

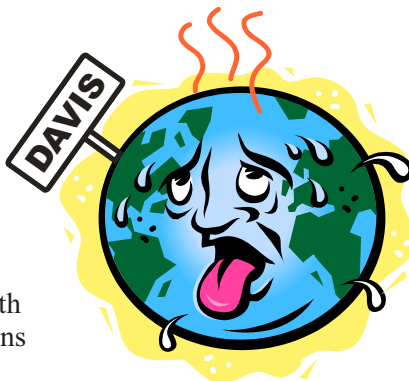
Cool Cities and the 2% Solution

Most scientists agree that global warming is real and if we don't change our energy guzzling habits soon we will suffer some very unpleasant consequences. The Sierra Club has undertaken two initiatives to help its members combat global warming: Cool Cities, <http://www.coolcities.us/> - and the 2% Solution, <http://sierraclub.org/twopercent/>

Last year the City of Davis signed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. This agreement is rapidly gathering support and cities that are participating have pledged to reduce global warming carbon dioxide (CO2) to 7% below 1990 levels by 2012. In March of this year the Natural Resources Commission unanimously passed a motion recommending that the City move forward with its efforts to assess its greenhouse gas emissions and develop a plan to reduce those emissions, and the City Council followed by authorizing a local Climate Action Program. City staff has formed a Sustainability Working Group to guide this effort.

How will our community accomplish this goal in the next 5 years and how can we as Sierra Club members and Davis residents help?

The Yolano Group is compiling a list of actions that we hope can help make Davis a "Cool" city. They generally fall into three broad *(Continued on page 2)*



Toward a Blue Ridge Berryessa National Conservation Area

Tuleyome is working on a proposal to designate the Blue Ridge Berryessa National Conservation Area (BRB NCA). The Sierra Club Yolano Group is strongly supportive of that effort. The boundaries would be approximately those of the Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area (BRBNA) region, but the exact size and area are yet to be determined. However, the vision encompasses potentially as much as 800,000 acres: a largely undeveloped and diverse mosaic of public and private land.

This proposal is really about the future. What is our vision for the future and what will our region look like in another 150 years? We hope that it will remain much as it is today with important ecosystems protected, enhanced recreation consistent with that goal, and a thriving and sustainable working landscape.

Tuleyome feels *(Continued on page 3)*

Tsakopoulos Alert! Huge Development Proposed for the County

Angelo Tsakopoulos is proposing to develop 2800 acres of Yolo County farmland along I-80 between Davis and the causeway/Vic Fazio wildlife area, just east of El Macero and the Warmington neighborhoods in south Davis. He has apparently been in negotiations with local leaders for some time on this, wining and dining them in back room private dinners at the Sutter Club. Has Yolo County surrendered to the high powered (and fancy dinner) politics of Sacramento?

He is offering a carrot in this deal, and that is a stem cell research facility on part of the property, and it looks like some of our supervisors are going for it. Thursday's Sacramento Bee and Enterprise quoted three of our supervisors on the issue. Mariko Yamada, in whose district this parcel lies, appears open to this proposal. She is quoted as saying, "We are in the 21st century, and we need to keep an open mind about how we are going to approach land use in the I-80 corridor from the Bay Area to Sacramento." She goes on to state that there are already so many high tech facilities along the corridor that it is being called the "innovation corridor" and that Yolo should not be the only county not in the conversation.

Supervisor Mike McGowan also appears more than open to the proposal, but given his record on growth, this is no surprise. Apparently the *(Continued on page 2)*

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conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy, and improvements to municipal buildings and other municipal infrastructure. We plan to submit this list to the Sustainability Working Group in hopes that they will adopt some of these recommendations.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT - here are some suggestions we have already received (in no particular order) :

- 1) Buy Local - The less distance products travel, the less they pollute
- 2) Reduce Automobile emissions - tailpipes create the majority of greenhouse gases. Anything we can do to drive less will make a difference. One member suggested developing a program to encourage residents not to use (or even move) their cars - once a week. Make your next car purchase a low emissions vehicle

