I love my rain gauge. It is not fancy, just a giveaway at the Santa Clara River cleanup one fall. Having this simple instrument grounds me a little and is a measure of my own environment. During the drought it brought me more dismay than joy. A year ago, I was crowing over 5.6 inches of rain in my garden. That seemed like a major miracle, and I guess it was. This year the total is over 15 inches with more showers in the forecast. I have vowed, though, to never, ever complain about water coming out of the sky – will it ruin an event? Who cares? We need every drop. I was amused and then alarmed at a letter to the editor in the LA Times in which the writer indicated that due to the recent rains it is now OK to flush the toilet without guilt. Really? Says who? All reports are indicating that we would need at least another three wet years to get back to “normal.” I remember when then Mayor Villaraigosa declared the drought “over” after the last big rain year which was followed by five years of catastrophic drought. We need to keep getting the message out that “normal” for southern California is going to be arid, dry, drought-like and put the pressure on our government(s) to make plans to save as much of the run off now cascading down our concrete rivers as possible. We should make “toilet to tap” something to be proud of and not curl up our lips in disdain. Also we must keep promoting California native plants as the natural, drought tolerant solution for beautiful landscapes both public and private.

APRIL 15 - SAVE THE DATE!
Our Chapter’s California Native Plant Week celebration on April 15 should be a true day of celebration of the renewal that rain can bring to our arid region. I hope that you will attend and, if your garden is in bloom, bring some cuttings for all of us to enjoy at the wildflower show.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS
of the Los Angeles/Santa Monica Mountains Chapter

MARCH 14, 2017 – 7:30 - 9:30PM
SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER
16633 MAGNOLIA BLVD. ENCINO

CONSERVATION GARDENING:
Citizen Scientists and the Fight to Save our Flowers
Presenter: Dan Gluesenkamp Ph.D., Executive Director, CNPS
For over 50 years, the California Native Plant Society has protected our native plants and celebrated California’s wild gardens. During those decades, the human population has doubled and conservation in California has been dramatically transformed. Against all odds, a dedicated community of plant lovers, using a growing diversity of conservation tools, has somehow managed to save most of the plants and places that make California special. As we look to the future, we see continued population growth, as well as new threats, and wonder how to save California for the future. Dan Gluesenkamp will speak about plants, places, projects, and engage in a discussion of how to learn and work together to make a real and lasting difference.

APRIL 11, 2017 – 7:30 - 9:00PM
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SANTA MONICA

THE BALLONA WETLANDS:
PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE
Presenter: Patrick Tyrrell, Manager, Habitat Restoration and Upper Education
Patrick will give a brief history of the Ballona Wetlands and the Friends’ work to save, preserve, and restore the wetlands. He will discuss ongoing restoration efforts such as the Friends volunteer habitat restoration program, which has been working to restore areas located on the western edge of the Reserve. The challenges and successes of the program will be highlighted, including the return of the federally endangered El Segundo blue butterfly to Ballona. Finally, the future of Ballona and the state’s long-term restoration plan will be discussed, including existing conditions and habitats, and the case for comprehensive restoration.

CHAPTER BOARD MEETING
April 4, 7pm
6117 Reseda Blvd. Suite H, Tarzana
(north of Oxnard/Topham, on west side of Reseda), one block from the Orange Line Busway on Reseda Blvd. Steve Hartman’s office. Join board members for dinner at 6:00pm at Garden Wok Restaurant at same address. Members welcome!
RESTORATION
Coastal

Beach Restoration Volunteer Days
Malibu State Beaches
Every Sunday - 9am-noon
Beach restoration activities every Sunday at Malibu State Beaches. Come and enjoy a fabulous opportunity to get up close and personal with the pocket beaches. Call 213-481-8552 for info on which beach. (Leave your number S-L-O-W-L-Y and distinctly)" This is Mike O’Brien’s ongoing war on invasives and coastal sage scrub restoration. Always included is a tour of the amazing diversity that you can find if you look.

