



Increasing wildfires, drought and sea level rise are three consequences of global climate change that are already effecting us right here. We need to address these very real immediate impacts, while also continuing our work towards increased parks and open space. Parks and open space are the fabric of a community. Natural open space is the lowest cost land use for a city, so it also makes economic sense to preserve as much of it as possible. Building more homes and businesses next to open space increases the risk of fire. But proper building design, reducing flammables

near your house/business, and fire safe landscaping reduce that risk. See “When Nature is Your Neighbor” for more information on what you can do <http://web.carlsbadca.gov/services/departments/fire/prevention/Documents/Defend%20your%20home%20against%20wildfires.pdf>

Removing grass and using other low water landscaping, especially native plants, dramatically reduces water use. Join the CNPS native gardening blog <http://cnpssd.blogspot.com/> or attend a local meeting of the Buena Vista Native Plant Club to learn more. <http://www.bvaudubon.org/Newsletters>

Preserve Calavera is partnering with a coalition of organizations to help implement the Climate Action Plan of the City of Vista. We hope this kind of collaborative effort can become a model for other cities, with local government, businesses, neighborhoods, and NGO’s all working together to reduce Green House Gases. We can respond to the effects of climate change, and work to reduce GHG. But we must act now. See this month’s calendar for even more ways you can get involved.

September Activities

Sept 3 Wed 6 PM

Bi-Monthly Preserve Calavera Board Meeting

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

Sept 10 Wed 6 – 8 PM

Special Presentation : How Climate Change Impacts Our Oceans

We have all heard about acidification, bleaching of coral reefs, sea level rise and the sliming of our oceans- but what do those words really mean ? What impacts will a few degrees of temperature rise have on our oceans ? Come and hear this special presentation by Tristan Carland PhD from Scripps Institute of Oceanography and a leader in Citizens Climate Lobby. This free event is sponsored by Organizing for Action and will be held in the Oceanside Mission Branch Library community room at 3861

Mission Ave. For further information please contact event host Bobby Kingins at bobby1redwing@gmail.com.

Sept 17 Wed 7 – 9 PM and Sat Sept 20 8 AM - 4 PM

Beginning Wildlife Tracking Class

This is part of the Tracker/Naturalist series of classes sponsored by the San Diego Tracking Team. Completion of this beginning class is a prerequisite for joining our local Preserve Calavera team and tracking wildlife in our own backyard. Topics include: levels of tracking, the six arts of tracking, sensory awareness, journaling, the process of track identification, common species encountered locally, and introduction to gaits. Cost: \$50 (\$10 discount for SDTT members). Pre-registration required. E-mail info@sdtt.org or call 760-715-4102. Where: Los Peñasquitos Ranch House ([map](#))

Sept 20 Sat 9 - 12 AM

30th Annual Coastal Clean-up Day

Come and be part of the largest coastal clean-up day – by cleaning up our water before it even gets to the coast ! There are numerous clean-up locations throughout north county- but we are featuring our orphan watershed and the new group Friends of Encinas Creek in Carlsbad. Bring your own water, bucket and gloves and help reduce waste. And join the fun by participating in contests to “bling your bucket” or best photo. This clean-up starts by 24 HR Fitness, 1265 Laurel Tree Lane in Carlsbad (off Palomar Airport Rd). Go to www.cleanupday.org to register for this event or others and see how to participate in the special contests. And spread the word and lets get more people involved with clean-ups and restoration projects in our own backyard.

Sept 21 Sun 12:30 – 4 PM

San Diego People’s Climate March

On Sept. 21 New York City is set to host the biggest demonstration in the history of the climate movement. The People's Climate March will be held as world leaders and United Nations member countries gather to discuss

what to do now that we're in the grips of global warming. For those of us who can't make it to New York , San Diego will be hosting its own march. March to begin at City Hall at 12:30, and end with a rally at the County Administration Bldg from 2-3:30pm. Event is supported by a coalition of SD organizations including SanDiego350, the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, Sierra Club San Diego, California Nurses Association, and many more. RSVP, more info: www.peoplesclimatesd.org

Future Events

Oct 18 Sat - Trail work at Village H – Carlsbad

Oct 26 Sunday - 1:00 PM Dawson/Los Monos Reserve Hike

Oct ? – public hearings start on the Carlsbad General Plan

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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