

Holiday Slide Show and Potluck

The Yolano Group Sierra Club invites you to join us for a holiday potluck and slide show presentation featuring spectacular views of the Canadian sub-arctic. Local author, Peter Kazaks, offers us his story of an 800-mile, six-week wilderness canoe trip in the far north of Canada. The trip will take us from Reindeer Lake on the Manitoba/Saskatchewan border, across large lakes, down rivers and rapids, and across the tundra, ending on the shores of the Hudson Bay. Mr. Kazaks has also written a book, "From Reindeer Lake to Eskimo Point", to commemorate this voyage.



Please join us Thursday December 9 at 6:30 for an evening of fun and food and a great show.

The potluck and slide show will take place **Thursday, December 9, 2004** in the Blanchard Room of the Davis Branch of the Yolo County Library, 315 14th Street in Davis. The potluck will begin at 6:30 followed by the slide show at approximately 7:30. Please bring your own utensils, plates, cups and a favorite dish. The Yolano Group will provide beverages. **For more information, contact Pam at 756-6856 or email pnieberg@dcn.davis.ca.us or Holly at 753-2773 or holly@hollytime.com.**

Celebrate 40 Years of Wilderness: Tim Palmer Headlines Party

Join us for an anniversary party of the 1964 Wilderness Act and a slide show presentation by acclaimed author Tim Palmer's on his new book "*California Wild: Preserving the Spirit and Beauty of our Land.*" The event is cosponsored by the Sierra Club Yolano Group, Tuleyome, Yolo Audubon Society and the California Native Plant Society.

Join us Monday, November 15th
from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Village Homes Community Center
2661 Portage Bay East
Davis, California
(Call 304-6215 for directions)

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Annual Election to the Management Committee of the Yolano Group

The annual election to the Yolano Group Management Committee is upon us. You will find a ballot in this issue of the Flame. The time line for the election is as follows:

- Nov 8/9, 2004: ballots mailed out
- Dec 17, 2004: election closes
- Dec 20, 2004: ballots counted
- Jan 13, 2005: new board takes office

**Ballots must be postmarked
no later than
December 17, 2004**

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Celebrate 40 Years of Wilderness (continued from page 1)

Senator Barbara Boxer states that *"California Wild movingly documents the natural beauty of California. May it inspire us all to work together to protect remaining wild lands before it is too late."*

Blending natural history and personal experience, award-winning author Tim Palmer brings this remarkable landscape to life. With 150 stunning color photos by Tim and also by Terry Donnelly and Mary Liz Austin, California Wild takes us to some of the most spectacular scenes in America.

Forty years ago, on September 3, 1964, President Lyndon Baines Johnson signed into law The Wilderness Act, the most far-reaching land preservation statute ever enacted. As LBJ proclaimed as he penned his name to the law, *"If future generations are to remember us with gratitude rather than contempt, we must leave them more than the miracles of technology. We must leave them a glimpse of the world as it was in the beginning, not just after we got through with it."*

The Wilderness Act's statement of policy underscores this point: *"In order to assure that an increasing population, accompanied by expanding settlement and growing mechanization, does not occupy and modify all areas within the United States and its possessions, leaving no lands designated for preservation and protection in their natural condition, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the Congress to secure for the American people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness."*

The party will also kick off the Cache Creek state wild, scenic, and recreational river campaign.

Join us Monday November 15th, 7:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. At the Village Homes Community Center 2661 Portage Bay East, Davis, California (Call 304-6215 for directions)

For more information email Bob Schneider at bschneider@tuleyome.org or call 530-304-6215.

Wilderness Bill to Move in Congress?

By Bob Schneider

Congressman Mike Thompson's Northern California Coastal Wild Heritage Act (HR 1501) that is cosponsored by Senators Barbara Boxer and Diane Feinstein (S 738) can still pass in the lame duck session of Congress that begins on November 15.