Davis should put more emphasis on neighborhood centers as a way to encourage more walking/biking for daily errands

- 3) Solar panels on all city buildings, solar heating for city swimming pools, solar panels on UCD buildings, a break on property taxes for new and existing homes when they go solar

- 4) Decrease Community Water Usage - Household water use in the US is over 70 gallons per person per day. Energy is required to pump and process water and conserving water by fixing leaks, replacing inefficient fixtures and ending inefficient habits will reduce greenhouse gas emissions

- 6) Energy Efficiency/ Energy Conservation - Encourage Energy Efficient buildings, building construction, and retrofit. Develop and use regulations and building codes designed to encourage energy efficiency.

These are just a few of the ideas we plan to submit to the City - **SEND YOUR BEST IDEAS TO :** co2co2co2@comcast.net - or to the Yolano Group's PO Box so we can include them.

Tsakopoulos Alert (continued) only supervisors who want to protect this valuable agricultural land and wildlife habitat are

Duane Chamberlain and Matt Rexroad. Matt is quoted in the Bee as saying, "The place where the Tsakopoulos family owns land is pretty good farmland... Would it be great to have a research center like this in Yolo County? Yes. Does it have to be located on that parcel? No."



If Tsakopoulos wants to build a research center, there are far better places for it than in the middle of farmland. The U.C. campus is one such location, for example. But this is not about a stem cell research center. This is about thousands of homes and acres of commercial development on prime farmland, in a flood plain, next to a sensitive wildlife area. This is exactly the type of sprawl we do not want. So much for considerations of the SACOG Blueprint Process, habitat, open space or farmland. This is poor planning at its worst. Why is Mariko supporting it? The answer will come at the end of July when she reports her financing for the assembly race.

This is not the first time Davis's own two supervisors have talked about changing direction and pushing for development in the county. Earlier this year they proposed to look into joint study areas on the periphery of Davis as possible locations for future development. This is in total violation of our pass-through agreement with the county. The agreement assures that city's retain the sole right to determine growth on their borders in exchange for passing through redevelopment funds to the county. In Davis's case, this is more than \$2 million.

Both El Dorado and Sacramento County turned down Tsakopoulos proposals for massive developments in their jurisdictions. Yolo County needs to see this for what it is: another attempt to pave over hundreds of acres of farmland and open space in exchange for a sea of houses and commercial buildings for a huge profit to the developer and a huge loss to the county and its residents.

Mariko says she is just keeping an "open mind", studying the facts, and seeking input from all sides before making a decision. That is "politician-talk". Some proposals should be dead on arrival and this is one of them.

TAKE ACTION!

Contact Davis Supervisors Mariko Yamada and Helen Thomson and tell them we do not want this massive development on our borders. We want the county to honor our pass-through agreement, and leave planning decisions for development on our borders to our community.

Mariko Yamada. Phone: 757-5554 or 666-8624; email: mariko.yamada@yolocounty.org

Helen Thomson. Phone: 757-5557; email: helen.thomson@yolocounty.org

Blue Ridge Berryessa National Conservation Area (continued)

that a National Conservation Area designation is our best opportunity to realize this vision for the future.

The goals of the Blue Ridge Berryessa NCA are:

- Protect the conservation resources of the region
- Enhance public recreation consistent with protecting the conservation resources
- Sustain a thriving working landscape and its economic viability
- Help local economies

An NCA designation would result in:

- Congress stating that these lands are important
- Require development of a multi-agency comprehensive regional management plan,
- Establish a public advisory committee
- Focus conservation and management dollars for the region

Tuleyome is working closely with the BRBNA Conservation Partnership. More information



on the Partnership, a regional stakeholder consensus-based organization, can be found at www.brbna.org. They have done much over the past ten years to gather important scientific and cultural information on the

region. They have also worked with a three part commitment to conservation, recreation and sustainable working ranches and local economies.

More information on this proposal can be found at www.tuleyome.org. For more information or if you would like to help call Bob Schneider at 530-304-6215 or email him at verve2006@comcast.net.

