

## JULY 2014 NEWSLETTER

Sometimes we get so focused on what is happening in our own “back yard” that we forget that what happens in our back yard is connected to every other back yard in the world. With that in mind, we share some suggestions from experts about things we can do to help that very large, interconnected backyard that we are all a part of:



From 2006-2011, 33% of the honey bee colonies in the U.S. collapsed each year. This is an alarming increase because bees pollinate about 1/3 of the food crops in this country. While there are multiple causes, recent research makes it increasingly clear that a type of pesticide, neonicotinoids are a primary cause. The two most common ones, imidacloprid and clothianidin, are now banned completely or partially in a half dozen European nations.

### **What Can You Do?**

Tell our EPA to consider a ban on these pesticides.

Read the most recent study here

<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/news/press-releases/study-strengthens-link-between-neonicotinoids-and-collapse-of-honey-bee-colonies/>

Check your back yard for any of these pesticides and take to your local hazardous waste disposal site.



In our backyard climate change looks more like drought stressed plants, and for too many of us, a fire scorched canyon. Here is a Top 10 list that benefits everyone- simple things we can all do to reduce our carbon footprint from the Union of Concerned Scientists :

[http://www.ucsusa.org/assets/documents/global\\_warming/Cooler-Smarter-Top-Ten-List.pdf](http://www.ucsusa.org/assets/documents/global_warming/Cooler-Smarter-Top-Ten-List.pdf)

Thanks to all of you who took the time last month to do something about your own backyard- and comment on the city of Carlsbad General Plan. All of us working together can preserve parks and open space – both at home, and in backyards around the world !

### **July Activities**

**July 9 Wed 6 PM**

#### **Bi-Monthly Preserve Calavera Board Meeting**

Meetings are open to all members but RSVP required for location and gate code.

**July 12 Sat 8 – 10 AM**

#### **Introductory Wildlife Tracking Class**

Join a knowledgeable San Diego Tracking Team instructor for FREE informal “dirt-time” lessons in the art of wildlife tracking. All experience levels are welcome. Learn how to identify the tracks and scat of coyotes, bobcats, raccoons, deer, and other wildlife in our area! No reservation is necessary. Just show up. Information at [www.sdtt.org](http://www.sdtt.org). Rain

cancels. **Where:** Los Peñasquitos Ranch House ([map](#))

**July 17 Thurs 6 - 8 P.M.**

**Water Quality Improvement Plan Public Workshop**

The Regional MS4 Permit adopted last year requires the San Diego Water Board to establish a public input process for a new watershed based approach to improving the quality of our local creeks and coastal waters. This workshop will be focused on numeric goals and final strategies to be implemented based on the Highest Priority Water Quality Conditions identified throughout our local watershed (from south of the San Luis Rey River down to San Elijo Lagoon.) The workshop will be held at the City of Carlsbad Faraday Center located at 1635 Faraday Avenue – Room 173B, Carlsbad, California 92008.

For more information on this process, go to Project Clean Water at [www.projectcleanwater.org](http://www.projectcleanwater.org) or [click here](#).

**July 26 Sat 9 AM – 12 Noon**

**Hike the Canyon de las Encinas Watershed in Carlsbad**

Come and learn about this hidden little watershed and its importance to clean beaches and for local wildlife. Meet at the cul-de-sac near 24-Hour Fitness off Palomar Airport Rd – 1265 Laurel Tree Lane, Carlsbad. Be part of this new Friends group we are initiating with San Diego Canyonlands and get involved with clean-ups and restoration projects in your own backyard. Click here for us to send you a flier: [info@preservecalavera.org](mailto:info@preservecalavera.org).

**Future Events**

Sept 20 Sat - Buena Vista Creek Clean up – Vista

Oct 18 Sat - Trail work at Village H - Carlsbad

Our all-volunteer organization can't do what we do without your help. Your time, talent and donations can make a difference - right here in your own backyard. Call or email us to see how else you could get involved.

To donate online: <http://preservecalavera.org>

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