

MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER

We expect the day we have long dreaded will finally arrive the end of this month- bulldozers on the hillsides of the Buena Vista Creek Valley. Through our efforts over the last 15 years over 75% of the valley has been permanently preserved. But the loss of 25% and building of hundreds of homes will forever change one of the natural, historical and cultural treasures of north county. We need your help to save the dwindling natural lands that still remain. When Oceanside considers putting a digital billboard in the wildlife movement corridor, or Carlsbad decides to drop the goal for 40% open space at buildout, or Vista allows development in a creek buffer let's all just say "NO." Politely, emphatically, repeatedly, all together - let's just say "No".

New Rare Plants Found At Preserve Calavera's Annual Wildflower Hike



*Do you know what these plants are?

A big thank you to James Dillane for another great spring wildflower hike at Calavera. Here is the amazing thing- after all of these years and all of the experts hiking these trails he still finds new rare plants to add to our list. Go to our [website](#) for a complete plant list- including new rare ones added this year.

Pictured above are two of our more showy common wildflowers- we were fortunate to find these perfect specimens in full bloom.

*Top photo: Common name: Indian Pink or Campion; Species Name: *Silene laciniata*.

Bottom photo: Common name: Wild Hyacinth or Blue Dicks; Species name: *Dichelostemma capitatum*.

Vista Tree Planting Project



Another big thank you to Nancy Jones for getting our Vista tree planting project started at the Earthday Fair at Alta Vista Botanical Gardens. It took a lot of hands to get one tree in the ground, but isn't that what makes work easy? The next phases of this project will see 86 more trees planted at various places in Vista.

May Opportunities to Engage with Nature



Photo from ecovivarium.org

May will provide many more opportunities to get your hands dirty, enjoy a hike, meet a few wild little critters (Endangered Species Day Event) and get engaged in our efforts to preserve and protect the wonderful natural lands of coastal north county. Hope to see you at one of these events!

May Activities

May 9 Sat , 8:30 - 11:30 AM

Lake Calavera Trail Maintenance

Join us at this City of Carlsbad trail maintenance work day. Enjoy a few hours at the Lake Calavera Preserve and help undo some of the damage caused by people loving it a little too much and Mother Nature doing her thing... Work will include weed removal, erosion repair and filling in ruts with DG. Wear closed toe shoes, hat and sunscreen. Bring gloves and water (supplies and refreshments will be provided). Parking near the trail head at Strata Dr and Tamarack Ave. Check-in at the dam.

May 9 Sat , 1:30 - 5:00 PM

North County Climate Action Plan Workshop

Join us to learn about one of the most effective ways that you can advocate for climate solutions at the local level- the Climate Action Plan (CAP). Get the tools you need to influence the CAP process, and learn if your city is doing their fair share toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Workshop will be held at the Palomar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Vista. Advance registration required www.sandiego350.org/event/north-county-climate-action-plan-work-shop. \$5 donation requested. Sponsored by San Diego 350, Climate Action Campaign and Preserve Calavera.

May 16 Sat , 10 AM - 3 PM

Endangered Species Day at the Buena Vista Audubon Nature Center

Preserve Calavera and the Buena Vista Audubon Society will host an Endangered Species Day open house at the Buena Vista Audubon Center. NEW! The "Sharing Our Shores" program designed to educate the local community about sharing the beach with our western snowy plovers. Join us for a great nature experience! This free event has activities for the entire family. Enjoy up close encounters with Eco-Vivarium's birds, mammals, reptiles and insects, a guided bug walk, a lagoon dip, basket weaving, kids' crafts and much more! Location: 2202 S. Coast Highway in Oceanside. For more information: 760-439-2473 or <http://bvaudubon.org>

May 15 Friday, 6:00 PM

Film: "THE BURDEN, Fossil Fuel, the Military and National Security"

This has been described as an "eye-opening, jaw-dropping" short documentary that tells the story of how fossil fuel dependence threatens national security, why the military is leading the fight for clean energy, and how the U.S. defense energy industry will empower the U.S. to lead the 21st century global clean energy economy. This event is sponsored By Encinitas Ecofest. Reception with refreshments will proceed the showing of the film. Q and A with a distinguished panel of experts will follow. Film will be shown at **Seaside Center** for Spiritual Living , 1613 Lake Drive, Encinitas, CA.

Hike and Learn about Carlsbad's Future - Fossil Fuel or Renewable Energy?

May 30 Sat, 9 - 11:00 AM

Sierra Club Hike Around Agua Hedionda Lagoon in Carlsbad

Carlsbad and San Diego County face some historic choices regarding our future energy generation. This hike around the Agua Hedionda Lagoon is an opportunity to learn more about our region's energy future. Carlsbad's Climate Action Plan is currently out for review. Will the final plan include a Community Choice Energy component that would boost local renewables? Will the existing Encina power plant be replaced with another fossil fuel plant or move forward with renewable energy? This is an easy 2 mile hike on two different trails along the Agua Hedionda Lagoon. First link is the Hubbs Trail with sweeping views of the lagoon and its wildlife, as well as the existing power plant's huge concrete structure and exhaust stack. Then a car shuttle will take us to the second link in the western basin of the lagoon. Meet at the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center parking lot (1580 Cannon Rd, Carlsbad, CA 92008) at 9:00 am. For further information, contact Dave Voss at bossvoss@gmail.com or 760-717-8823.

Upcoming Events:

June 13 Sat

Composting Class at AVBG in Vista