An informational meeting on the Blue Ridge Berryessa National Conservation Area sponsored by the BRBNA Conservation Partnership will be held on Friday, September 14th, from 10:00 to 12:00 AM at the Winters Community Center.

Jeff Williamson and Mac Donaldson, representing environmental and ranching interests respectively in the designation of that Las Cienegas NCA located in southeastern Arizona will make presentations and answer questions. They will talk about their roles and efforts to protect the conservation resources of Las Cienegas while ensuring that ranching continues for the future.

Put it on your calendar.

Outdoor Gateway in Eastern Plumas County

Eastern Plumas County features accessible, spectacular scenery without the crowds. No matter what your outdoor hobbies are, there's something here for you. This region offers fantastic fishing, snow sports, kayaking and canoeing in gentle waters, easy to moderate hiking, meadows covered in 200 plus species of wildflowers, wildlife viewing (including pronghorn antelope and an abundance of bird species), scenic drives, beautiful campgrounds, and charming mountain towns.

The California Department of Fish and Game would like you to know about "must see" wildlife adventures in Eastern Plumas: Sierra Valley (a birding heaven, nationally recognized by Audubon Society), recreational activities in Plumas National Forest, fishing at it's best (including Lake Davis, to be stocked with rainbow trout starting fall 2007), wildflower viewing, kayaking and canoeing, scenic drives, as well as local events and attractions. They have just published a brochure that has useful local contact information for the Portola region.

For planning your adventure to the wild side of the Sierra Nevada, away from congestion and heavy tourism, get your hands on a copy of the "Portola Gateway to the Northern Sierra Nevada" brochure. To receive a hard copy of this brochure or find out more detailed information about the Portola region call: the Portola Visitor Center (530-832-0671 or www.portolavisitorscenter.com), the Plumas County Visitors Bureau (1-800-326-2247 or 530-283-6345), or the Eastern Plumas Chamber of Commerce (1-800-995-6057 or 530-836-6811). But the quickest way to locate this new brochure is directly online at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/northernpike/docs/plumas-recreation.pdf>.



Cortina Landfill Project

The Yolano Group was approached in late January by a group of citizens in southern Colusa County opposing a landfill proposed for the Cortina Band of Wintun Indians rancheria near Williams.

The Cortina Band has agreed to lease land to Cortina Integrated Waste Management, Inc., a subsidiary of Earthworks Industries of Vancouver Canada, for a waste management facility on 443 acres of land within the rancheria. It would have the capacity to accept up to 1500 tons of solid waste per day. Total land-fill traffic would be 104 to 112 round trips daily. The proposal is to accept only non-hazardous waste from residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural origins. Sludge from a waste water treatment plant would also be permitted. The waste would come from several other jurisdictions, such as Sonoma and San Francisco Counties.

During the public process leading to this decision, several Cortina Band members living on the rancheria opposed the project on their lands and wrote letters to that effect. They were told by tribal leaders, who do not live on the rancheria, to stop their opposition and were threatened with expulsion from the rancheria if they did not.

The Cortina Band is a sovereign nation, not subject to state or local land use regulations. It is subject to oversight by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the lease was subject to approval by the BIA. The BIA commissioned an

Environmental Impact Statement as required under NEPA, and approved the lease in 2000, with the understanding that the band had to get other federal approvals prior to construction.

During the NEPA process, the County submitted extensive comments regarding inadequacies in the EIS. The county sued in federal court contesting findings, impacts, and mitigation measures. The litigation was stayed pending settlement negotiations, but the Board and the tribe could not reach agreement. Then, on October 31, 2006, the County dropped the lawsuit against the Band due to lack of funds to continue.

In 1998, Colusa County passed a ballot measure that requires a two-thirds approval for any garbage landfill projects. It appears that Earthworks Industries is using the Cortina Band and their sovereign land status to circumvent local laws and regulations governing projects of this type.