Temescal Canyon Pacific Palisades Native Plant Garden
Temescal Canyon Park
Saturdays, Mar. 25 and Apr. 29 9am-4pm
We’re just a few steps east of ~700 Temescal Canyon Road, Pacific Palisades, 90272 (between the PCH and Sunset Blvd., below Bowdoin St.). Community Service Credit. Contact Barbara Marinacci at barbara.marinacci@verizon.net or Michael G. Terry at michaelgterry@hotmail.com.

LAX Dunes Volunteer Days
El Segundo Dunes
Saturdays, Mar. 4 and Apr. 1 9am-noon
Help remove non-native plants. Free parking is available in the dunes. Enter through the gate across from Trask Triangle Park at the Trask and Waterview Streets intersection in Playa Del Rey, CA 90293. Please bring your own drinking water and snacks, and wear gloves, sun protection, closed-toe shoes, and long pants. Shelter and cold water refills will be provided. Please be on time and plan to stay until the end of the volunteer event as this is a secured area.
Info: 818-782-9346.

All Restoration Activities - Rain Cancels

RESTORATION
Inland

Silver Lake Restoration
Silver Lake Meadow Native Garden
Saturdays, Mar. 25 and Apr. 29 9am-11am
Help weed, water, mulch. Bring hat, water, weeding tools. Meet at the Garden at the north end of the Silver Lake Meadow Park near Armstrong Ave. & Silver Lake Blvd. Street parking on Silver Lake Blvd. Info: meadownativegarden@silverlakenc.org.

Calabasas Restoration
Juan Bautista de Anza Park
Saturday, Mar. 4 and Apr. 8 9am-noon
Help restore native grasslands in the foothills west of Juan Bautista De Anza Park in Calabasas. Native grasses including purple needlegrass and creeping wildrye and flowering perennials and shrubs will be planted by volunteers under supervision by MRT tech crew from 9am-12pm. Please arrive by 8:45am and look for our group on the west side of the park. Parking is limited to street side spaces to avoid impacting parking for park visitors. Bring hat, water, snack, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: www.mountainstrust.org (818) 591-1701 x203.

Potrero Creek Restoration
Newberry Park
Saturdays, Mar. 11 and Apr. 15 9am-noon

TEJON RANCH FIELD TRIP - APRIL 22-23

Plans are under way for an overnight field trip for LA/SMM Chapter members on the weekend of April 22-23 to Tejon Ranch Conservancy, the 270,000-acre reserve in the Tehachapi Mountains. This will be a docent-led tour of this enormous area of biodiversity during the peak of spring blooming. If you are unaware of this spectacular place, check it out at http://tejonconservancy.org. Each participant must register by emailing to snowdy.dodson@csun.edu indicating name(s) of attendee(s), whether you are staying both days and camping or finding a motel, or attending for Sat. only and a contact email and cell phone number. Preference will be given to members of the CNPS LA/SMM Chapter and other CNPS members. A wait-list will be maintained. Also, the Conservancy requests a $40 donation per person. Plans call for a full day Saturday, beginning early, then overnight accommodations either at a nearby motel or at a primitive campsite on the ranch, and an additional half day of botanizing on Sunday. The trip is also open to those who wish to participate only on Saturday. Details about camping and motels will be furnished in March or early April along with details about appropriate clothing and logistics. Please be aware that Tejon Ranch is a remote backcountry area; you cannot enter or leave as you please; distances and travel times can be significant; weather and temperatures can be challenging; and no pets are allowed. The location is about 75 minutes drive from the Los Angeles area. Travel on the Ranch will be provided by the Conservancy, so participants do not need to bring their own special vehicles.
CNPS PROGRAMS