When the bill passes, it will permanently protect 31,000 acres of the local Cache Creek wilderness.

The bill has had a hearing on the Senate side and now Republican and Democratic conferees are meeting to work out differences.



Governor Schwarzenegger in a letter to

Congressman Mike Thompson has conditionally supported the bill if issues with the Forest Service can be resolved.

HR 1501 will add nearly 300,000 acres in 22 different areas to the federal Wilderness Act of 1964, and 22 miles of the Black Butte River to the Wild, Scenic and Recreational River Act of 1968. Areas to be added include the King Range and the Lost Coast, Cache Creek, Cedar Roughs, Yuki and additions to

Snow Mountain and the Trinity Alps.

What a fitting tribute it will be to pass this landmark legislation during the 40th anniversary year of the Wilderness Act.

TAKE ACTION!

What can you do to help? Write Governor Schwarzenegger today. Ask him to unconditionally support Congressman Mike Thompson's wilderness bill HR 1501. Elected officials respect letters most. They really make a difference. Write today.

Write: Governor Schwarzenegger, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

For more information email Bob Schneider at bschneider@tuleyome.org or call 530-304-6215.

Cache Creek Dairy Lawsuit

The Sierra Club filed a lawsuit in Yolo County to contest the Yolo County Board of Supervisors' decision to allow the expansion of the Cache Creek Dairy without a conditional use permit (CUP) or environmental review. The dairy was permitted into the county in 1998 as an agricultural use on agricultural land. No CUP was required at the time and no environmental review was done to study and mitigate impacts of the facility on the environment and human health. After the dairy was established, the county changed its policy and now requires a CUP and environmental review for all new or expanding dairies. The Supervisors granted the exception in the case of the Cache Creek Dairy because the dairy owner argued that he has a vested right to expand based on some of his original permits to build the existing dairy. The Sierra Club's position was that the dairy owner had no vested right because his permits had either expired or were never intended to permit for a larger dairy in the first place. Therefore, the Supervisors' decision to allow the expansion without requiring the CUP was a violation of the county's own policy.

October 19 Hearing

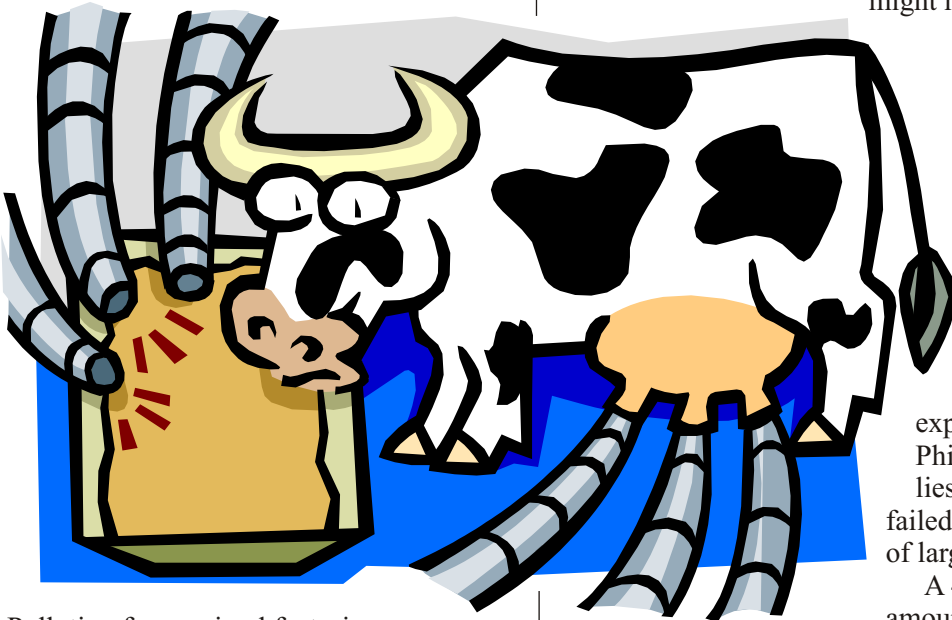
The Sierra Club and neighbors of the Cache Creek Dairy were disappointed when a Yolo County judge on October 19, 2004, ruled that the suit against the Supervisors was not filed in a timely manner and dismissed the case on a technicality.