The Yolano Group studied this proposal and voted to oppose it. The proposal violates several National Sierra Club policies related to land fill projects in location, regulation and monitoring, design to protect human health and the environment from toxic leachates and methane gas, and siting to minimize threats to ground and surface waters, soil and air.

This landfill is proposed for essentially untouched open space with 100s of acres of wild canyons, habitat, streams and agricultural land. The Cortina tribal lands sit in the eastern Coastal Range foothills above the Sacramento Valley. This project poses several hazards to the people and the agriculture

in the valley below, including the potential for toxics to enter the watershed of nearby Cortina Creek. The dump sites are in canyons whose watershed feeds into creeks and ultimately to the Colusa Drain which empties into the Sacramento River at Knights Landing.

Liners proposed for the project consist of a compacted clay or geo-synthetic clay layer and layers of synthetic materials. If the synthetic liners are compromised in any way, leachate will eventually find its way through the compacted clay to ground and surface waters. We recently learned that the waste management company intends to ask for waivers to the lining standards. If the standards are waived, leachate will move from the landfill to ground and surface waters that provide drinking and irrigation water to the people of Colusa County and downstream.

Monitoring incoming waste consists of inspecting one truck per week (out of roughly 420), by a member of the Wintun tribe, not a professional. Therefore, the dumping would be essentially unregulated. This could result in toxic or otherwise unacceptable waste entering the landfill, which could then find its way into the drinking water of citizens who utilize the waters from this watershed.

At a well-attended and passionate meeting of the Colusa County Board of Supervisors last week, it became clear that the best remaining hope to thwart the plans for this landfill is to appeal to federal agencies. The landfill proposal still requires the okay from federal regulators, in particular those dealing with protecting clean air and water. The supervisors and anti-land fill groups will now appeal to federal lawmakers and environmental agencies to stop or reshape the project to protect water supplies. At this point, it appears that federal agencies, such as the EPA, and members of Congress are the only ones that can stop the project.

TAKE ACTION!

Contact Colusa County supervisors regarding this issue and encourage them to seek federal support. Send your message for the supervisors to the county clerk at cocolusa@countyofcolusa.org.

Contact your members of Congress.

Senator Feinstein: Phone: 202-224-3841; FAX: 202-228-3954; email: <http://feinstein.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?>

Senator Boxer: Phone: 202-224-3553; FAX: 202-228-2382; email: <http://boxer.senate.gov/contact/email/policy.cfm>.

Representative Mike Thompson: Phone: 202-225-3311; FAX: 202-225-4335.

Representative Wally Herger: Phone 202-225-3076; FAX: 202-226-0852; email: www.house.gov/herger/contact.shtml.

Ask them to do what they can to stop this project. Ask them to pressure EPA to stop or reshape this project to protect the ground and surface waters in this watershed from this landfill proposal.



Reform the State Off-Highway Vehicle Program to Protect California's Wilderness.

California's wilderness, wildlife and waterways are increasingly threatened by illegal riders and unmanaged off-road vehicle (OHV) recreation. Many folks enjoy legally riding dirt bikes and ATVs. But, as off-road vehicle use continues to explode across California's open spaces and wild places, more and more hikers, campers, anglers and rural communities are confronted with the growing damage and disruption caused by illegal off-road vehicle recreation.

California's Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) program funds important law enforcement and habitat restoration work to protect California's natural splendor from illegal and inappropriate off-road vehicle use. The program is primarily funded by the off-highway portion of the fuel tax, half of which is generated by outdoor enthusiasts that drive on dirt roads to access non-motorized recreation like camping, hiking and fishing.

What's needed now is a bill that toughens law enforcement on illegal riding and helps in the restoration of damaged lands, while still providing for responsible off-road recreation.

Unfortunately, the current bill that passed the Senate is fatally flawed. It provides millions of dollars for more off-road vehicle riding opportunities, but deeply shortchanges law enforcement and restoration when we need them most urgently. It also curtails democracy and transparency in favor of back-room deals by moving the majority of appointments to the State OHV Commission from the legislature to the governor, and stripping away the public Commission's ability to approve grants, giving that power to State Parks OHV Division bureaucrats.