TUES 3/14  7:30-9:30PM
Sepulveda Garden Center, Encino

CONSERVATION GARDENING
Presenter: Dan Gluesenkamp, Ph.D.
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Dan Gluesenkamp is Executive Director of the California Native Plant Society and works with CNPS staff and chapters to protect, understand, and celebrate California’s native flora. Dan earned his Ph.D. at UC Berkeley studying the ecology of native and invasive thistles. He previously worked as Executive Director of the Calflora Database, and as Director of Habitat Protection and Restoration for Audubon Canyon Ranch’s thirty preserves. He is a co-founder of the California Invasive Plant Council and of the Bay Area Early Detection Network (BAEDN), and in 2009 discovered a presumed-extinct Franciscan manzanita plant growing on a traffic island near the Golden Gate Bridge. If you would like to join the speaker at dinner beforehand, email naturebase@aol.com

Directions: the Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd. in Encino, is on the north side of Magnolia between Balboa & Hayvenhurst. Park in the lighted lot at the east end of the garden, walk west along the path to the garden center building. Refreshments are served. Dinner precedes the meeting at 6:00 pm at Tony Roma’s Restaurant, 16575 Ventura Blvd., Encino. (818-461-8400)

TUES 4/11  7:30-9:00PM
First United Methodist Church, Santa Monica

BALLONA WETLANDS: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE
Presenter: Patrick Tyrrell
Patrick Tyrrell grew up in Playa del Rey, CA, with the Ballona Wetlands right in his backyard, inspiring a life-long appreciation of and passion for wetlands and wildlife. He graduated from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, BC, a city where the natural and built environments blend and merge almost seamlessly. Upon returning to Los Angeles, Patrick began his career working in the environmental non-profit world with Heal the Bay, successfully implementing over 50 clean-up sites throughout Los Angeles County for the annual Coastal Cleanup Day volunteer event. Since joining Friends of Ballona Wetlands, Patrick has continued the Friend’s critical work to restore Ballona’s coastal sand dunes while managing and growing the educational programs for high school, university, and the general public.

Directions: The First United Methodist Church, 1008 11th Street, Santa Monica CA 90403, is one and a half blocks north of Wilshire Boulevard on 11th Street in Santa Monica. From the 10 freeway, exit at Lincoln, Go right, or north to Wilshire. Turn right. In three blocks turn left on 11th Street. The church is on the left, just past California. Church parking is on the right under an apartment complex. The Fireside Room is at the north end of the church’s large patio, next to the Sanctuary. Refreshments are served. A no-host dinner precedes the meeting at 5:45 pm at El Cholo Mexican Restaurant in Santa Monica at 1025 Wilshire Blvd.

FOR INFO ABOUT THE ABOVE PROGRAM, PLEASE SEE “UPCOMING PROGRAMS” ON FRONT PAGE.

NATIVE PLANT WEEK SYMPOSIUM,
WILDFLOWER SHOW,
PLANT AND BOOK SALE

APRIL 15, 2017 (SATURDAY); 9AM-4PM
Sepulveda Garden Center
16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino, 91436

The annual Wildflower Show of the Los Angeles / Santa Monica Mountains chapter of the California Native Plant Society is scheduled for April 15 at the Sepulveda Garden Center in conjunction with a simultaneous Native Plant Week Symposium, plant and book sale. The Symposium will feature speakers throughout the day. Plants for sale will be available courtesy of our Symposium partner, the Theodore Payne Foundation. We welcome California native wildflower cuttings from your home gardens; the cuttings need to be available for set up on the morning of Friday, April 15.

The Symposium will feature the following speakers:

10 -11:30 am

Welcoming Wildlife into Our Gardens
Carol Bornstein

As gardeners, we all have the power to make a difference in conserving biodiversity by creating habitat for wildlife. Residential, commercial, and public spaces are increasingly dedicated to the rewarding and vital endeavor of supporting birds, beneficial insects, and other wild creatures whose natural habitats are threatened by development, pollution, inappropriate use of toxic chemicals, and the unchecked spread of invasive species. Come away with simple tips for designing and tending gardens that welcome wildlife, including some of the best native plants for the Los Angeles region. Carol is Director of the Nature Gardens at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County.