The Club and its lawyer, Brent Newell, were confident that it was a strong case on the merits: whether the owner of the dairy, Jack Kasbergen, must obtain a conditional use permit and produce an environmental impact report before expanding an already

large dairy. Kasbergen claimed he had a vested right to expand because his now-expired permit from the Regional Water Quality Control Board allowed 2,800 total cows (the dairy currently houses 1500 cows). Kasbergen pursued this strategy in order to avoid paying for an environmental impact report.

As it now stands, Kasbergen will build another "freestall" barn to house another 1300 dairy cows. Altogether, the amount of manure from the dairy will equal that of sewage from a town of 56,000 people. This expansion will now happen with no public input, no mitigation for impacts on the environment or on human health, and no monitoring of impacts on groundwater and emissions of toxic and noxious gases into the air. In allowing the Kasbergen expansion without a permit, our Supervisors have shown they are more interested in protecting polluters than the health of Yolo County residents.

Mega-Dairies and other animal factories remain a critical issue for the Sierra club, locally and nationally.



Pollution from animal factories is one of four national priority campaigns. We will now endeavor locally to make sure that the Water Quality Control Board imposes strict standards on the expanding Cache Creek Dairy. The neighbors of the dairy will also continue to meet in order to organize monitoring of stench, flies, and polluted groundwater and they will file citizen complaints as necessary.

The local Sierra Club Yolano Group and neighbors of the dairy wish to thank all those who contributed their energy and money toward this effort.

Low Cost Loans Helped Large Dairies Pollute

Back in 2002, Peter Albers, owner/operator of the nearly 4000-cow Heritage Dairy near Dixon, was the beneficiary of a state program that provides tax-exempt, low interest loans to small businesses to help fight pollution. The California Pollution Control Finance Authority (CPCFA), an agency located within the Office of the State Treasurer, provides financing for private businesses to build pollution control facilities. When Albers left Southern California to move north, he needed to build expensive new facilities to collect, store, treat and dispose of the enormous amounts of liquid animal waste his mega-dairy would produce. In 2002, Albers received a \$1.5 million tax-exempt bond loan from the agency to finance the cost of building the dairy's waste management system. The CPCFA also reimbursed him the \$154,000 to cover the loan's administrative costs.

Albers said he was going to build a recycling system that would protect the environment from the waste produced at his massive facility. Instead, he installed a system with no alarm, no back-up pumps, and no redundancy in containment to prevent or contain accidental spills from the waste manure lagoons. He was also required by the Regional Water Quality Control Board to install an irrigation return flow system (to return liquid manure water to the lagoons after application to crop land). He did not. One night in November of 2003, a pump failed at one of the lagoons at the Heritage Dairy: the lagoon overflowed and sent 1.3 million gallons of liquid manure into adjacent irrigation channels and into the watershed. There were no alarms, so the spill was not detected until the following morning. If Albers had installed the appropriate system with safeguards, this massive spill might have been avoided.

The Heritage Dairy is not the only dairy to use this state program. Recent articles in the Los Angeles Times and the Fresno Bee revealed that, over the past four years, nearly \$70 million in state bond money designated for pollution control has helped finance big dairies. The intent of the loans was to help dairy owners provide environmentally sound methods of disposing of animal waste. However, in many cases, the money helped them make lucrative moves from southern California to the San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys and to expand their facilities. According to State Treasurer Phil Angelides, who heads the CPCFA, the fault lies with the pollution control authority which failed to thoroughly assess the environmental impact of large dairies.