TAKE ACTION!: Contact Assemblymember Wolk Today!

Assemblywoman Lois Wolk is a strong steward of the environment, a fighter for every Californian's right to clean air and water, abundant fish and wildlife, and natural areas for recreation. We need to support her effort to get a good bill through the Legislature to reform the State Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Program which expires this year.

Thank Assemblymember Wolk for standing up for

California's priceless wilderness and wildlife by faxing, emailing or mailing your own thoughts or the sample letter below.

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Sacramento, CA 942849-0008
Fax: (916) 319-2108
Email: Assemblymember.wolk@assembly.ca.gov

Dear Assemblymember Wolk,

Thank you for your leadership in authoring Senate Bill 742. I am concerned with the damage that irresponsible off-road vehicle use is causing to California's wilderness, wildlife, and waterways. I urge you to stand up for California's environment by ensuring that SB 742 sufficiently funds restoration, protects our National Forest roadless areas, and improves law enforcement efforts to safeguard California's spectacular public lands.

Please make sure that SB 742 includes the following conservation-oriented provisions:

- Increased funding for restoration projects that protect our waterways, wildlife and wilderness from off-road vehicle damage. At least 30% of OHV grant funding should go to restoration. As off-road vehicle use explodes across the California landscape it is critical that the State OHV program sufficiently fund restoration to prevent and clean up the damage to our wildlife habitat, fisheries and wilderness.

- Provisions to keep motorized vehicles out of our last remaining national forest roadless areas. Please protect these wild places as quiet sanctuaries to safeguard California's clean water supplies, wildlife habitat and unmatched traditional outdoor recreation opportunities.

- Law enforcement reforms that protect private property owners and public resources. Please create meaningful penalties for illegal riding and include vehicle confiscation for repeat offenders. And, require license or identification plates that help law enforcement and the public reign in outlaw riders.

Thank you for your help.
Sincerely,

Community Announcement

Members of the Yolano Group have asked to publicize the following events:

Teach Peace & 9/11 Theater Film Series

Monday, July 9...American Blackout. Whatever you think you know about our election systems, this film will make you further question the realities that confront us as voters. This film critically examines the contemporary tactics used to control our vote and silence voices of political dissent.

Thursday, July 19...The Great Conspiracy<the 9/11 News Special You Never Saw. The "war on terror" is drilled hypnoti-

cally into the public mind as the imperative reality of realities. Without the linchpin of the official 9/11 story, this crusade would be an impossible sell.

Tuesday, August 14...Oil, Smoke & Mirrors. Peak oil, 9/11 & the "war on terror": an eye opening view of our present global situation that many of us would rather not consider.

Thursday, August 23...9/11 Press for Truth. Five of the most prominent members of the Family Steering Committee tell their story for the first time on film, providing the most powerful argument yet why 9/11 still needs investigation.

7 p.m. Blanchard Room, Library, 315 E 14th street 757-1633

California Clean Car Discount Program

The California Clean Car Discount Bill (AB 493-Ruskin), sponsored by the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), is designed to reduce global warming pollution from new cars and trucks in California by providing rebates to consumers who buy cleaner new vehicles. These rebates will make cleaner vehicles more affordable to all Californians

Vehicles are by far the largest source of California's global warming pollution, accounting for more than 40% of the state's heat-trapping emissions. There are over 20 million passenger vehicles in California, and roughly 1.8 million new passenger cars and trucks are purchased each year. A significant portion of global warming gases are expected to continue to come from cars and trucks in California, even with existing regulations.

Global warming's impact on our environment, health and economy will be devastating. Fortunately, the most severe impacts can be avoided if we act now. California can continue to lead in global warming solutions and achieve substantial progress in reducing global warming emissions by establishing innovative programs like the clean car discount program to make cleaner cars and trucks more affordable. The California Clean Car Discount program provides one-time rebates or surcharges on the purchase of new vehicles based on each vehicle's emissions. The program provides rebates on purchases of new cars with lower global warming emissions and levies surcharges on purchases of cars with higher global



warming emissions. The rebates and administrative costs associated with the program are funded by the surcharges, so the program is self-financing and will cost the state nothing. This program also acts as an incentive to get auto manufacturers to produce cleaner cars.

