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I. INTRODUCTION

In response to the Sierra Club's motion to deny party status to Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions (C4BES), we submit the following comments.

In its motion for denial of party status, Sierra Club claims that C4BES failed to “fully disclose the persons or entities in whose behalf the filing, appearance or motion is made, and the interest of such persons or entities in the proceeding pursuant to CPUC Rule 1.4(b)(1).” Sierra Club's motion is based on a fiction created by their attorneys to depict the C4BES organization in improper light and to quash a voice that may be alternative to theirs in an administrative proceeding. The motion for party status filed by C4BES clearly stated the entity on whose behalf it was filing (C4BES), and the interest of the organization. As noted, the organization is nonprofit organization that “is a coalition of natural and renewable natural gas users. Our goal is to educate Californians about the importance of natural and renewable gas for improving the environment and providing for a strong economy. We support balanced energy policies that fight climate change while protecting energy choice, reliability and affordability.” (p. 2, C4BES Motion for Party Status)

The formation of C4BES was the culmination of multiple individuals and entities coming together to form an organization with a specific and shared goal to educate Californians about natural and renewable gas and support balanced energy policies that recognize the importance of gas for our economy and a cleaner environment. As further described herein, it was initiated by shared ideals, which culminated into a combined effort to develop the organization. C4BES is an independent non-profit organization (501c4)

that was incorporated in January, 2019. Sierra Club alleges that because Southern California Gas Company (SoCal Gas) is represented on the Board of Directors and has been involved (along with many other individuals/organizations from a variety of sectors)¹ in the creation of C4BES, in their estimation, C4BES must be an organization solely controlled by and serving the sole interest of SoCalGas. This allegation is not only erroneous, inflammatory, and unsupported by the facts—it also diminishes the efforts of the community, governmental and business leaders that have worked together to create C4BES.

The Sierra Club began its motion by stating that *“The role of intervening parties is to provide perspectives independent of the utilities the Commission is charged with regulating.”* The perspectives of our board members and the hundreds of individuals and businesses that are members of C4BES are independent. While they happen to coincide with many of SoCalGas’s perspectives about the need for natural gas and renewable natural gas as part of the equation in fighting climate change and fueling the economy, their concerns extend beyond this. The coincidence of some perspectives with SoCalGas’ does not render all of their concerns invalid or their purpose corrupt. C4BES and its members do not accept the idea that complete electrification *in isolation of any other energy sources* is the only environmentally or economically prudent solution. C4BES merely wishes to have this message heard—something that Sierra Club seeks to stifle.

For the reasons provided herein, C4BES respectfully requests the denial of the Motion to Deny Party Status.

¹ Californians For Balanced Energy Solutions - <https://c4bes.org/about-us/>

II. DISCUSSION

A. The Mere Fact of SoCal Gas's Involvement in C4BES is Not Sufficient to Deny Party Status.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require a person seeking party status by motion to "fully disclose the persons or entities in whose behalf the filing, appearance or motion is made, and the interest of such persons or entities in the proceeding." And C4BES did just that. The Motion for Party Status was made on behalf of the C4BES Board of Directors, not on behalf of each or one of the entities and gas users they represent.

The Sierra Club claims it fatal to party status that C4BES did not mention that SoCalGas is a Board member of the organization; however, it does not mention that C4BES also did provide the 29 other board members of the organization. It will do so here:

Matt Rahn
Director
Environmental Leadership Institute/CSU
San Marcos

Brad Jensen
Director of Public Policy
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership

Vice Chair
Paul Granillo
Chief Executive Officer
Inland Empire Economic Partnership

Bill La Marr
Executive Director
California Small Business Alliance

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Paul Granillo
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Inland Empire Economic Partnership

Thomas Lawson
Chief Executive Officer
California Natural Gas Vehicle Coalition

Treasurer
Gretchen Gutierrez
Chief Executive Officer
Desert Valleys Builders Association

Ron Loveridge
Director
UC Riverside - Center for Sustainable
Suburban Dev.

