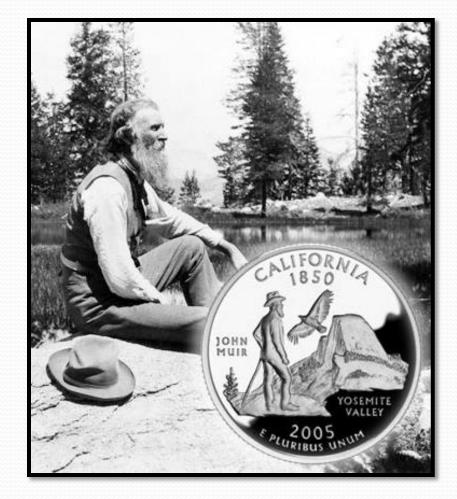
# Volunteering with the Sierra Club



- Sierra Club founded by John Muir in 1892
- First chapter in Los Angeles chartered 1911
- Governed by volunteer leaders in local groups, by chapter/state, and at national levels





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#### Angeles Chapter

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#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA

SIERRA CLUB,

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Orange County Super. Ct. No. 134941

Respondent;

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ORANGE





### Conservation

#### **Political** Action



#### Outings



- 6000 local outings per year
- 800+ certified Chapter Outings leaders
- All outings rated from easy to most difficult
- Trail maintenance work crews, volunteer weekly and as needed
- Travel to local, national and international destinations



## **Political Action**



- Volunteer activists endorse elected officials, legislative bills, ballot measures and local ordinances
- Volunteers ttend and speak at government meetings
- Campaigns solicit letters and petitions from local residents, businesses and organizations



#### **Legal Action**



- Volunteer lawyers review issues for state CEQA and other state/federal laws
- Lawsuits and other legal actions approved by Chapter leaders
- Regular training offered locally about CEQA and other environmental laws



- Preserve open space
- Promote sustainability
- Protect natural resources
- Volunteer leaders organize 20 chapter-wide conservation committees and task forces
- 15 regional groups and 35 special interest sections also support conservation activities







- Support volunteer activities with planning, training, organizing, and communications expertise
- Leader recruitment, fundraising, and policy development
- Bring professional expertise with organizational and environmental issues
- Manage interns and grad school projects



#### Water



- Water Committee is led by Charming Evelyn, chair appointed by the Chapter
- Promote water reuse and recycling
- Protect local water supplies managed by local federal, state, county, city and water district authorities
- Improve local water efficiency and conservation measures

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## Water Projects

Water Committee Volunteers vote on the projects that will have priority each year. The current year projects include:

- Direct and Indirect Potable legislation
- Water reuse/Recycled Water scorecard
- Water related outings that tie into conservation for adults and children
- Candidate questionnaires for Mayoral and Water District races
- Opposition to the Cadiz project
- Using Social Media to our advantage
- Fracking
- Outreach
- Opposition to current Bay Delta Project



### **Public Outreach**



- Public outreach exhibits at community events
- Outings to local water destinations for adults, students and families
- Letter-writing and petition-signing campaigns
- Collaboration with local environmental groups for river and beach clean-up, planting native landscapes, etc.

# Thank You, Sierra Club