



The Roadrunner

SPRAWL: A CONTINUING ISSUE

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION AGAIN CONSIDERS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

In spite of the housing crunch and economic downturn, developers continue to seek approvals from local governments for new projects. In Bakersfield, a number of projects are rolling forward through the process.

The Canyons project proposes to build 1500 dwelling units and some commercial units on the bluffs overlooking the Kern River and on the rolling grasslands behind the northeast bluffs. It will impact a number of endangered species; the Department of Fish and Game contends that it will lead to the extinction of the Bakersfield cactus.

The EIR contains a list of 134 Bakersfield-area cumulative projects with 89,053 dwelling units, 27 million square feet of commercial, and 11.9 million square feet of industrial projects. The City nevertheless considers the cumulative global warming impact (our estimate is 5.4 million tons of CO₂ per year) to be insignificant.

The **Rio Bravo Ranch** project will build 4688 dwelling units and 500,000 square feet of commercial units along the Kern River at the mouth of the Kern Canyon as far northeast in Bakersfield as it gets. Adverse impacts include project-specific and cumulative global warming impacts and conversion of approximately 600 acres of prime farmland, currently in 43,000 citrus trees, to urban use.

The City is requiring a farmland conversion mitigation option list, including the option to temporarily preserve an equal amount of land elsewhere. This undercuts earlier settlements brokered by the Sierra Club in which we insisted on permanent farmland conservation easements on an equal amount of equally good farmland.

Both of these projects will have a public hearing before the City of Bakersfield Planning Commission on Dec. 18. The Sierra Club has submitted extensive comments and will

testify at those hearings. These projects will likely be approved by the planning commission. In fact, one of the commissioners called global warming a "cyclical hoax." They then will go later to another public hearing before the Bakersfield City Council, a hearing at which an impressive public turnout could be very helpful.

If you want to have your voice heard, please write a letter to: City of Bakersfield Planning Department, 1715 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301. Or you can come to the City Council hearing when it is scheduled.

Contact Gordon Nipp at 661.872.2432 or by e-mail at [HYPERLINK "mailto:gnipp@bak.rr.com"](mailto:gnipp@bak.rr.com) gnipp@bak.rr.com if you would like a copy of Sierra Club comments or if you would like more information.

—Gordon Nipp

KERN KAWEAH CHAPTER AIDES ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY STUDENTS

The Biology Department at Bakersfield College will be offering a new environmental biology course, Biology B7, as well as a lab, Biology B7L. This is made possible, in part, by a generous donation from the Kern-Kaweah Chapter of the Sierra Club to cover the cost of supplies for the laboratory and to offer book loans to those students in need.

Priority registration began on Nov. 12 and general registration on Dec. 3.

For registration information, consult the Admissions and Records website <http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/admissions/enrolling/>. The Admissions and Records phone number is 661.395.4301. The professor is K. Hurd.



BITTER CREEK WILDLIFE REFUGE

Help needed to protect condor habitat in southern Kern County

The Bitter Creek National Wildlife Refuge is located in the southwestern San Joaquin Valley foothills of Kern County. Purchased to protect dwindling California condor foraging and roosting habitat in 1985, the 14,097-acre refuge is the site where the last wild female condor was trapped in 1986.

The refuge was formerly a ranch. With little support funds, the first emphasis was simply clearing off deteriorating water troughs, making fences, establishing a caretaker home, building holding cages for the condors, etc. Now with a resident staff person in place, the time is ripe for developing a specific plan with a goal to restore the grasslands within the Refuge area.

Over 100 people attended a public meeting in Frazier Park on Sept. 30 to consider the proposed plan, but the vast majority were

cattle ranchers who came in support of the one grazing lease holder who can bring cattle to Bitter Creek lands to graze any time during the whole year. Fish and Wildlife Service wants to have this access restricted to specific times determined by what is best for the restoration of its grasslands on the refuge. This is strongly opposed by the lease holder, who obviously has much political influence as the local Congressperson Kevin McCarthy and Kern County Supervisor Ray Watson, were there to support the rancher.

Fish and Wildlife Service is now being snowed with comments supporting the rancher.