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Sr. National Rep / Region V
Utility Workers Union of America (UWUA)

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Regional Vice President
Southern California Gas Company

Joy Alafia
President & CEO
Western Propane Gas Association
(WPGA)

Andy Molina
Executive Director
Southeast Churches Service Center

Michael Boccadoro
Executive Director
Agriculture Energy Consumers
Association

Rob Neenan
Chief Executive Officer
California League of Food Producers

Robin Downs
President
Utility Workers Union of America
(UWUA), Local 483

Steve Olson
Spreckels Sugar Company

Johannes Escudero
CEO / Executive Director
Coalition for Renewable Natural Gas

Gary Passmore
Executive Director
Congress of California Seniors

Kirk Franks
Chief Financial Officer
MCA Clay Roof Tile

Brian Pullen
Sustainability Manager
Pechanga Resort and Casino

Mitchell Frieder
Chef / Restaurant Entrepreneur

Jeff Orlandini
President
Pacific Die Casting

Jeli Gavric
Legislative Advocate
California Association of Realtors

Lilly Rocha
President
Latino Food Industry Association

Brett Guge
Executive Vice President
California Steel Industries

Leah Silverthorn
Policy Advocate
California Chamber of Commerce

John Hakel
Executive Director
Southern California Partnership for Jobs

Scott Wetch
California Pipe Trades Council and
Coalition of California Utility Employees

Matthew Hargrove
Senior Vice President of
Governmental Affairs
California Business Properties Association

Hon. Steve Worthley (Retired)
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

Hyepin Im
Chief Executive Officer
Faith and Community Empowerment

These names are publicly available on the C4BES website but were ignored by Sierra Club. C4BES and its diverse board members is an independent organization and can properly apply for party status as such. C4BES provides a collective perspective, education, and advocacy of balanced energy solutions; it does not represent the specific or unique interests of any of its individual Board Member or others that have chosen to participate.

Sierra Club used the fiction of three supposed “facts”--each of which is erroneous and inflammatory-- to suggest that C4BES represents no interests other than SoCalGas’. In fact, it is Sierra Club that is “extraordinarily deceptive” in its claims. It looked only for information that supported its story and with this scant information, the Sierra Club sought to create a story that simply did not match the reality. Sierra Club relied on only a few documents that do not impugn or cast serious doubt as to the actual motivations of why this coalition was formed and why such diverse stakeholders have joined and supported these efforts. Involvement by SoCal Gas *and the other members* is not only part of the public record and easily obtained. These individuals and organizations helped in shaping C4BES and continue do so.

1. SoCalGas Was Not Primarily Responsible for Founding C4BES

Despite the Sierra Club's groundless assertions and suppositions to the contrary, C4BES is actually the culmination of many years of independent research, education, and discussion on the topic of balanced energy led by Dr. Matt Rahn. The concept of balanced energy is not new, and was in fact a perennial part of courses, lectures, and workshops conducted by Dr. Rahn since the inception of the environmental programs he directs *dating back nearly a decade*. Those courses and lectures have always addressed a balanced approach to energy, and provided students and the public with information and discussion on traditional energy sources (e.g. oil and natural gas), renewable energy (e.g. solar, geothermal, and wind), nuclear energy, and emerging technologies (e.g. hydrogen fuel cells, renewable natural gas, and battery storage). These courses and lectures were regularly attended by individuals from industry, chambers of commerce, environmental groups, governments, water and utility districts, educators and private citizens.

The original concept for C4BES arose at an Air Quality Summit held in Riverside in early 2017, where the conversation on balance in energy was core to the principles and policies discussed by a diverse group of individuals and organizations.² It wasn't until almost a year later that the concept for C4BES as we know it today was fully conceptualized.

Development of the organization and recruitment of members to the Board was based on discussions among a wide array of key stakeholders and not "limited solely to SoCal Gas" as Sierra Club alleges. The final model of C4BES was eventually formalized in the fall of 2018 in response to continued discussions between key stakeholders, including Dr. Rahn, SoCal Gas, and many others. As a result, Articles of Incorporation were filed with the California Secretary of State by Dr. Rahn in January 2019 to create the entity.³

² Attachment A. Flyer for 2017 Air Symposium (December 7, 2017)

³ Attachment B. Articles of Incorporation for C4BES (January 7, 2019)

Shortly after the Articles of Incorporation were accepted, Dr. Rahn hosted the first Board meeting for C4BES on February 28, 2019 where membership, structure, staff, and responsibilities were formalized. The following month, a press release was issued officially announcing the formation of C4BES, that included quotes from Dr. Rahn (as the new Chairman of the Board) and three other individuals on the Board of Directors (Hyepin Im, CEO of the non-profit organization Faith and Community Empowerment; Paul Granillo, CEO of the Inland Empire Economic Partnership; and John Hakel, executive director of the Southern California Partnership for Jobs), further demonstrating collaboration, diversity, and unique perspectives.⁴ Since the organization has been formed, each Board Member including SoCalGas, has had equal weight in terms of organizational decision-making. No single individual or entity has exclusive control of the operations, management, or finances of the organization.

