastalliance.org and www.edcnet.org/ProgramsPages/hearst.htm

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Paddler's Ponderings

by Jack Beigle

Our next paddling outing is scheduled just after the deadline for this newsletter. Instead of an outing report this month I would like to share a thought that was used by the Perception Kayak Company in a recent ad. I think it expresses how many of us feel about paddling our canoes and kayaks.

"Everyone spends nine months of life in water. The lucky ones make frequent return visits."

Check the outing schedule and join us on the water.



Who Threatens the Snowy Plover?

The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary will host a presentation on the snowy plover on Wednesday, June 25, 7:00 p.m. at the Cambria Veterans Memorial Building, 1000 Main Street, Cambria.

The snowy plover is a small shorebird that nests on sandy ocean beaches or soda lake edges. Threats to the snowy plover include recreational use of beaches.

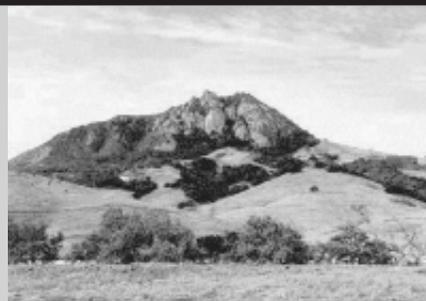
The presentation will be given by Freeman Hall, a retired aerospace and NOAA meteorologist. An avid birder since his days as a Boy Scout of America, Hall frequently leads bird walks as a California State Park Volunteer.

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Sun., July 13, BLACK LAKE CANYON: Meet at the corner of Guadalupe Rd. and Leguna Nigra Ln. See Land Conservancy property, trash, erosion, oak woodland, wetlands. 3 mile easy hike. Call for meeting time and place. 929-3647 or <bdenneen@slonet.org>

Wed., July 16, 5:30 p.m., Mystery Hike. Check the Web Site for location.

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Thurs.-Sun., July 17-20, Portola Redwoods State Park Join Jack Sneddon for three nights camping at this beautiful park in the Santa Cruz

Mountains, similar to Big Basin, but not as crowded. Located in a rugged, natural basin with coast redwoods, Douglas fir and live oak, there are eighteen miles of trails for your hiking enjoyment. We have both group sites this year, for plenty of tent space and ALL the parking. Three nights camping, ALL MEALS and happy hours. To reserve, send a long SASE and your check for \$65 to Jack Sneddon, 1596 Claycord Ave, Concord CA, 94521. For info, 925/676-3939, or jacks2@prodigy.net FULL REFUND WITH TWO WEEK NOTICE OF CANCELLATION.

Wed., July 24, 5:30 p.m.,- Mystery Hike Revealed; Bob Jones Trail. Meet at 5:30 p.m. at the entrance to the Avila Bay Pier. Easy hike along the Bob Jones trail. Optional dinner

afterwards at Port San Luis Fat Cats. Details call Eliane at 473-0288

Sun., July 27, 9:30 p.m., BICYCLE GUADALUPE to OCEAN. Meet at Dune Centre Parking lot with bike and helmet. An easy, educational tour of Guadalupe and then to ocean. Confirm with Bill at 929-3647 or <bdenneen@slonet.org>

Sat., Aug. 2, 12:15 p.m., CANOE/KAYAK TO A MOZART CONCERT. This leisurely paddle leads to the Baywood Pier but this time we anchor off the pier to eat lunch while we listen to a Brass Ensemble play Mozart. Bring your boat and equipment, PFDs, windbreaker, binoculars, sunscreen and a lunch that you can eat in your boat. Call Jack Beigle for reservation and more details at 773-2147

Mon.-Thurs., Aug. 4-7, Samuel P. Taylor State Park. Join Jack Sneddon for three nights camping at this nearby campground, with hiking available in Pt. Reyes, or within the park. On previous visits to this park, we have always had a sell-out crowd, so for this year, I have reserved BOTH group sites year, to allow for more tent space and parking. To reserve your spot, send a long SASE and your check for \$65 to Jack Sneddon, 1596 Claycord Ave, Concord CA 94521. For info. 925/676-3939, or jacks2@prodigy.net. FULL REFUND WITH TWO WEEK NOTICE OF CANCELLATION.



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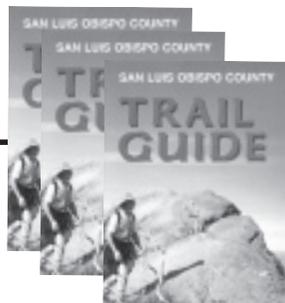
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Outings and Activities Calendar

All of our hikes and activities are open to all club members and the general public. If you have any suggestions for hikes or outdoor activities, questions about the Chapter's outing policies or would like to be an outings leader, call Outings Leader Gary Felsman (473-3694). For information on a specific outing, please contact the outing leader. Outings Leaders please get your outings or events in by the 1st for the next month's outings.

Hiking Classifications:

Distance: 1 = 0-2 mi., 2 = 3-5 mi., 3 = 6-9 mi., 4 = 10-12 mi., 5 = 12 mi. or more.