A 4000-cow dairy produces about the same amount of animal waste as the sewage of a city of 80,000 people. That is a lot of waste that can seep into our groundwater or end up in our surface waters through accidental spills or leaks. Large dairies also add considerable amounts of pollutants to the air. The waste lagoons emit millions of pounds of smog-forming gases each year, according to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, a significant contribution to the San Joaquin Valley becoming one of the nation's most polluted air basins. Large dairies are responsible for emitting very large amounts of ammonia in the air. Ammonia mixes with oxides of nitrogen to form tiny particulate matter that can lodge deep in the lungs and cause respiratory diseases. As conditions of the loans, the pollution control board did not require recipients to install any technology to prevent release of toxic and noxious gases from the lagoons.

Further loans have been frozen until a comprehensive review can be done and to ensure that, in the future, dairies that receive loans of this type actually do take steps to resolve environmental problems caused by their facilities.

Mega Dairy Update

The Sierra Club has been working in Solano and Yolo Counties to encourage county officials to carefully consider the impact of any new or expanding large Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) in our two counties. These large industrial animal facilities can have huge effects on the environment and on human health and welfare. They must be strictly regulated to reduce or eliminate these impacts.

The Sierra Club has asked Solano County officials not to allow any mega dairies like the Heritage Dairy into our region until the county has implemented a set of strong standards to regulate these facilities. The club has been working on drafting new standards with county officials. The club is also asking for a moratorium on permitting of any new large dairies in Solano County until these new regulations can be adopted.

At the July 27 Board of Supervisors' meeting, the board voted unanimously to continue the public hearing on this issue

until December 7. This was primarily to permit more discussion between the supervisors and representatives from the cities of Solano County. The cities also oppose allowing more large Confined Animal Feeding Operations into the county until strong regulations are in place.

TAKE ACTION!

December 7 is fast approaching now. Contact the Solano County Supervisors and ask for a moratorium until strong standards can be written and adopted. Ask to be put on a list of community members receiving notice of public meetings regarding CAFOs.

To deliver your message to all Solano County Supervisors, contact the Clerk of the Board, 580 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 95533, 1-707-421-6100 or FAX 421-7975.

Attend the December 7 Supervisor's meeting and give testimony. (580 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA.)

Yolano Group Elections

- This election is for 3 members of the 7 member Management Committee.
- Terms are for 2 years.
- Please vote for up to 3 candidates.
- Ballots must be postmarked no later than December 17, 2004.



The candidates' statements follow in alphabetical order:

Rebecca Kihslinger

I am running for re-election to the management committee of the Yolano Group Sierra Club. A year ago, I had the opportunity, and pleasure, to step in and complete the term for an outgoing committee member. I have worked hard this year to actively participate in ongoing group campaigns. I would be honored to continue my service through a second term.

I moved to Davis five years ago to pursue my graduate education. I am currently finishing my dissertation in animal behavior here at UC Davis. My dissertation research aims to help conserve, in my own small way, a California endangered species, the Central Valley steelhead trout.

I have always been an outspoken advocate for the environment, and I have worked hard during my time in Davis to turn my words into actions. My position with the Yolano Group has allowed me to become genuinely involved in local environmental issues. Specifically, I have tried to keep the group up to date on pressing local fisheries issues. I am also involved in other group campaigns including the ongoing fight to establish a moratorium on new factory farms in the area.

I feel my experience in the biological sciences and my love for the environment make me an excellent candidate for the Yolano Group Management Committee. I have learned a lot this year about local environmental issues and regulations. I am eager to learn more. I feel strongly that the quality of the environment that we share is worth fighting for. Thanks.

Don Mooney

I am a graduate of the University of Oregon School of Law where I obtained certificates in Natural Resources Law and Ocean and Coastal Law. Upon graduating from law school I had a one-year fellowship with the Tulane Environmental Law Clinic at Tulane University in New Orleans.