2. SoCalGas Did Not Solely Develop the Organizational Policy Principles for C4BES

Understandably, the C4BES Core Principles represent the gas users' viewpoints and their interest in maintaining the ability to continue using natural gas and recycled natural gas. While these concepts are aligned with SoCalGas' interest, as one might expect, they nonetheless represent a unique and separate voice in this proceeding. Industrial, commercial and residential users are represented on C4BES' Board and each should have the right to voice their collective concerns through C4BES, as a Party, separate and apart from SoCalGas.

So how was SoCalGas involved? Ken Chawkins, is an assistant for SoCalGas' Regional Vice President for External Affairs and Environmental Policy George Minter, who also sits on the C4BES Board of Directors. It is not uncommon for staff to support executives in their community work, particularly with a startup nonprofit organization without a significant staff. Resources by board members are often brought to assist the organization. In this case, Mr. Chawkins worked with others in providing C4BES with PowerPoint drafts as well as compositional and editorial guidance on some of the

⁴ Attachment C. C4BES Press Release (March 18, 2019)

formative documents for the organization on behalf of Mr. Minter. Board Chairman Dr. Rahn, a University professor and city councilman, relied on Mr. Chawkins and others as he too has similar commitments and community responsibilities, but lacked the ability or staffing to support this private endeavor. Dr. Rahn also drafted and edited the language for the website, Core Principles, drafts for the initial C4BES board meeting, and other materials, relying on Mr. Chawkins to incorporate all edits and additions, including those by other C4BES board members. These edits were provided to all members, who were given equal opportunity to provide input to C4BES activities.

The Sierra Club erroneously alleges that this logistical and administrative support provided by SoCal Gas is a proxy for having dictating the terms of the newly formed organization, C4BES. It did not. The scant evidence they provide in fact supports that this organization was created in a collaborative way, with leadership provided by key individuals including Dr. Rahn. It was thanks to their early involvement, volunteered time, and dedication to fostering a fair and balanced dialogue that C4BES ultimately emerged.

The assistance of Imprenta Communications in the production of materials was also raised by Sierra Club as apparently beyond the connections of the C4BES. These communications experts are highly respected in public relations and communications, with many clients, including SoCal Gas. They were not unknown to the many leaders on the Board of Directors and provided service to C4BES prior to the organization being incorporated and Board Membership formalized. It was important to Dr. Rahn and other founding members that C4BES be considered an authentic and professional organization, and a successful launch relies on professional services, presentation materials, and other documents. Their support and development of materials was completed in collaboration with Dr. Rahn and other Board Members, not at the sole direction of SoCal Gas. Again, the assertion by the Sierra Club that these consultants were solely responsible for the development of the materials is simply not true.

3. SoCal Gas Did Not Substantially Compensate at Least One C4BES Board Member After he Agreed to Join The Organization.

Perhaps most egregiously, the Sierra Club produced a Twitter post from Randon Lane, a SoCal Gas employee who presented the Environmental Leadership Academy (ELA) with a check for \$25,000 in support of the ELA (on October 17, 2018). The ELA is an annual forum created through California State University San Marcos and supported by multiple education, industry and governmental groups to provide professionals in all circles perspectives on environmental matters that they face. Dr. Rahn is the coordinator of the ELA lecture series and field presentations. The check was a showing of support for the CSUSM ELA Program and was not payment to Dr. Rahn, or any other individual. It went to the university.

The Sierra Club asserts that the timing of this check delivered to Dr. Rahn was a result of his joining C4BES. This is factually incorrect for several reasons, most of which could have been simply resolved had the Sierra Club conducted their basic due diligence, rather than engage in a campaign to undermine C4BES and the credibility of individual members and suggesting that SoCal Gas has “bribed” or compensated members.

First, as described above, Dr. Rahn did not receive compensation in order to gain his membership in C4BES. This is simply not possible since C4BES did not even exist until the following year, and because Dr. Rahn was the individual who actually later filed the Articles of Incorporation with the California Secretary of State.