noon-1:30 pm

Aromatic Plants for the Garden
Genevieve Arnold

Many California native plants are admired for their highly aromatic foliage or flowers. This olfactory tour of some of our favorite fragrant natives includes the biology of plant fragrance, beautiful images and scented samples! Genevieve is Theodore Payne Foundation’s Seed Program Manager and an aficionado of local native plant species in their natural wild habitats and in her own aromatic garden. Previous to her position as Seed Program Manager at TPF, she served as Seed Conservation Program Technician at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden. Her experience with seeds has given her an appreciation for the unique form and beauty of the native garden in all its phases.

2-3:30 pm

Native Plants in Southern California Basketry
Bryn Potter

Bryn Potter grew up in the San Fernando Valley but didn’t know much about native plants until she took archaeological field classes. Moving from archaeologist to museum curator, she became a specialist in Native American basketry. Come hear about how local native plants are woven into baskets and how the local Chumash and Tongva/Gabrielino peoples use baskets as tools in their everyday life, and how they embellish them with beautiful designs. There will be samples of basketry plants, baskets, and slides to illustrate this presentation. Bryn has a B.A. and M.A. in Anthropology from California State University, Northridge.

To volunteer for the event or provide cuttings, contact Snowdy Dodson via email: snowdy.dodson@csun.edu or phone: 818-782-9346.
The local conservation agenda continued at a clip through the holiday season and started the year with both struggles and positive news. We thank numerous individuals and groups throughout our chapter geographic sphere of influence for informing us about proposed developments, environmental documents, public meetings, and observations related to native plants conservation. We are stronger and more able to make a difference because of your engagement with us. Contact our Conservation Chairperson with questions, ideas, and news at: conservation@lacnps.org or 310.476.7234.

Andora Equestrian Estates, Chatsworth

The chapter filed an appeal with the lead permitting authority City of Los Angeles Department of Planning after the Final Environmental Impact Report was approved. The luxury phased development is located in a key functioning biological corridors connecting the Santa Monica Mountains, Santa Susana Mountains, Simi Hills, San Fernando and Simi Valleys to the inland Transverse Ranges of the Los Padres and Angeles National Forests. A proposed conservation easement at the site will create a 'choke point' that narrows and limits the corridor to a 300-foot steep sandstone precipice that may preclude adequate natural dispersal of plant material and wildlife access.

CNPS conducted two vernal floristic surveys and one rare plant survey at the site in 2016. The acreage was determined to be highly biodiverse despite six years of drought. The vegetation list more than doubled that of biological consultants the last ten years. A population of 459 California listed rare Santa Susana tarplants [Deinandra minthornii (Jeps.) B.G. Baldwin; listing designation 1B / RED 2-2-3] was identified onsite.

The project will destroy all existing native vegetation located in the development footprint, in the hazard mitigation (aka fire clearance) zone for each estate, along with likelihood for harassment, take, and other harm in open space areas of the development due to encroachment by domestic animals, horses, and human activities. The appeals determination hearing with City of Los Angeles Planning Commission is scheduled February 23.

Statewide Habitat Threats Project

Chapter representatives are working with the State offices of CNPS to identify and map habitat threats in southern California by development, infrastructure improvement, transportation, and other pressures. The information will help guide CNPS policy and working partnerships with agencies, developers, and groups to promote conservation and smart growth.

Important Plant Areas (IPA)

State CNPS began a project to map areas with critical habitat and special plant populations throughout the state. Chapter representatives will contribute local and historic knowledge to the IPA. The first phase of the project begins in the southern San Joaquin Valley.