For the last 14 years I have practiced law in California with an emphasis on California water rights, CEQA, endangered species, and ocean and coastal law. Five years ago I opened my law office in Davis where I continue to practice environmental law representing environmental groups, citizens groups, and individuals throughout California. I have represented and continue to represent the Sierra Club in numerous land use and CEQA cases in northern California.

The environmental successes of the past 30 years are under assault as never before. The Sierra Club must continue providing a strong voice along with activism on the national, state and local levels in order to reverse the current trends. My primary goal as a board member would be to bring my experience as a strong advocate for the environment to contribute to that voice and activism.

Locally, the Sierra Club must continue to address the issues of sprawl, water quality, air quality, pesticides, transportation, loss of open space and protection of wildlife. In order to address these critical issues we must be vigilant and not let the anti-environmental interests control the debate and continue the assault on the environment.

Bob Schneider

During the past two years that I have served as co-conservation chair, the Sierra Club Yolano Group has increased its effectiveness representing environmental concerns.

I have worked for wilderness and wild rivers along Cache Creek. The area is fantastic with bald eagles, bear, mountain lion, tule elk and river otter and many other creatures. It deserves permanent protection. Take a hike and see it (www.yolohiker.org)

Working with others, I have tracked the Yolo County General Plan and Parks Master Plan update; the Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Communities Conservation Plan process; the Conaway Ranch purchase; the SAFCA proposal to widen the bypass; and worked to protect our working landscape farmland and open space. We have also begun efforts to restore salmon to Cache Creek.

We are building stronger alliances with other conservation advocacy organizations including Tuleyome, Yolo Audubon Society, and the California Native Plant Society. We need to work in partnership with our friends to achieve our goals.

Lastly, I have led efforts to increase our political effectiveness. We must work effectively to influence all elected officials to protect the environment.

I ask for your vote to continue this work.

Marc Vayssières

I am running for re-election to the management committee of the Yolano Group of the Sierra Club. For the past two years I have served as the group's newsletter editor and webmaster. I have tried to make our newsletter more enticing to read with the hope that it would help you stay informed about local environmental issues and coming events and motivate you to write that important letter in support of our actions. Two years ago the group did not have a presence on the web, I have since created an internet site for the Yolano Group, linked to that of the Motherlode Chapter (<http://motherlode.sierraclub.org/Yolano/>). I intend to continue work on making our web pages a showcase of issues we care about and the place to go for timely information in between newsletters.

I would be honored to continue working within this management committee. It is a great team of people who are not only fighting threats to our environment such as factory farms and uncontrolled urban sprawl but are also pro-actively working to preserve wilderness in the Cache Creek basin and maintain our agricultural landscapes.

Ballot

These candidates are running for two-year terms on the Yolano Group Management Committee.

Vote for up to 3 candidates.

Use one column if you have a single membership or both columns for a joint membership.

Rebecca Kihslinger

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Don Mooney

(or if you prefer, you may cut this ballot and mail it in an envelope.)

Bob Schneider

Ballots must be postmarked no later than Friday December 17, 2004.

Marc Vayssières

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Davis, CA. 95617-2220

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Campaign Kickoff for State Cache Creek Wild, Scenic, and Recreational River

By Bob Schneider

Congratulation!

Many of you have worked hard and supported efforts to permanently protect the free flowing reaches of Cache Creek as a state designated wild, scenic and recreational river. As a result of this grassroots support Assembly member Lois Wolk has committed to introduce a Cache Creek bill in 2005.

Now the work really starts and we need your help.



Efforts will continue at the local level to build support among elected officials, people of faith, students, water sports enthusiasts, anglers, bird watchers, youth groups, service clubs, seniors and others that want to leave a living legacy of our wild heritage for our children and theirs. We also need to begin an educational campaign in

the Capitol and with organizations throughout the state.

We have opposition.