What needs to be done: Fish and Wildlife Service needs letters of support for their grassland restoration goal and for their basic tool, restricted cattle grazing on the Refuge.

What you can do: A simple one or two lines or a page of prose of support for the grassland restoration is all that is needed. Even though this Refuge may not be in your immediate area, one needs to take action. More protection of lands in their natural states aids directly and indirectly all humans wherever they may live.

Please take action before the end of this year.

Your letters can be sent by e-mail to dan_walsworth@fws.gov and margaret_kolar@fws.gov or copies should be mailed to Kolar and to Dan Walworth, at: Fish and Wildlife, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2605, Sacramento, CA 95825.

For more information, call Mary Ann Lockhart, 661.242.0432.

—Mary Ann Lockhart

Kern River Preserve benefitting by Clark Memorial



Our beloved Chapter elder, Jim Clark, who passed away in the spring of 2006, will be remembered in a beautiful way at the Kern River Preserve.

A memorial fund has collected approximately \$2500 so far toward a lasting contribution to the preserve. Following discussions with Alison Sheehy, Outreach Program Coordinator for the Kern River Preserve, it was decided that part of the memorial funds would be used to purchase binoculars for use by visiting classes at the Preserve. Sixteen binoculars have been

purchased from Eagle Optics of Wisconsin, which has generously matched our order with 16 more, bringing the total to 32 binoculars!

School children visiting the preserve can now enjoy learning about birds and other wildlife with their own set of binoculars to use.

The remaining funds will be used for possible purchase of a bench and plaque to honor Jim's memory. A new visitor center is in the planning stage for the Kern River Preserve, so any remaining

funds can be put to good use when it is completed.

We will alert members with the date of a ceremony to dedicate the binoculars in the spring. Many thanks to the members who have already donated to the Jim Clark Memorial Fund.

If you wish to donate to the fund, make the check out to Pam Clark, c/o P.O. Box 38, Tehachapi, CA. 93581. Be sure to indicate that your contribution is for the Jim Clark Memorial Fund.

—Georgette Theotig



Outings leaders enjoy tour of Tejon Canyon site

Twenty-five Sierra Club outing leaders from the Kern Kaweah and the Angeles chapters were treated to a personal tour of the Tejon Canyon by the Tejon Ranch Conservancy on Saturday, Nov. 22.

The group gathered at 7:30 on a clear, beautiful, warm morning with the purpose of acquainting themselves with the potentials of the trails of the Tejon Ranch. Of its 270,000 acres 240,000 will be preserved and access to it will require escorts by qualified leaders.

Gordon Nipp described the canyon as "a beautiful grass valley with a perennial stream, huge valley oaks and enormous sycamores."

The 10-mile hike started at the Sebastian School House on the former Indian reservation. The cemetery is still used by Native Americans. Further up the canyon, Eva Nipp noted the lack of young oaks due to uprooting done by

***On Tejon Ranch:** Towering oaks shade a path in Tejon Canyon. A tour hosted in November by the Tejon Ranch Conservancy included 25 Sierra Club outings leaders from both the Kern Kaweah and Angeles chapters.*

—Eva Nipp/ Photo

the large population of feral pigs on the ranch, a problem that will have to be addressed in the future. Discussion with Tejon Conservancy members, including Jim Dodson, enabled club members to consider the possibilities of the many potential hikes close to Bakersfield.

The outing was a unique experience to view the Ranch in its current protected state with an eye to future use.

Appreciation for the opportunity given outing leaders by the Tejon Ranch and Conservancy leadership was expressed by those able to make this memorable trip.

—Maria Polite

Administration seeks to shield logging, drilling, and off-road vehicle use on Forest Service lands from public review

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Supreme Court is set to decide whether the public can effectively challenge illegal government regulations and in the process will decide whether citizens have a voice in the management of national forests.

On Oct. 8, the high court heard a case that started out as an important challenge to the Bush administration's weakening of the public's right to weigh in on major decisions impacting national forests. The case began in 2003 when conservation groups, including Sequoia ForestKeeper and Sierra Club, successfully challenged federal regulations issued in 2003 that eliminated the public's ability to comment on and appeal U.S. Forest Service actions in Sequoia National Forest.