Second, the funding provided by SoCal Gas was not a personal check written to Dr. Rahn, nor was it a result of any activity related to C4BES. The check was provided to California State University San Marcos (CSUSM). Dr. Rahn was invited to accept the check on the University’s behalf. As the Sierra Club rightly asserts, and we have confirmed in this response, C4BES as an organization was not fully contemplated until October of 2018. The check that the Sierra Club uses as evidence is actually part of an ongoing competitive grant program that first supported the Environmental Leadership

Academy (ELA) at CSUSM in 2012. Since that time, SoCal Gas has provided grant support to the ELA program. None of the support for the ELA provided by SoCal Gas at any time is in response to C4BES being formed—there is simply no connection. Further, in 2018, the check that was received was part of a continuing request for support from ELA that was originally submitted to SoCal Gas on July 9, 2018.⁵ Temporally, the Sierra Club story does not match the facts.

Third, and likely most important, the use of the funding received by CSUSM is not directed by Dr. Rahn. The CSUSM Associate Dean for the program is the one who dictates how those funds are expended for conducting the Environmental Leadership Academy. There are numerous safeguards, policies, and regulations in place to ensure ethical standards of funding and remove any suggestion of conflicts of interest.

Funding provided by SoCal Gas is used to help offset the cost of tuition for municipal governments, non-profits, and students. In fact, Sierra Club members and employees have been regular participants in the ELA, and the competitive grant funds provided by organizations like SoCal Gas are used to offset the costs of offering the ELA, providing reduced tuition to nonprofit organizations and even full scholarships to representatives and leadership of the local chapter of the Sierra club itself.

Finally, SoCal Gas is not the only organization that provides grant funding to the University or the ELA. While the Sierra Club is clearly on the side of electrification, they wrongly assert that the funding provided by SoCal Gas proves influence and involvement in C4BES among all members of the board. This is simply not true. Since its inception, the ELA has also been supported by Southern California Edison, as well as water agencies, regional councils of government, education programs, hospital foundations, waste companies, development companies, air quality management districts, fire agencies, banks, and many others.⁶ To assert that Dr. Rahn or the

⁵ Attachment D. Email from California State University San Marcos confirming submittal of grant application to SoCal Gas (July 9, 2018).

⁶ Attachment E. Program Flyer for the Environmental Leadership Academy (2018).

associated academic programs are influenced by funding is not only an unfounded accusation, but dangerously alleges collusion by the State of California and multiple layers of academic professionals. Universities throughout the United States receive funding from charitable organizations, private donors, foundations, agencies, and other organizations without suggesting undue influence or bribery.

4. *The Sierra Club Failed to Acknowledge its Significant and Long-Term Partnership With Dr. Rahn and Associated Education Programs*

In its “investigation” leading up to its motion, the Sierra Club worked in concert with other organizations to conduct public records requests of all the emails of several public agency-based C4BES Board Members who are subject to such requests, including Dr. Rahn. Records requests of Dr. Rahn’s State (CSUSM), City (Council Member, City of Temecula), and personal emails resulted in only a few documents that simply do not impugn or cast doubt on the motivations of the coalition and why such diverse stakeholders have joined and supported these efforts. The reason why the information the Sierra Club gathered is “limited” is simply because there is no wrongdoing by Board Members, the Executive Director, or any other parties who have participated in the creation of C4BES.

The Sierra Club’s inability to believe that independent, diverse, and respected individuals would engage in an organization that promotes the idea of balanced energy is unfortunate, but does not mean that a valid organization does not, in fact, exist. Creating a narrative that suggests collusion, bribery, and complicity is not only an uncharitable fabrication of facts, but may be an intentional misrepresentation of evidence and (depending on the Sierra Club’s intent), a violation of Rule 1.1 (Ethics) in misleading the Commission or its staff by an artifice or false statement of fact or law.

It is worth noting that the Sierra Club has significant and intimate knowledge of the programs run by Dr. Rahn, and has been an active and significant partner in those programs and a direct beneficiary of the funding provided by SoCal Gas and other

organizations for many years. Had the Sierra Club conducted their “investigation” into their own files, they would have discovered that their own organization (Sierra Club local chapter, Santa Margarita Group) has had a long history with the parties accused of wrong doing, and have in fact been regular partners, contributors, and beneficiaries to Dr. Rahn and the programs they are condemning. The Sierra Club partnered with Dr. Rahn as recently as 2016, inviting him as a guest speaker to their meetings.⁷ The Sierra Club also partnered with Dr. Rahn and the ELA to provide a team-taught course on Environmental Leadership to local teachers in the Temecula Valley that same year. They worked closely with Dr. Rahn and the University to develop the curricula, provide expert lectures, and provide continuing education units through CSUSM.^{8,9} More recently, the Sierra Club invited Dr. Rahn to speak at the Sierra Club’s Santa Margarita Group 10th anniversary celebration, recognizing his support as one of the founding members a decade earlier (January 10, 2018).¹⁰

It is extremely disturbing that the Sierra Club turns so viciously against its own partners and neglected to mention any of these facts in their motion. Instead, they either intentionally or carelessly omitted any past connections to Dr. Rahn in favor of telling a wholly untruthful story simply because he does not agree with their policy of complete electrification in California, and instead prefers a more balanced approach to our energy and climate problem – something that has been a core foundation of his research and education programs for over two decades.