Chatsworth Nature Preserve, Chatsworth

Chapter representative participated in the Chatsworth Nature Preserve Coalition to address habitat protections for the site owned by Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP). The Preserve is within the area of the decommissioned Chatsworth Reservoir that was originally developed almost 100 years ago. It is part of the significant wildlife corridor described in the Andora Estates overview above. Surface water at the Ecology Pond of the Preserve was augmented with potable water until last year by DWP per an existing agreement. The Pond is documented as a haven for wildlife, migratory birds, and hosted native wetland plants along with upland vegetation. DWP installed two wildlife guzzlers at the site purportedly in lieu of routine surface augmentation. The combination of the interruption of water deliveries and extended drought eliminated the existing functioning wetland habitat, which supported local and migratory wildlife. The Coalition is working with DWP to ensure adequate resources for the Pond in order to help restore habitat values lost by land management decisions and the drought.

City of Lancaster economic development

Chapter and State CNPS representatives are monitoring and commenting on environmental documents, policies, and development in the Antelope Valley (AV) community. Current governance model to boost the struggling city encourages development on the urban edges using economic incentives and fast tracking environmental review regardless of project site and scale. The AV hosts numerous rare plant associations, habitats, and species. State CNPS is collaborating with agencies and groups to develop a sustainable regional plan for the AV.
City of Los Angeles Protected Tree Ordinance
The chapter is advising about and advocating for the addition of two species to the current list. Toyon (Heteromeles arbutifolia) and blue elderberry (Sambucus nigra ssp. caerulea) are in committee and being considered.

Cornerstone Multi-use Development, City of Agoura Hills
This dense urban-style eight-acre hillside development on Cornell Road near Kanan Road was recently approved as the initial project that is part of the 135-acre Agoura Village Specific Plan. Cornerstone as proposed will harm, harass, or otherwise take up to ten special plants and communities located on or immediately adjacent as follows:

Agoura Hills dudleya [Dudleya cymosa (Lem.) Britton & Rose subsp. agourensis K. M. Nakai] is a federally threatened species since 1997. Sixty-three percent of the population of 142 individuals located within the development footprint will be taken.

Lyon's pentachaeta (Pentachaeta lyonii PA. Gray) is listed as state endangered and federally endangered. The Mitigated Negative Declaration for Cornerstone cavalierly suggests the one individual plant located at the project site 'is significant but mitigatable' affronts the state and federal protections for this plant.

Ojai navarretia (Navarretia ojaiensis Elvin, J.M. Porter, & L.A. Johnson) is designated as 1B1.S2.G2 – 'Seriously endangered in California; imperiled in the State and globally.' The elevated designation of the Ojai navarretia makes it a future candidate for State and federal listing consideration.

Coast live and interior oaks at the project site are protected and should be maintained on site under the City Oak Protection Ordinance. Ample scientific evidence is available to show the proposed mitigation measures, combined with infill, compaction, artificial irrigation, and planting of cultivated replacement trees do not ensure long-term viability of the oaks.

The scrub oak community slated for take onsite is protected and should be retained onsite under the City Oak Protection Ordinance. The biological role of these trees cannot be understated. Offsite mitigation does not ensure success and environmental services provided by the scrub oaks.

Sage scrub habitat on the parcel is one of the most endangered habitat types in the state. Over 95% of sage scrub has been lost the last century. This habitat type supports hundreds of fauna ranging from soil microbes to insects, birds, and mammals. The historic loss of this habitat significantly contributes to the demise of plant and animal populations, as is reflective of numerous special plant designations in the historic range of sage scrub. The take of this habitat at Cornerstone is not mitigatable.

The Cornerstone project site was part of Significant Ecological Area 22A prior to incorporation of the City. The jurisdictional change from County to City did not alter existing special plants and habitat at the site. The project site is adjacent to the Santa Monica Mountains Significant Ecological Area (SEA). Therefore, the entire project site should be considered Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area, which is subject to different planning and design elements than the currently-proposed development. It is located within a significant documented wildlife corridor that extends from the coast through the Kanan watershed, Oak Park, Simi Hills, Angeles and Los Padres National Forests to the Temblor and Tehachapi Ranges.