The U.S. Supreme Court granted the government's request to review the case on a much larger issue: that even if a court can hear such a case, it can't set aside a regulation nationwide, but only within its local jurisdiction. The Supreme Court could make it virtually impossible for citizens to effectively challenge any regulation (not just environmental) issued by a federal agency. The court will deliberate for three to six months before we hear their decision.

"Right now, timber and mining companies are calling all the shots. Average citizens deserve a voice in how their forests are managed and how their tax dollars are spent," said Sierra Club representative Aaron Isherwood.

"Limiting justice to those who profit off our National Forests is against everything this country stands for," said Ara Marderosian, the Sequoia ForestKeeper and Conservation Chair for the Kern-Kaweah Chapter. "One of the oldest rights recognized by our courts is the public's right to protect its natural resources—which are owned by all—not just those who would earn a buck destroying them."



TO WRITE TO "THE ROADRUNNER":

Send suggestions or items to contribute to "The Roadrunner" to sierraroadrunner@gmail.com The next deadline will be Feb. 5, 2009. "The Roadrunner" editor is Marjorie Bell (661.322.4891).

KERN KAWEAH ROUNDUP



PLEASE READ CAREFULLY IF YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN SIERRA CLUB HIKES:

Everyone is welcome, Sierra Club members and non-members, to join in any of the outdoor activities. Requirements: You must be in condition for the type of hike, equipped appropriately for the activity and prepared to sign a Sierra Club release for liability. You must be willing to follow the leader's directions. Be sure to bring any personal medicines you might need. Customary appropriate equipment includes good hiking shoes, plenty of water, snack, sunglasses, suntan lotion, and layered clothing. The following might be helpful but definitely is not required: compass, whistle, matches or lighter, and a good first aid kit. Long pants are recommended. Unprepared for the prospective hike? It will be a no-go for you. Participation must be leader approved. Please let the leader know ahead of time that you are intending to participate. Check individual group listings for the desired means of communication.

Since unexpected change of plans may be necessary, it is recommended that YOU contact the hike leader the night before to be assured that the hike is still going to happen.

New California legislation designed to protect the consumer requires us to publish this notice: CST 2087755-40. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California. This legislation is designed to protect the user of outdoor activities that require cash payments of more than \$50 for participation.

BUENA VISTA GROUP



More info? Call Donnel Lester at 661.831.6784 or e-mail donnelc3bvg@earthlink.net or Isabel at 661.246.6195.

Tuesday conditioning hikes of four or five miles are at 7 p.m. at the corner of Highways 178 and 184. Trails hiked vary from week to week. Contact Gordon (gnipp@bak.rr.com) or Larry (661-873-8107) for more information.

Saturday, Jan. 3, 8:30 a.m.—"EVERYTHING'S COOL," a 2007 comedic film about America finally "getting" global warming. Camino Real Restaurant, 3500 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, at the corner of Truxtun and Westwind Dr. Breakfast is optional, \$7.50 per person (including tax and tip). For more information, contact Donnel at 661-319-6996.

Saturday, Feb. 7, 8:30 a.m.—"What We Know about Climate Change" talk by Uduak Ntuk, a presenter with the non-profit The Alliance for Climate Protection. Uduak, a chemical engineer, was personally trained by former Vice President and Nobel Laureate Al Gore to share the science behind global warming with members of the American public. Camino Real Restaurant, 3500 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, at the corner of Truxtun and Westwind Dr. Breakfast is optional, \$7.50 per person. For more information contact Ann at 661-589-7796

BVG Recycles—Bring your household batteries and unbroken CFL's to our meetings, and we'll recycle them for you. **Meeting Notices**—If you would like to receive Buena Vista Group meeting and activity notices by email, please contact Donnel Lester, at donnelc3bvg@earthlink.net, with Add me to the email list. You can opt out of the email notices at any time. We try to limit this to once-a-month emails.