⁷ Attachment F. In its newsletter, the Sierra Club announced Dr. Rahn as an invited guest speaker to their organization on June 9, 2016 Sierra Club News Letter, at Page 8 (July-August 2016).

⁸ Attachment G. Email exchange between the Sierra Club and CSUSM confirming details of a partnership course between the Sierra Club, the ELA, and Dr. Rahn for local teachers.

⁹ Attachment H. Screen Shot of 2016 registration portal for teacher environmental education workshop with Dr. Rahn as instructor – taught in partnership with the Sierra Club.

¹⁰ Attachment I. Email from Pam Nelson, recognizing Dr. Rahn as a key founder of the Santa Margarita Group of the Sierra Club (August 14, 2017), and inviting Dr. Rahn as a speaker at the 10th Anniversary event on January 10, 2018.

5. *The Alignment of Like Ideals Between an Industry Group and a Nonprofit Organization is Neither Unusual nor Condemning of Either.*

It is not unusual for environmental or consumer groups to work with industry to promote the groups' larger message. In fact, the Sierra Club recently announced its own collaboration with a specific solar entity, that provides funds to the Sierra Club in exchange for each residential solar facility provided under the program. (See Attachment J; <https://cleantechnica.com/2019/03/13/sunpower-sierra-club-to-partner-on-residential-solar-incentive-program/>) Total electrification of the State would certainly provide a positive impact for the benefits received through this relationship. Under the premise offered by the Sierra Club's counsel in its motion to deny party status—that if industry supports a like-minded nonprofit organization it must be controlled by that industry--Sierra Club could be called a solar industry shell that seeks to enhance its own coffers through CPUC programs mandating increased use of solar over more balanced energy opportunities. Quite to the alternative, C4BES suggests that such industry/nonprofit relationships are commonplace and do not contaminate the purpose of the nonprofit organization.

B. The Commission Should Deny the Sierra Club's Motion to Compel Discovery from C4BES and SoCalGas.

Despite C4BES telling the Sierra Club that none of these issues are valid, they are now seeking discovery to compel the organization to provide more information that they dream would support their conspiracy theories, despite the fact that their assertions in their motion are wholly unfounded and misleading.

The Sierra Club asserts that transparency regarding C4BES is critical. C4BES has been transparent in its intentions, participation, and representation of the independent individuals and organizations that are involved in its creation and continued direction. In fact, they have already had to endure multiple public records act request to provide

fodder for the Sierra Club storytelling. SoCal Gas does not exert influence over C4BES, nor do they have control over financial, operational, or administrative functions more than any other single board member does. The selective sharing of information obtained by the Sierra Club failed to acknowledge that in the first Board meeting, C4BES discussed potential budgets, costs, commitments, and potential involvement in the CPUC hearings. SoCal Gas is one of five organizations that have currently contributed funds to help support C4BES; their contributions do not represent a majority of the funds that have been received. SoCal Gas' is just one of thirty voices on the Board. They exert no more influence over C4BES than any other organization or individual.

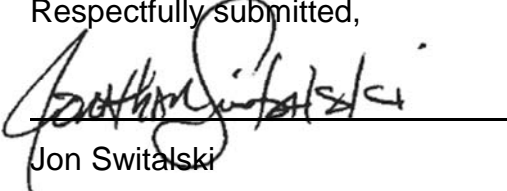
The Sierra Club motion has extended its witch-hunt far beyond SoCal Gas, and has made very bold and unsubstantiated claims that every member involved in C4BES should be under suspicion, is complicit in a larger conspiracy and that despite these respected organizations having a valid and collective perspective, the intervenor process is being jeopardized. The fictional story should be rejected.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, C4BES and its Board Members¹¹ respectively requests that the Motion to Deny Party Status to Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions is denied, and that the Commission denies the Sierra Club's Motion to Compel Discovery.