It is important to get this bill passed in the Assembly. The Yolano Group worked with UCS, CalPirg, and the John Muir Institute for the Environment at UCD to put on a public program, make phone calls and to get cards signed to go to our Assembly Member Lois Wolk and to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. On June 5, UCS delivered over 1000 signed cards to Assembly Member Wolk and the Governor. The local campaign was successful. Assembly Member Wolk voted for the Clean Car bill. Unfortunately, after very intensive lobbying by automakers and car dealer associations, the bill fell just a few votes short of those needed to pass it off the Assembly floor. The bill will go back to the assembly in January for reconsideration.

TAKE ACTION!

Contact your assembly members and urge them to pass this important legislation. Ask them to vote for AB 493, the California Clean Car Discount bill, authored by Assembly Member Ruskin, to reduce vehicle global warming emissions. If you do not know your assembly member, go to www.assembly.ca.gov/ and click on "find my district". Also, thank Assembly Member Wolk for her vote at: 1-916-319-2008. Act now and keep California on the forefront of global warming solutions.

Sierra Club Outings

Led by local leaders

August 11, Sat. 2 Day Hikes (1A & 2A) (Seniors)
Tomales Point, Point Reyes National Seashore. Watch Tule Elk while exploring the point between the Pacific Ocean and Tomales Bay. Hike #1. Hike about 4 miles and then walk around the historic Pierce Point Ranch. Hike # 2. Hike approximately 8 miles round trip to Bird Rock. Both hikes have about 600 feet elevation gain. Note: This is an all day event. We will stop at the Marin Cheese Factory on the way to the trailhead. Dress in layers and hiking boots, bring water, lunch and snack. Optional dinner in restaurant on Tomales Bay after the hike. Contact leaders, Lin and Peter Lindert, for meeting place and time:
(530) 758-6418 or llindert@sbcglobal.net Rain cancels.

August 16, Thurs. Dinner & Day Hike (1A) (Seniors)
Davis, and University Arboretum. Enjoy a no-host dinner at 6:00 p.m. on the patio at Pluto's Restaurant, 500 First Street, Davis. Vegetarian options are available. After dinner, we will hike 3.5 miles through the University of California, Davis arboretum (estimated time for hike: 7:00-8:30 p.m.). Bring water and sturdy shoes for hike

and money for dinner. Contact leaders, Lin and Peter Lindert, for directions to parking lot behind the shopping center: (530) 758-6418 or llindert@sbcglobal.net Weather forecast predicting evening temperatures greater than 95 degrees F. cancels event.



Other Outings

July 27- 29. Writer's Workshop led by Suzanne Murray. Price will be \$275 including food and lodging. Clair Tappaan Lodge

July 29 - August 4. Granite Peaks, Mountain Lakes: Hiking the Sierra Nevada, National outing. Clair Tappaan Lodge

To reserve a spot or get more information, call the Clair Tappaan Lodge at 800 679-6775. You can also get more information at www.ctl.sierraclub.org, click on Activities and follow the links.

The Yolano Group is part of the Mother Lode Chapter. To find out about other Sierra Club outings, find them listed at: www.motherlode.sierraclub.org/ and click on "outings". There are outings for people of all ages and at all levels, including hiking, backpacking, kayaking, paddle trips, etc.

Creek-side Clearing Debacle Ends Well

In late January the City of Davis began a creek-side clearing operation in the Willowbank area in south Davis. The thinning was to reduce the “fuel load” for fire protection and should have consisted of removal of weeds and dead trees and branches. Instead, the City conducted a heavy-handed removal of virtually all the under-story vegetation and many of the living trees.