Some say we will take farmers' water. Not true. Others say we won't be able to do restoration work. No, also not true. Some say, why give up our sovereignty over the creek? Sorry, it is not a private creek, it belongs to all of us. We won't be able to build dams anymore! Now, that statement is true. No more dams on the free flowing reaches of the creek.

Some say why now? We've taken pretty good care of the creek. Or, why are you causing tensions in the watershed by asking for this now?

These are all important questions posed by good people. And, they are very human reactions when changes are proposed.

But, the fact is that there is much more work to do in the watershed and now is the time to move forward to permanently protect the remaining free flowing reaches of Cache Creek that abut our public lands. The Bureau of Land Management has also recognized the special values of this creek, finding it eligible for Wild, Scenic and Recreational River status.

Wilderness in the Cache Creek region together with Wild, Scenic and Recreational River status emphasizes the regional, statewide and national importance of Cache Creek. The removal of invasive plants, protection of native fisheries and reintroduction of salmon to Cache Creek, as has occurred on Putah Creek, can all be done in harmony with the need to secure water for our farms.

It is a special legacy that we all can leave for future generations.

We need your help: Email bschneider@tuleyome.org or call Bob Schneider at 304-6215. Come to our Wilderness Act party (see front page) and help kick off the Cache Creek Wild campaign.

Yolo GE Free

By Sandy Weaver and Rodney Robinson

Last March, a food-safety organization, Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) Free Mendocino, did something that no group had ever done before. It passed a law banning genetically engineered crops and livestock. In response to this, the state organization California Genetic Engineering (GE) Free Agriculture did a week long training for community organizing activists in 13 counties in California. In August a "Yolo GE Free" group was formed. Over the last two months the group brought educational speakers to Davis to give presentations about the health risks of eating genetically engineered crops.

The first speaker was, Jeffrey Smith, author of "Seeds of Deception" a book that dismantles the credibility of industry and government claims that genetically modified foods are safe. Another speaker Steven M. Druker, JD, an attorney and director of Alliance for Bio-Integrity, who forced the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to divulge internal files on GM foods. According to Druker, the approval of genetically modified crops in the United States by the FDA is based on a misrepresentation of the facts and a massive cover up of scientists' warnings, and it is therefore a great threat to our health and safety. Both of these speakers were recorded for future screening.

In August 2003, the Board of Supervisors of Trinity County voted for a ban of GMO crops in that county, and across the state four county ballot measures to ban GMOs will be voted on this November. Efforts are underway in other counties for similar bans and moratoriums.

The Sierra Club has called for a moratorium on the planting of all genetically engineered crops and the release of GMOs into the environment.

Yolo GE Free would like to develop an active GE Free group in Yolo County to educate the public and express views that wouldn't necessarily be heard in a county that has genetic engineering research and seed companies currently growing GE plants. The group will develop local coordinated campaigns with the objective to build a GE Free California and promote "Food Democracy". The group will also work with other counties to prevent the State of California from taking away cities' and counties' rights to regulate health and safety issues related to the integrity of our food, farms and environment.

For information Contact Sandy Weaver (530) 757-1622, veggiesandy@yahoo.co



Can We Join SMUD?

By Dan Berman, Coalition for Local Power(*)

On Tuesday, Dec. 7 the Davis City Council will host a hearing to present the conclusions of the \$500,000 SMUD Annexation Study. Similar hearings will also take place in West Sacramento and Woodland. The study's purpose is to determine whether annexation makes financial and technical sense for SMUD and for its potential new customers in Yolo County.

The study will “make estimates of what the electric rates might be for each partnering community in order to recover the costs of annexation” of PG&E's poles and wires over the long term.

FOLSOM ANNEXATION: In 1981-'84, when Folsom was annexed to SMUD, PG&E first declared that its property wasn't for sale, then demanded \$23 million for its poles and wires. SMUD countered with an offer of \$5.5 million, then took PG&E to court under eminent domain, after the Folsom electorate had voted by a 72% margin to support annexation. PG&E ended up settling out of court for \$13 million. (For more on the Folsom annexation, to <http://www.cityofdavis.org/topic.pdfs.Municipal-Electric-Utility-Options-Analysis.pdf>, Appendix B).