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¹¹ Attachment K, Board Member letters supporting denial of Sierra Club motion.

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Attachment A

Air Symposium

Mobile Sources and the Inland Empire



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An Expert Panel Discussion

Our region has been at the forefront of air pollution science, emissions reductions, policy, regulation, and innovative solutions that have led to substantial and noticeable improvements in air quality and public health, during a period of dramatic increases in economic activity, population size and vehicle miles traveled. We will present a balanced perspective and conversation to address new solutions toward air quality improvements, areas of concern, and priorities for collaborative policy solutions.

Topics include:

- ▶ *Mobile Source Pollution/Diesel Emissions*
- ▶ *Goods Movement and Logistic Centers*
- ▶ *Emerging Technology for Transportation*
- ▶ *Public Health, Safety, and Quality of Life*
- ▶ *Balancing the Economy and Environment*

When: December 7, 2017

**Where: Springbrook Clubhouse, Reid Park,
1011 Orange St, Riverside, CA**

Time: 9am-2pm (lunch provided)

Seating is limited

Please **RSVP** by sending an email to:

Dr. Matt Rahn - mrahn@csusm.edu

Attachment B

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

CALIFORNIANS FOR BALANCED ENERGY SOLUTIONS

I.

NAME

The name of this corporation is **CALIFORNIANS FOR BALANCED ENERGY SOLUTIONS**.

II.

PURPOSE

This corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation law for public purposes.

III.

SPECIFIC PURPOSE

The specific purpose of this corporation is to educate Californians about the importance of Natural and Renewable Natural Gas for improving the environment and providing for a strong economy. The organization will advocate for balanced energy policies that fight climate change while protecting energy choice, reliability and affordability.

IV.

AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS & ADDRESS OF CORPORATION

The name and address in the State of California of this corporation's initial agent for the service of process is Stephen J. Kaufman at 777 S. Figueroa St., Suite 4050, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

The street and mailing address of this corporation is 777 S. Figueroa St., Suite 4050, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

V.

501(C)(4) PURPOSE

This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for social welfare purposes within the meaning of IRC Section 501(c)(4).

VI.

DEDICATION OF PROPERTY

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to social welfare purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private person.


VII.

DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution or winding up of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for social welfare purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under IRC Section 501(c)(4).

EXECUTION

DATED: January 7, 2019

By: 
Matt Rahn, PhD
Incorporator

Attachment C



For Immediate Release
March 18, 2019

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Coalition Advocates for Balanced Energy Policies *Says Efforts to Eliminate Natural and Renewable Gas in Favor of Electricity Will Harm the Environment and Economy*

LOS ANGELES—To most effectively combat climate change, a newly formed organization of natural and renewable gas users and suppliers today called on the State of California to adopt balanced energy policies that protect energy affordability, reliability, and choice.

Formed to educate Californians about the important roles natural and renewable gas play in improving the environment and providing for a strong economy, Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions (C4BES) is a diverse coalition representing a range of commercial, industrial, and residential interests. Its membership includes commercial and industrial gas users, housing developers, community organizations, schools, agriculture, and labor—all of whom rely on gas energy and seek to continue to rely on gas while still making a difference in the state's environment.

“To fight climate change we need a balanced energy portfolio of electricity and natural gas and renewable sources: solar, wind, hydro, and gas derived from landfills, waste treatment plants, and agriculture. Calls to eliminate natural and renewable gas and force Californians to rely only on electric energy are well-meaning but misguided” said C4BES Board of Directors Chair Dr. Matt Rahn, Director of the Environmental Leadership Institute at Cal State University San Marcos and Temecula City Council member. “If successful, the “electric-only” strategy will harm the environment. It will have serious economic consequences because switching to electric power is not technically feasible or cost effective for every use or circumstance.”

Hyepin Im, CEO of the non-profit organization Faith and Community Empowerment, noted: “Most households use both gas and electricity. Mandating an energy monopoly will inevitably lead to higher monthly bills creating more burdens on low income households.”

“Today, businesses enjoy the ability to choose the energy best suited to a particular need. Relying on a single energy source will jeopardize energy reliability and discourage business investments,” said C4BES Vice Chairman Paul Granillo, CEO of the Inland Empire Economic Partnership.

Added C4BES board member John Hakel, executive director of the Southern California Partnership for Jobs, “Businesses and industry will be forced to raise prices to pay for costly electricity or leave the state, thereby jeopardizing thousands of jobs. We can fight climate change without endangering California’s workers.”