CONDOR GROUP



More info? Mary Ann Lockhart (661.242.0432). Hikes? Dale Chitwood (661.242.1076)

Saturday, Feb. 7— Condor Group's first group meeting of the year. Program: Local Looks at Water, Shopping Organically and Shopping Cooperatively plus Updates and Predictions for the year 2009. Potluck 6 p.m., program, 7 p.m. at the Pool Pavilion Room, Pine Mountain Club. Another Sierra Club meeting open to all the public, members and non-members.

Check the Kern Kaweah Chapter website for possible announcement of a group "speciality," such as past year's visit to view condors at Bittercreek. You never can tell what might come up.

KAWEAH GROUP

More info? Call Pam Clark (559.784.4643) or Diane Jetter (559.781.8897).

Thursday, Jan. 22—Excom meeting and travel program, 7 p.m. at Pam Clark's house (559.784.4643). Share pictures and stories of your recent travels. And if anyone out there would like to join the executive committee, you will be welcomed with open arms.

OWENS PEAK GROUP

More info? Chair Dennis Burge (760.375.7967) or e-mail dennis93555@yahoo.com. Jim Nichols, hikes (760.375.8161) or e-mail jnichols@ridgecrest.ca.us.

Monday, Jan. 26—7:30 p.m. at Maturango Museum. Shelley Ellis, BLM wildlife biologist, will discuss the pros and cons of wildlife guzzlers.

Saturday, Jan. 17—"COLORFUL CANYON" (Located 1 mi SW of the mouth of Jawbone Canyon at Hwy 14, 3000 ft max elevation, 800 ft gain, 2 - 5 mi RT) Explore the reaches of this "colorful" canyon visible from Hwy 14 just S of the Jawbone Canyon turnoff. This canyon has been used as a movie set, and its gorgeous colors make a stunning background and photographer's feast. We will inspect the mining activity here and follow the old mining access road to wherever it leads in the higher, remote upper reaches of this eroded exposure of "red rock." Easy to moderate, depending on how far up the canyon we push. Meet Saturday, Jan. 17, at 7:30 a.m. at the Ridgecrest Cinema parking lot. Call Dennis Burge at 760.375.7967 or Jim Nichols at 760.375.8161 for more info.

Saturday, Feb. 21—JAIL CANYON "MAGIC MACHINE," HALL CANYON ACCESS ROAD (located at the mouth of Jail Canyon in Panamint Valley between Jail and Hall Canyons, 5433 ft max elevation, 2350 ft gain, 6 mi RT). We will explore the fine remnants of the impressive "magic" gold processing machine located in Jail Canyon. Rock in the top, gold out the bottom. Three stories of pre-Rube Goldberg mystery mechanisms. After that inspection, we will hike the road (now closed) connecting Jail Canyon to Hall Canyon to its high point for lunch with a fine view into the upper reaches of Hall and an incredible vista of 60 miles of Panamint Valley. Moderate due to distance and elevation gained. Meet Saturday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 AM at the Ridgecrest Cinema parking lot. Call Dennis or Jim Nichols for more info.

MINERAL KING GROUP



More info? Call 559.761.0592. Please also visit mineralking.sierraclub.org for more info on group events and activities.

Monday, Jan. 26—Next ExCom meeting at 6 p.m. at Colima restaurant, 500 S. Linwood in Visalia. Call Beverly Garcia (559.732.3785) for reservations. Joanne Dudley, John Kamansky, Cynthia Koval and Mary Moy are on the ExCom ballot.

Desert Committee Outings—California/Nevada Regional Conservation Committee

The CNRCC Desert Committees purpose is to work for the protection, preservation, and conservation of the California/Nevada desert; support the same objectives in all desert areas of the Southwest; monitor and work with governments and agencies to promote preservation of our arid lands; sponsor educational and work trips; encourage and support others to work for the same objectives; maintain, share and publish information about the desert. For questions about, or to sign up for a particular outing, please contact the leader listed in the write-up. For questions about Desert Committee outings in general, or to receive the outings list by e-mail, please contact Kate Allen at kj.allen@wildblue.net or 661.944.4056.