Annexation will require, in this order: 1) a study finding that annexation makes sense; 2) City council votes in West Sacramento, Davis, and Woodland; 3) a SMUD Board of Directors vote; 4) approval by the Sacramento County's Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO); and eventually 5) separate votes by the electorates of the three major cities in Yolo County. Go to www.SMUDannexationstudy.com to find out about the study. The text of the study will be posted there in late November, along with the schedules for official educational hearings about the study in Davis, West Sacramento, Woodland, and Yolo County.

Why is SMUD Better?

Compared to PG&E, SMUD is better for five simple reasons:

1. SMUD is cheaper

The table below shows that SMUD charges from 5.6¢ to 11.5¢ less per kilowatt/hour than PG&E over a variety of rate

	Residential (700kWh)	Small Business (2,000kWh)	Large Supermarket (250,000kWh)
SMUD	\$61 (8.7¢/ kWh)	\$199 (9.9¢/kWh)	\$25,905 (10.2¢/kWh)
PG&E	\$106 (15.1¢/kWh)	\$448 (22.4¢/kWh)	\$39,744 (15.8¢/kWh)
Estimated Savings:	\$45/mo.	\$249/mo.	\$13,839/mo.

categories. When we transition from PG&E to SMUD in Yolo County, this difference will probably allow us to buy PG&E's local system and reduce rates slightly. After the system has been paid off, Yolo's new SMUD customers like all SMUD customers since at least 1980--will pay substantially less than PG&E customers....

Typical Electric Bills, August 2004

Calculated from “Comparison of Typical Electric Bills,” Monthly Report, Energy Rates & Contracts, Los Angeles Dept. of Water and Power, available by calling 213-367-0330.



2. SMUD is greener.

Where Green Electricity is concerned, SMUD has installed over 5 times as much solar electric (a.k.a. photovoltaic or PV) capacity per customer --and over twice as much wind capacity per customer -- as PG&E. The statistics speak for themselves:

- PV capacity per customer: SMUD: 31 watts, PG&E 5.5 watts (1)
- Wind capacity per customer: SMUD: 339 watts, PG&E: 137 watts (2)

3. SMUD has happier customers.

When it comes to Customer Satisfaction, there is no contest: according to the J.D. Power's “2004 Electric Utility Residential Customer Satisfaction Study”, SMUD ranked 3rd in “customer satisfaction” and PG&E ranked 10th of the 13 largest utilities in the West(3).

4. SMUD's top executives are in it for the service, not the money.

Mr. Gordon Smith helped lead PG&E into bankruptcy. He is the President and CEO of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, and Senior VP of PG&E Corp. (the bankrupt holding company). Mr. Smith made \$11,838,392 in total compensation in 2003. SMUD's General Manager, Ms. Jan

Schori, earned \$283,327 that same year. (4)

5. SMUD is more democratic.

SMUD's superiority on all counts has everything to do with Community Accountability. SMUD is a democratic enterprise, governed by an elected board of directors, which is directly accountable to its customer/owners. PG&E's is accountable to its stockholders as well as its customers. The PG&E Co. is a subsidiary of the PG&E Corp., a holding company owned by private investors and governed by a self-appointed Board of Directors that meets in private. SMUD's democratic accountability makes all the difference.



REFERENCES:

(1) http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/emerging_renewables/2004-07-20_GRID_PV.PDF, August 2004. (PG&E Co. has about 3.5 million customers; SMUD about 540,000).

(2) The American Wind Energy Association website: www.awea.org, which has capacity data by state.