Hidden Creeks, City of Los Angeles – northwest San Fernando Valley
The proposed large luxury development located near Oat Mountain, in a primary north-south wildlife corridor, pristine canyon and creeks area was abandoned during the adjacent Aliso Canyon natural gas field leak. Representatives for the developer are contacting opponents asking for individual support for the project, which is being redesigned. CNPS believes this area is key to the protection of biodiversity and connectivity and is part of the proposed Rim of the Valley Corridor.

Malibu Cemetery, Malibu
The Chapter reviewed and commented on environmental documents for the proposed project located at Pacific Coast Highway and Malibu Canyon Road. The proponent’s consultants failed to consider biological association with and connectivity to adjacent open space biodiverse flora, which hosts special species and is part of the Malibu Canyon corridor. The horticultural plant palette proposed for the grounds is comprised of mostly non-native species unsuitable for the site and incorporates few to any native species. CNPS recommends the developer reconsider the opportunity to landscape the open space with endemic native plants that will enhance both beauty and habitat values for the coast and canyon.

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Newhall Ranch – Landmark and Mission Villages Phases, Santa Clarita
Supplemental Environmental Impact Reports for the first stage of the new city with a projected population of 80,000 were released for public comment to address oak tree management and greenhouse gas emissions. CNPS reviewed the documents, submitted comments, and determined impacts analyses for both villages and environmental topics to be flawed, incomplete, and failed to adequately address impacts to native plant populations and habitat values at the sites and within the Santa Clara River corridor.

Newhall Ranch – San Fernando Spineflower Management Plan, Santa Clarita
The chapter is reviewing and will submit comments to the Management Plan for the San Fernando Valley spineflower [Chorizanthe parryi var. fernandina (S. Watson) Jepson] population located within the development project area. The site is one of only two documented populations identified for the species. The spineflower protected status is currently being reviewed by US Fish and Wildlife Service for a ranking of 'threatened.' CNPS petitioned the agency to elevate the listing to 'endangered' due to development pressures, probability of take or harassment to the Newhall Ranch population, and the existence of only two non-geographically connected populations.

Santa Susana Field Lab, Santa Susana Mountains
The chapter has been involved for many years with issues regarding resource and habitat protections, connectivity, clean-up, and proposed land management at the former rocket-testing site. CNPS will submit written comment to the Environmental Impact Statement for the project area, along with testimony at upcoming public hearings.

Van Norman Dam, Sylmar
The chapter learned a functioning wetland and riparian area within the dam basin was bulldozed and otherwise decimated without permission. The landowner and manager City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) failed to conduct required biological surveys prior to grading. California Department of Fish and Wildlife will assume presence and take of rare plants historically known at the site due to the lack of contemporary botanical records from DWP. San Fernando Valley spineflower is one of species documented to occur.

Ventura County wildlife corridors
Ventura County Board of Supervisors held a meeting to seek public feedback regarding a motion to conduct a study of existing wildlife corridors throughout the county. Support from scientists, organizations, and individuals was affirmative despite mild opposition. The Board will next investigate funding for the study. The Los Angeles/Santa Monica Mountains CNPS chapter’s geographic sphere of influence extends into Ventura County in the area of the coastal range.

Introduction to Plant Identification - Southern California
April 18-20, Frazier Park & Tejon Ranch
Taught by Nick Jensen & Sandy Namoff
$395 CNPS Members, $415 Non-Members
Learn to identify plants in 15 common California plant families, which account for over 5,000 taxa - more than 70% of the plant diversity in California. Learning the characteristics of these plant families will reduce the amount of time required to key many plants to genus and species. Basic plant morphology and terminology, and how to use dichotomous keys, will be covered. We will spend two days in a classroom setting, and one full day in the field identifying plants on spectacular Tejon Ranch! Details and registration for each workshop will be posted at www.cnps.org/workshops as they become available. Contact Becky Reilly (breilly@cnps.org) with any questions.