Jan. 10-11 (Saturday-Sunday)—El Paso Wilderness Restoration: Assist the Ridgecrest BLM in protecting this beautiful desert wilderness area from OHV abuse by helping to block off and disguise illegal routes. Meet late Friday afternoon north of the wilderness area and car caravan to our camping spot near Sheep Springs or meet near the work site on Saturday morning. Saturday evening happy hour and potluck. For more information contact leader: Kate Allen, HYPERLINK "<mailto:kj.allen@wildblue.net>" kj.allen@wildblue.net" or 661.944.4056. CNRCC Desert Committee

Feb. 9-11 (Monday-Wednesday)—Gold Butte Midweek Magic: You've heard about the new bill for a national conservation area in Gold Butte, and you wonder where IS this place? To find out, join us in this exploratory tour. Petroglyphs, peak scrambling, redrock and granite, Joshua trees, old mining ruins. Car camping with central commissary by Vicky Hoover. Contact Vicky 415.977.5527, HYPERLINK "<mailto:vicky.hoover@sierraclub.org>" vicky.hoover@sierraclub.org. CNRCC Wilderness Committee

Feb 21-22 (Saturday-Sunday)— Eastern California Desert Clean-up and Hike: Immediately north of Trona, CA, Great Falls Basin borders on a Wilderness Study Area which has been subject to ORV abuse. On Saturday we will assist Marty Dickes with the BLM to build a fence closing off an illegal vehicle hill-climb. Sunday is reserved for hiking and exploring into the washes, dry falls, and nearby ridges. Car camping and potluck Saturday evening. Contact leader Craig Deutsche, HYPERLINK "<mailto:craig.deutsche@gmail.com>" craig.deutsche@gmail.com, (310.477.6670) for details. CNRCC Desert Committee

California OPC proposes ban on polystyrene food containers, fees for plastic bag use to reduce ocean litter

Sacramento – The California Ocean Protection Council (OPC) today proposed banning polystyrene take-out containers and plastic bag use fees as part of a strategy to reduce ocean litter. Following the OPC's historic resolution last year to eliminate marine debris, the strategy includes public comments gathered during recent months and calls for plastic manufacturers to recover and dispose of their products and for product user fees to be assessed.

"The council is confident that this strategy will have far reaching benefit for ocean health and brings about needed action to tackle the marine debris problems plaguing our oceans," said OPC Chair and Secretary for Resources Mike Chrisman. "Our decision today moves California closer to a real solution to reduce the threats to our ocean and coast."

The proposed implementation strategy, which will require legislative action in order to be enacted, identifies three primary approaches that California should take to eliminate marine debris. California should: (1) establish a "take-back" program that would require manufacturers to take back used packaging and dispose of it properly; (2) institute a statewide fee on single-use plastic grocery bags and a prohibition on polystyrene food containers; and (3) impose user fees on other commonly littered packaging items.

Full and partial polystyrene food container prohibitions have been implemented in many California cities including: Alameda, Aliso Viejo, Berkeley, Calabasas, Capitola, Carmel, Emeryville, Fairfax, Hercules, Huntington Beach, Laguna Beach, Laguna Woods, Los Angeles, Malibu, Millbrae, Oakland, Pacific Grove, Pittsburg, San Clemente, San Francisco, San Juan Capistrano, Santa Cruz, Santa Monica, Scotts Valley and West Hollywood. For more information, see

<http://www.resources.ca.gov/copc/>.

—Contributed by Lorraine Unger

Buena Vista group hosts expert on green building construction

At the Buena Vista Group program on Dec. 6, Danny Ordiz of Ordiz-Melby Architects, discussed the LEED certification process for green building construction. Ordiz began by defining the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) purpose as a process of transforming the way buildings and communities are designed, built and operated for the health and well being of those who occupy them. He went on to say that the USGBC (U.S. Green Building Council), through the use of the LEED system, focuses on influencing change within the building market to bring about socially responsible environmental change for communities, or other words "green building."

The USGBC LEED system encourages dialogue within communities as a cooperative effort to involve builders, planners, local government officials and consumers in creating the best possible outcomes within the LEED system, according to Ordiz. He added that green building practices have already demonstrated the ability to create healthier and more productive indoor and outdoor environment based on recent studies.