(3) <http://www.jdpa.com/awards/industry/pressrelease.asp?StudyID=869>

(4) Information on Mr. Gordon Smith's total compensation comes from General Order No. 77-K Report for 2003, furnished to the California Public Utilities Commission by PG&E Co. The information comes from Attachment 1, p. 141, as well as from the section which lists all salaries of \$75,000 and above. To locate this report call the California Public Utilities Commission at 415-703-1329. Information on Ms. Jan Schori's salary was supplied by her office in July 2004.

(*) The Coalition for Local Power is an ad hoc citizens group that has advocated public power solutions in Yolo County since 1997. For more information call Dan Berman at 530-757-6609, Martin Homec at 530-867-1850, or Dean T. Newberry at 530-758-1378. Berman is the author of WHO OWNS THE SUN. Homec has been a utilities analyst for many years, and Newberry is a solar contractor. Both Berman and Newberry served on the Citizens Task Force on Energy Issues of the City of Davis.

Sierra Club Outings

Led by local leaders

Nov 20, Saturday (grade 2A).

Bear Valley Pt. Reyes Nat'l Seashore

We start at the Visitor Center and hike Along Bear Valley Creek to the ocean's edge for lunch. 9 total miles & 200' elev. gain. Includes a quick stop at the Marin Cheese Factory on the way. Rain cancels. Meet at the Mace Blvd exit (east side of Davis) Park & Ride north of I-80 at 8:00 a.m. **Leader Richard Crescitelli (530) 758-2340, rcresci@rocketmail.com.**



Other Outings

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.

Hike the Cache Creek-Blue Ridge Region

The Capay Valley Hiking Club's new hike schedule is now up on the www.yolohike.org web site. Several new hikes and some overnights trips are included in the new schedule along with traditional hikes to Frog Pond, Redbud Trail, Cold Canyon, Brophy Canyon and Cortina Ridge.

These guided hikes are a great way to visit our remaining wild places in western Yolo County and parts of Napa, Lake and Colusa counties. Trip descriptions, maps and organizational details are available on the web site.



Yes, I want to join the Sierra Club! My check is enclosed.

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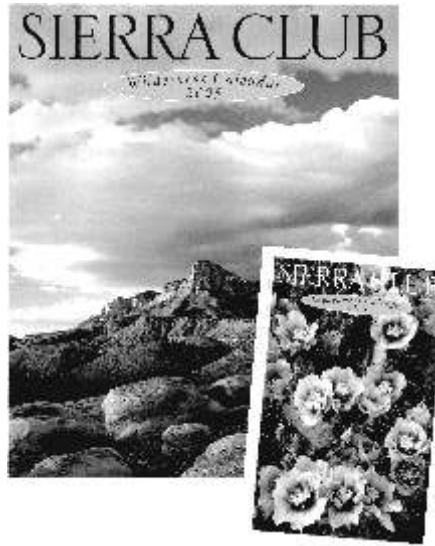
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The Management Committee meets on the second Thursday of each month. The public is invited to the meetings. Watch for announcements in the Enterprise for location or you can call Pam at 530-756-6856 for information or to get on our email list.

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Sierra Club 2005 Calendar Sales



Beginning on Saturday, November 6, at 9 a.m., Sierra Club calendars will be for sale at the Davis Farmers Market. Calendar sales will take place every Saturday morning through January 8, weather permitting.

Two calendars will be available: the Engagement calendar and the very popular Wilderness wall calendar. The price of Sierra Club calendars has remained the same for six years and, again this year, there is no price increase. Also, we offer substantial discounts over

bookstore prices.

If you need your calendars before November 6, please call Ida Bryan at 758-1807. She will be happy to make home-delivery anywhere in Yolo County for people who are not Farmers Market shoppers or need a large number of calendars. The calendar sale is our major local fund raiser and your support is greatly appreciated.

Also, we always need volunteers to assist at our Farmers Market table on Saturday mornings. First-time volunteers receive a free calendar. If you'd like to help, please call Ida.

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