

## JUNE 2015 NEWSLETTER

Here are some ways you can get involved:

### Endangered Species Day

One of our local Endangered Species  
Do you Know Who I am? \*



*Photo Courtesy Wikipedia*

A big thank you to Buena Vista Audubon Society for again agreeing to host and to let us co-sponsor Endangered Species Day. Holding a boa constrictor seemed to be the highlight of the day, but catching bugs, planting milkweed for Monarchs, and looking through the microscope to see what can be found in lagoon water were all close seconds. What a great way to be reminded of the many special species we have right here that need our help to survive.

\*Snowy Plover. Posters made by local school children will mark sensitive habitat where I nest along Batiquitos Lagoon.

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### Caruso 85/15 Plan for Shopping Center at Agua Hedionda Lagoon

Caruso Affiliated with their 85/15 Plan would like everyone to think their project is about saving open space, and not a huge shopping center on a lagoon. But the land they claim to save is already saved. And the shopping center is the densest in this area and is projected to draw traffic from LA to Mexico. Good projects don't need to go to the ballot box, buy TV ads, and mail out thousands of slick fliers. Good projects go through a standard review and give and take process to address community concerns. Thousands of Carlsbad residents were shown pretty pictures, but there are no assurances that is what gets built. The devil is in the details and this initiative has a lot

of details in its 397 pages. Details that assure the developer has full control for the next 15 years - with no control by the people, city Commissions, or even the Mayor and City Council. Want an LA developer to decide what gets built in Carlsbad? If this initiative passes see how many of his friends line up to be next.

## **June Activities**

**June 6 Sat; 8:30 - 11:30 AM**

### **National Public Trails Day Hike and Special Event- La Costa Glen Trail**

Join us at this City of Carlsbad special hike and educational event in recognition of National Public Trails Day. Self-guided hike of La Costa Glen trails. Educational exhibits along the trail will cover hiking tips, how to join the trail volunteers, and local native plants and wildlife that might be seen along Carlsbad trails. Stop by and join Paige for some hands-on wildlife tracking at our tracking box. Parking provided on the north end of Jimbo's parking lot at the Forum Shopping Center, off Calle Barcelona /El Camino Real.

**June 11 Thurs; 6:00 PM**

### **Citizen's Budget Workshop, Faraday Center in Carlsbad**

This is your opportunity to learn about what is proposed in next year's operating and capital budget. Any suggestions about how the city should spend some of the over \$ 80m in excess reserve funds? Come and let them know. (We would like to see some spent to correct problems with the wildlife movement corridors- enough unnecessary roadkill!) Meeting at 1635 Faraday- back side of building.

**June 24 Wed; 6 PM**

### **City of Oceanside Hearing on Digital Billboard**

The City Council of Oceanside is scheduled to hear a proposed digital bill board that will flash new messages every 4 seconds on # 78. The Cities of Vista and Carlsbad both rejected such signs but this is the first of 4 the city of Oceanside is still considering. According to Scenic America these "Huge TV's on a stick distract drivers, throw huge amounts of light into neighboring homes and the night sky and constitute a magnified blight on the landscape." To make it even worse, this sign is on the slope right above the historic Marron Adobe, right in the middle of the regional wildlife movement corridor. We don't think huge flashing-light signs belong above this valley with its priceless historic, cultural and natural resources, do you? Attend the hearing if you can, visit [www.scenic.org/oceanside](http://www.scenic.org/oceanside) for more information, and let the Oceanside Mayor and Council know what you think about this idea.

**June 24 Wed; 6 PM**

**"Friend or Foe"- Corporations as part of the Climate Solution?**

Special lecture by Nicole Peill-Moelter at the Encinitas library. As Senior Director at Akamai Technologies, Inc, Nicole manages this high tech company's sustainability initiatives. This is one of a series of climate lectures sponsored by the Climate Change Alliance.

**July 1 Wed; 6 PM**

**Preserve Calavera Board Meeting**

All members are welcome- RSVP required for location and gate code.

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**Upcoming Events:**

**TBD** -Hearing on City of Carlsbad General Plan

**August 12**

Long awaited hearing on Oceanside Conservation Plan

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

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