The Willowbank creek and bike trail is a significant natural area in our city. It includes habitat for a large number of avian and other wildlife species. The City proceeded with this operation without notifying any of the neighbors, including the Willowbank County Service Area Committee, which should have had some input into the plan. Fortunately, quick action by neighbors and members of the Yolano Group stopped the creek-side clearing, but significant damage had already been done.

Members of the Yolano Group met with members from the City staff to discuss the damage and subsequently sent a letter requesting actions to repair the damage and to restore natural habitat of the cleared area. This included replanting native vegetation, light pruning to remove dead or hanging snags, removal of garbage in the creek, and repair of the path



damaged by the large trucks used in the operation.

The City notified the Yolano Group that the City’s Wildlife Resource Specialist, John McNerney, was in the process of developing a vegetation management plan that would address most of the actions we requested. The exception was the bike path repair. Currently city funds are inadequate for maintenance of all the bike paths in the city. Funding may become available in the next fiscal year.

On June 27, members of the Yolano Group Management Committee met with Public Works Director Bob Weir, and Wildlife Specialist John McNerney at the previously cleared site. They were pleased to see that most of the native vegetation was coming back, including many wild roses, toyons and several sprouting valley oaks and black walnuts. The plan the City is developing will include management of the new native population and removal of certain non-natives to restore and maintain

the natural habitat. The City is also working with the County and private land owners on the county side of the creek to clear vegetation and downed trees on that side. The Yolano Group asked that in future, there be sufficient noticing of neighbors the next time a thinning operation is proposed.

Contact Public Works and request to be notified if any tree cutting or vegetation removal is to take place in your neighborhood. Contact: City of Davis Public Works Department, 1717 5th Street, Davis, CA 95616. 530-757-5686

Save the Date and Help Clair Tappaan Lodge

Do you know about the Perseids Shower? The Perseid meteor shower usually provides the best meteor show of the year. This year it will be on display from August 9 to August 14 from 1 am to 7 am with the peak predicted on Sunday August 13 starting at 1am. For more about it, see the sidebar.

Clair Tappaan Lodge will hold its third annual summer fundraising weekend to coincide with the Perseids Shower. From Friday August 10 through Sunday, August 12, there will be music, stories and s'mores for grown ups around a campfire, theme hikes, movies, and a silent auction. This year, we will waken those who ask us to at 1 am Sunday to go out into the dark night to view the spectacular sight of hundreds of meteors.

For \$150 you get two nights lodging, 6 hearty meals including a wild salmon dinner, hikes, music, movies, a wine and cheese, a campfire where you can trade lies and someone to waken you at 1 a.m. You also will be contributing to keeping alive this wonderful old-fashioned Lodge.

If you would like to help we need people to gather auction items, organize the auction, write letters, arrange hikes, and lots of people on the days of the event itself. Come be a part of it. To register call the Lodge at 800 679-6775. For more information click on activities at ctl.sierraclub.org.

Call Olivia at 530 470-8303 or Trudy at 530 265-5868.



The Perseids come every year, beginning in late July and stretching into August. Sky watchers outdoors at the right time can see colorful fireballs, occasional outbursts and, almost always, long hours of

gracefully streaking meteors. The source of the shower is Comet Swift-Tuttle. Although the comet is nowhere near Earth, the comet's wide tail does intersect Earth's orbit. We glide through it every year in July and August. Tiny bits of comet dust hit Earth's atmosphere traveling 132,000 mph. At that speed, even a tiny smidgen of dust makes a vivid streak of light--a meteor--when it disintegrates. The shower is most intense when Earth is in the dustiest part of the tail.

Perseid meteors fly out of the constellation Perseus, hence their name. The best time to watch is during the hours before sunrise when Perseus is high in the sky: after 1 am and before dawn, if you get away from city lights, you could see hundreds of meteors.

“...Picture this: It's four in the morning. The sky is dark. The breeze is pleasant. Mars is beaming down from the east while meteors flit across the sky.”

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The Management Committee meets on the second Thursday of each month. The public is invited to the meetings. Watch for announcements in the Enterprise for location or you can call Pam at 530-756-6856 for information or to get on our email list.

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Life	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1250
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