“Let’s not ban natural and renewable gas. Let’s use them to reduce air pollution and fight climate change,” said C4BES Treasurer Gretchen Gutierrez, CEO of the Desert Valley Builders Association. “For example, a study by Navigant Consulting demonstrated that replacing 20% of natural gas with renewable gas will produce the same emissions reductions as the conversion of all buildings to electric-only power. It makes no sense not to use natural gas and renewable gas when they are the cleanest and most affordable options available to reduce air pollution and fight climate change.”


The nonprofit, 501c4 organization has filed its articles of incorporation with the California Secretary of State’s office so as to engage in advocacy efforts. In addition to getting its message out through its website, www.c4bes.org, the organization intends to undertake an aggressive social media campaign, including online petitions and polls, and advertising in newspapers. C4BES also plans to hold a conference on balanced energy policies later this year.

C4BES has set an ambitious agenda, including potentially supporting legislation. The leadership team is strongly committed to calling attention to the vital part played by natural and renewable gas in California’s energy portfolio.

“We want to reduce emissions and air pollution while maintaining California’s strong economy,” said Rahn. “We believe balanced energy solutions are essential for our environment, our economy, and our daily lives.”

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Attachment D

From: Lauren Tucker ltucker@csusm.edu 
Subject: RE: SoCalGas Membership - Please use this link. Thank you.
Date: July 13, 2018 at 2:26 PM
To: Matthew Rahn mrahn@csusm.edu, Donna San Miguel dsanmigu@csusm.edu



Hi Matt and Donna,

It has been submitted. Good thing we already had this prepared. See attached for final docs.

Thanks,
Lauren

From: Matthew Rahn
Sent: Friday, July 13, 2018 9:27 AM
To: Lauren Tucker <ltucker@csusm.edu>; Donna San Miguel <dsanmigu@csusm.edu>
Subject: Fwd: SoCalGas Membership - Please use this link. Thank you.

Hi there,
Can we fill out the application below for funding from SoCal Gas? They accidentally sent us the wrong link for our last application, and we needed to get this one filled out ASAP.

Sorry for the trouble. I'm happy to help put together anything that is needed for this.

Matt Rahn, PhD, MS, JD
Director / Research Faculty
Environmental Leadership Institute
Wildfire Research Program
mrahn@csusm.edu
Phone (619) 846-1916
43890 Margarita Rd., Temecula, CA 92592



Begin forwarded message:

From: "Terry, Tara L" <TTerry@semprautilities.com>
Subject: SoCalGas Membership - Please use this link. Thank you.
Date: July 9, 2018 at 2:42:26 PM PDT
To: "mrahn@csusm.edu" <mrahn@csusm.edu>
Cc: "Visconti, Robert A." <RVisconti@semprautilities.com>

Hello Matt,

In March I inadvertently sent you the wrong application link.

I should have provided you with the membership application link.

Will you please use the link below to apply for the \$25,000 membership?

Please accept my apology for any inconvenience my oversight may have caused.

Thank you.

From: Terry, Tara L
Sent: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 2:43 PM

Attachment E

ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Provides California leaders with a balanced knowledge of critical environmental issues to support sound decision-making, functional solutions and best practices in the areas of population growth, water, climate change, land use changes, energy, and endangered species.

PROGRAM LOGISTICS

Session locations are chosen to best illuminate the environmental issues relevant to that area.

In addition to over 32-hours of instruction and materials, your fee includes outdoor field trips, all meals and a keynote banquet.

- SESSION DATES:** October 23-26, 2018
October 21-25, 2019
- FEE:** \$650 standard
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- FEE INCLUDES:**
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 - Subject-matter-expert presentations and experiential learning
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 - All meals at each session

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- Economic Development Professionals
- City and County Planners and Commissioners
- Sustainability Managers
- Developers and Building Industry Contractors
- Architects, Engineers, Environmental Designers
- Energy, Environmental, Water, Air, Waste and Land Consultants
- Attorneys
- City Council Members
- Realtors
- Public Policy Board members
- Environmental Educators
- Environmental and Land Use Consultants
- College Students
- Infrastructure and Building Developers
- Environmental NGOs
- Biologists, Ecologists and Cultural Resource Personnel

Faculty Lead

Matt Rahn, PhD, MS, JD

Director / Research Faculty, Environmental Leadership Institute, Wildfire Research Program

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Attachment F

Moreno Valley Group

By Ann McKibben, Secretary

The Moreno Valley Group had a good season of hikes from fall to spring. Thank you to Christina Torres for organizing our hikes, for her enthusiastic leadership and making sure that everyone



Lake Perris Hike Photographer: Christina Torres

had a great time. Group outings will restart again this fall. Please contact Christina at movalleygroup@yahoo.com if you have ideas for hikes or questions about future walks.