Biocontrol Agents Released to Control Giant Reed in Texas
Giant reed (Arundo donax), which is thought to be native to eastern Asia, is an invasive weed occurring along the Rio Grande in Texas. The 30-ft tall grass clogs streams and irrigation channels, weakens river banks, reduces native vegetation and wildlife habitat, and impedes law enforcement activities. These negative impacts spurred quick action for a solution. In 2009, researchers from USDA Agricultural Research Service released both arundo gall wasps (Tetramesa romana) and arundo scale insects (Rhizaspidoiotus donacis) as a biocontrol program. Since then, monitoring of the weed population over more than 550 river miles has shown success. Surveys taken in 2014 documented a 22-percent decrease in plant biomass and surveys in 2016 show a further decrease of 28 percent, along with a significant recovery of native riparian vegetation.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATURE FEST
March 18 & 19 – 9:30 am to 5 pm
Natural History Museum Los Angeles County
900 Exposition Blvd., LA 90007
Join in a celebration of our urban biodiversity for all ages and knowledge levels. Nature Fest attendance included with Museum entrance fee. Contact Guest Relations at 213-763-3499 for further information or check out the Museum website at https://www.nhm.org/site/activities-programs/la-nature-fest. The Museum is a stop on the Expo Line. CNPS will staff an information and activity booth at the event.

THEODORE PAYNE
NATIVE PLANT GARDEN TOUR
April 1 & 2 (Sat. & Sun.) 10 am – 5 pm
A two-day self-guided tour of 32 gardens in the greater LA area that feature California native plants in wildlife-friendly and drought-tolerant landscapes. Tickets are $25 for members, $30 non or 2 for $40/$50. See http://www.nativeplantgardentour.org/ for details and online ticket purchase.

CHATSWORTH NATURE PRESERVE
OPEN HOUSE
Sunday April 2 – 10 am to 3 pm
23234 Valley Circle Blvd. Chatsworth 91311
A once a year chance to hike the property that is managed by LADWP. Event will feature displays by local environmental groups.

SEPULVEDA BASIN WILDLIFE RESERVE
SPRING CLEAN-UP
Saturday April 8 8:30 – noon
Attendees will help clean up Haskell Creek in the Wildlife Reserve which is on Wildlife Way just east of Woodley Ave and North of Burbank Blvd (at the Japanese Garden turnoff). Meet at the amphitheater. Wear your grubbies and old shoes or rubber boots. Bring work gloves and long-handled tools if you have them. Cleaning up the trash will improve the habitat for wildlife and humans alike. Contact: 310-457-5796 (Muriel) or 818-998-3126 (Diana). Sponsored by the SFV Audubon & the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee.

FIELD ECOLOGY WEEKEND
April 28, 29, 30 – Malibu Creek State Park
The event will feature presentations concerning Santa Monica Mountains natural history. Group camping site is reserved in the Park. Contact the organizers Topanga Canyon Docents for registration details: http://www.topangacanyondocents.org/

CNPS 2018 CONSERVATION CONFERENCE
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
You are invited to submit abstracts for the Feb. 1-3, 2018 CNPS Conservation Conference which will be held at the LAX Marriott. Abstracts for oral and poster presentations are due through July 10, 2017. Presentations in 24 themed sessions will present new conservation science and share ideas. For further details and guidelines see https://conference.cnps.org/technical/sessions/

GEOLOGY FIELD TRIP THANKS
Due to excellent planning, our Chapter's January 8 Geology Field Trip fell on a perfectly sunny though muddy day between back-to-back storms. Many thanks to the attendees (over 25 or so) and to our leader Bill Neill who patiently explained the intricacies of our Santa Monica Mountains geology introducing us to San Onofre breccia, Catalina schist, the Miocene rotation, and much more.

CALIFORNIA RARE PLANT LIST
Our State Dept. of Fish and Wildlife has published a newly updated list of “State and Federally Listed Endangered, Threatened, and Rare Plants of California.” This handy document is available online via: https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=109390&inline

Photos taken by Steve Hartman of Tejon Ranch during 2016 field trip.
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