

AUGUST 2014 NEWSLETTER



Exotic nutmeg mannikin (photos by J. Cannon)

A special thank you to our Friends at San Diego Canyonlands, Freddy Arthur and Eric Bowlby for all of their work to help us initiate a new friends group in North County. San Diego county has lost 99% of its historic wetlands so every little bit we have left is priceless. The Canyon de las Encinas watershed has been one of our little “orphans” with no local groups really taking on stewardship. Last month we kicked off an effort to try to do something about that. Be part of this new Friends group and get involved with clean-ups and restoration projects in your own backyard. This little watershed runs along Palomar Airport Rd from El Camino Real west to the coast.



Another special thank you to Greg Ryan, Asst Fire Marshall with the city of Carlsbad, for sharing his insights about fire safety at the WUI (wildland/urban interface). We were pretty shocked to learn that the recent Poinsettia fire could have resulted in the loss of hundreds of homes- except for critical timing of a shift in wind direction. He emphasized that clearing brush is not the solution- we need to take care of our own properties first. Those of us who live near our wonderful open space need to be particularly careful- but there are easy things we can do in our own backyards. One of the best is to remove all high fire hazard plants from landscaping. See Appendix C for a list of high

and moderate fuel plants from city of Carlsbad Landscaping Manual (note: they are in the process of adding acacias to this list)-

<http://web.carlsbadca.gov/services/departments/planning/Documents/LandscapeManual.pdf>

Two coyote pups that survived the fire are making a good recovery:

<http://www.10news.com/news/coyote-cubs-burned-in-poinsettia-fire-to-be-released-back-into-the-wild-08042014>

August Activities

Aug 12, Tues 7:30 – 9 AM

Carlsbad's First Ever Climate Action Plan

David deCordoba with the city of Carlsbad will provide an overview of the proposed Climate Action Plan for the city of Carlsbad. Presentation is part of the regular monthly meeting of the Sustainability Committee of the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce which is open to the public. Meetings are held in the Chamber offices at 5934 Priestly Dr. We are concerned that this plan does not specify any actions to reduce greenhouse gasses until after 2020- we think the time to act is now.

Aug 13 Wed 6 – 8 PM

Special presentation on new measures to help with climate change

Nicole Peill-Moelter PhD, from Cal Tech Environmental Engineering will present how new EPA standards can help reduce carbon emissions 30% by 2030 and what this means for climate change. We will also have an update on what is happening with our north county Climate Action Plans. This free lecture is sponsored by Organizing for America and is open to the public. Lecture will be held at the Oceanside Library Mission Branch (Community Room), 3861 Mission Ave. in Oceanside.

Aug 23 Sat 4 – 9 PM

Dinner at Veggie Grill to benefit Friends of Encinas Creek

Come and have a great healthy dinner with 50% of proceeds going to support our new Friends group.

Voted the Best of Southern California in 2012, Veggie Grill has now come to Carlsbad. They are located at 965 Palomar Airport Rd, next to Costco. Share flier with your friends. Bring in this flyer- or mention the Friends of Encinas Creek so your dinner gets credited to this good cause (but please no leafletting in the parking lot):

<http://preservecalavera.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/VEGGIE-GRILL-FUNDRAISER-8-23.pdf>

Future Events

Sept 20 Sat – Coastal Clean-up day – cleanup event along Encinas Creek in Carlsbad

Sept 20 Sat - Buena Vista Creek Clean up – Vista

Sept 21 Sun- Sunday National Climate Action March in New York-save the date for local action in San Diego

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. Donations can be made through our website at <http://preservecalavera.org> or by mailing a check.

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