The USGBC can provide tools and education for planning agencies, developers and builders to successfully use LEED process for both new and existing buildings. The LEED system is based on a quantifiable credit system with points awarded for implementation of specific measures in the areas such as water usage, recycling, renewable resources, light pollution, innovative design, energy conservation, and sustainability.

—Donnel Lester

Sierra Club plays role in passing safe recycling

(Palo Alto) – Sierra Club California recently praised a new California law requiring the manufacturers of mercury-containing thermostats to take responsibility for their safe recycling. The Mercury Thermostat Collection Act of 2008 (Assembly Bill 2347), authored by Assemblymember Ira Ruskin, will take effect next year on July 1. The sponsors of the legislation, Sierra Club California and the California Product Stewardship Council, appeared with Ruskin today in Palo Alto to discuss its enactment.

Statement of Bill Magavern, Director of Sierra Club California, maintains, "The passage of The Mercury Thermostat Collection Act will help consumers, governments and our environment. Since mercury is a potent neurotoxin, and many old thermostats contain three grams of mercury, we need to keep the waste thermostats out of our landfills. Most California consumers want to do the right thing, but until now they have not had the information or opportunity to recycle mercury thermostats."

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For Owens Peak Group members only

MIDGEBUZZINGS



The phenomenon of global warming is no longer disputed, and more people now recognize that it is caused primarily by human activity and will only be intensified as our population increases. Still, most of us resist thinking about increasingly serious consequences in immediate terms. There are babies being born in our families, and we are consumed by love for them and enchanted by their beauty. A thought provoking example was published in a recent obituary in the *Bakersfield Californian*. The family of a ninety-one-year-old man celebrated his life with an enraptured recitation of his history. "Very soon" after his marriage to his beloved wife, he had ten children. Fifty-three grandchildren followed, resulting in seventy great grandchildren and eight great, great grandchildren and their promise of "many more to come." That man lived in an aura of love. He was, as they put it, "the heart and soul of our family."

In my last article I spoke of deforestation in third world countries due to human over population, and the subsequent loss of nonhuman species. I gave two examples of modern Noahs, biologists in two Asian countries who have managed, for the time being anyway, to save two primate species from extinction. I suggested that we consider an "ark principle" and promised to elaborate upon that. What I am going to say this time may raise some eyebrows, but keep in mind that it is only an idea and not a creed.

It is my opinion that human population, as regards its influence upon global climate, social order and civil stability, has already reached and gone beyond critical mass, and that no attempts, however successful, to reduce the numbers of children born, even draconian measures such as China's, would be sufficiently effective in time to prevent massive changes in the earth's environment and a continuing die off of species, including a grim percentage of our own. That contention has generated thoughts about an "ark principle." Only a short time ago this would have been material for science fiction; now it is a suggestion from a conventional source entirely disinterested in that genre.

I have heard that there are already storage banks being developed by scientists who have studied the means to preserve plant seeds indefinitely. I confess ignorance of the particulars other than what I have heard from the casual comments of friends and acquaintances in the sciences. But it seems a logical extension of this process to include the seeds of threatened and disappearing animal species by some method, perhaps involving a process of freezing. We know that human embryos are now banked for indefinite periods of time. Why not, then, some similar process for the generative elements of other species of all kinds?

Recently an intriguingly related idea was publicized in the *New York Times* and elsewhere regarding the possible regeneration of prehistoric species by the use of their DNA. Clumps of found woolly mammoth hair have yielded a large fraction of the mammoth genome from which it is speculated that the full genome might possibly be calculated. As far-fetched as that sounds, it demonstrates an interest in the regeneration, and by association the preservation, of species. This is close to what I regard as an Ark Principle.

What such a principle presupposes is a world eventually available to these species with the implication of a greatly reduced human population. It also implies something approaching a religious belief in the intrinsic value of the earth and all its inhabitants. But I'll address this question next time, and leave the conclusion until then.

—Ann Williams

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Chapter ExCom Meetings: All Sierra Club members are always welcome to attend these meetings. The next meetings are at 10 a.m. on Jan. 11 and Feb. 15, meeting places to be announced. Call 661.323.5569 or e-mail artunger@att.net to confirm all meeting dates as well as location and time.



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