Elevation Gain: A = 500', B = 1000', C = 1500', D = 2000', E = 2500', F = 3000' or more.

Sat., June 14, 8:30 a.m., Salmon Creek to Estrella Camp.

Come explore the Silver Peak Wilderness, spring flowers, roaring creeks, and good company on this 6 mile and 1,500 ft. elevation gain hike. Bring lunch, water, sturdy hiking shoes and dress for the weather. Poison oak may be present along the trail. Meet at Spencer's Market in Morro Bay. Eats at Main Street Grill in Cambria after. Details call Gary 473-3694.

Sun., June 15, 9:30 a.m.,

DANA ADOBE: A nature tour of Nipomo's own historical site followed by HDThoreau on the veranda. To get there go to Nipomo via #101, go east 50 yards to Oak Glen, south on Oak Glen about a mile to DA. We'll be crossing Nipomo Creek which is a fine riparian habitat with high species diversity. Bring binos for birding. Confirm with Bill at 929-3647 or

<bdenneen@slonet.org>

**Sun., June 15, 9:30 a.m., Hike:
Tanbark Trail to Tin House.** The

Tanbark Trail packs a lot of scenery in a fairly short length. The trail winds up the south side of Partington Canyon, past a rushing creek and through a redwood grove, up through forests to the site of the ruined "Tin House." Ocean views. Return on a dirt road. Car shuttle. 6 miles with 2000 ft. elevation gain. Meet behind Brinton's at 9.30 a.m. to carpool. Leaders: Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton, 372-7427, or marydainton@juno.com.

Sun., June 15, 11:00 a.m., CANOE/KAYAK BAYWOOD FOR LUNCH.

This leisurely paddle leads you to the Baywood Pier where you can enjoy an inexpensive lunch in Baywood or bring a picnic lunch and eat on the pier. Our paddle back to the marina always burns up a few of the calories. Bring your boat and equipment, PFDs, windbreaker, binoculars and lunch money or picnic lunch. Meet at the launch ramp in Morro Bay State Park. Jack Beigle 773-2147

Wed., June 18, 5:30 p.m.,

**Mystery Hike Revealed –
Bishop Peak.** 4-5 mile hike with 1200 ft. elevation gain. Meet at the Patricia Ave Trailhead in SLO. Details call Gary at 473-3694

Thurs.-Sun., June 19-22, Malakoff Diggins State Park.

Cabin space available for 6 people who can't tent camp. Not too high in the Sierra, near Nevada City, this is the site of the largest hydraulic gold mine in California. The huge, carved cliffs are still visible, remnants of our past abuse of the land, where entire mountains were washed away in the search for gold, leaving behind a scarred land and waterways filled with mud. Today, we can camp here and hike the area. Three nights camping, ALL MEALS provided plus happy hours. To reserve, send your check for \$65 and a

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**Sun., June 22, 9:30 a.m.,
BICYCLE GUADALUPE to
OCEAN:** Meet at Dune Centre parking lot with bike and helmet. An easy, educational tour of Guadalupe seeing murals and then to ocean. Confirm 929-3647 or <bdenneen@slonet.org>.

**Wed., June 25, 5:30 p.m.,
Mystery Hike Revealed-Black
Hill.** Moderate due to slope. Meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Bayside Cafe parking lot-near driveway entrance-optional dinner afterwards in Morro Bay. Details call Eliane 473-0288

**Sun., June 29, 9:30 a.m.,
POINT SAL HIKE:** Meet at end of Brown Rd. Bring optional Mt. Bike for fast ride back down hill. The first 2.5 miles is uphill(1,000 ft). We'll stop a lot going uphill to botanize, solve all the planet's problems and give a GOF (me) a rest. Bring lunch, water, fit dogs that do not chase cattle. Confirm with Bill 929-3647 or <bdenneen@slonet.org>.

Wed, July 2, Mystery Hike. Check the Web Site for location. www.santalucia.sierraclub.org.

**Fri., July 4, 9:30 a.m., PISMO
DUNES PRESERVE:** Meet at Melodrama in Oceano. Hike the most beautiful dunes to a Dune Lake via a secret passageway. Listen to HDThoreau. Confirm a few days before at 929-3647 or <bdenneen@slonet.org>

**Fri.-Mon., July 4-7, 8th Annual
Tubing/Camping: Richardson
Grove State Park.** We'll hike among giant redwoods, swim in the Eel river at the edge of our group site or go tubing. The water should be warm. Potluck dinners every night; live music. Bring your musical instruments. If you don't have all the camping gear, we have plenty of stoves



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**Wed, July 9th, 5:30 p.m.,
Mystery Hike.** Check the Web Site for location.

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**Sat., July 12, 5:00 p.m.,
CANOE/KAYAK MORRO BAY
DINNER PICNIC** This is an evening paddle on the bay and a beach dinner picnic with friends. It should be a romantic evening for a gourmet picnic. Bring your boat and equipment, PFDs, windbreaker, warm clothing, flashlight and a picnic dinner. For details call Jack at 773-2147.

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**This is a partial listing of
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