Update World Logistics Center (WLC): The nine separate lawsuits against the city of Moreno Valley on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) issues for the WLC were combined earlier in the year. The lawsuits challenged the adequacy of the CEQA documents for the WLC

project. A second lawsuit challenges the three initiatives the developer sponsored which allowed the Moreno Valley city council to directly approve the WLC project in an attempt to bypass the CEQA lawsuits. The next court date will be concerning the initiatives which will be decided prior to the CEQA lawsuits moving forward and is scheduled for Friday, June 17. Please contact group conservation chair George Hague at movalleygroup@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the lawsuits or hearing schedule.

Yes, Donations Are Still Needed: Your donations will still help us with this and other efforts to challenge the WLC. Any amount is appreciated. Please send your donations to: Sierra Club—Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325 with the memo notation "WLC." Thank you to all of you who have donated in the past and continue to support our work.

Mid County Parkway: The six-lane Mid County Parkway (MCP) between



Terra Park Hike Photographer: Christina Torres

the cities of San Jacinto and Perris is designed to allow projects like the Villages of Lakeview to be built. It also directly impacts more than 400 home and business owners in the city of Perris as well as indirectly impacting many more homes and businesses with pollution. The Center for Biological Diversity is leading litigation efforts on the MCP with the help of the Sierra Club as well as several other local groups.

Villages of Lakeview (VOL): According to the Riverside County Planning Department the revised and updated environmental impact report (EIR) for the VOL could be released as soon as early July or maybe September. The proposed

VOL housing project (8,900 units) is planned on the southern boundary of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area. As Riverside County approved their new General Plan Update and Climate Action Plan in December, the VOL EIR is going through a revision process to match what the county approved. Please note the county has assigned a new planner to the project. You can contact planner Russell Brady at rbrady@rcplanning.org or (951) 955-3025 for more information and to be put on their mailing list.

The Riverside County GPU, officially known as General Plan Amendment 960 (GPA 960) lawsuit, is moving slowly through settlement talks. Riverside County requested a four month delay in order to respond to settlement requests. The litigants (Sierra Club, Center for Biological Diversity and San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society) agreed to a two month delay.

SR-60 Truck Climbing Lanes: In May, Caltrans administration approved the SR-60 Truck Climbing Lanes project that begins on State Route 60 at the eastern edge of the World Logistics

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Santa Margarita Group

By Michael H. Momeni, PhD - Environmental Scientist

Our activities have focused on education about our environment, preservation and improvement of our local water quality, and wildlife protection. We have expanded our ability to communicate within our organization and with the public by creating our website, Facebook, the Outdoor Family meetup, and our Blog "What's Up."

Our Webpage: (<http://sierrachubssing.org/>), organized by Rick Barclay.

Our Facebook: (<https://www.facebook.com/SierraClubSantaMargaritaGroup/>) organized by Margaret Meynecke.

Our Outdoor Family "meetup" (<https://www.meetup.com/Outdoor-Families/>) Pam Nelson organizes this activity; her goal is to create opportunities to learn about nature.

What's Up: (<http://sierraconservation.blogspot.com/>)

It is also an archive of information about our past activities and allows feedback from our membership, organized by Michael Momeni.

In addition, through "Blast," we quickly inform our members by emails about coming events. This activity is organized by Jim Mitchell.

2016 Initiative: Focus on Air Quality in Temecula-Murrieta Corridor

Automobiles are a dominant contributor to the quality of air within the Temecula Valley. Prolong exposure to the exhaust from vehicles has been associated with a decrease in mental capacity, intelligence and emotional stability. Other illnesses linked to vehicle exhaust include cardiovascular disease, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and lung cancer.

Highway 15 is the principle commuting route from Temecula-Murrieta to San Diego and Los Angeles. Both cities are predominantly bedroom communities. Highways 15 and 215 are generally congested in the morning and again late in the afternoon. These highways are also the only north-south routes for the interstate traffic through the Temecula Valley.

We cannot reduce air pollution within the Valley and improve the quality of life,

unless we provide a viable cost-effective option for commuters. We are exploring options for reducing impact of vehicular exhaust in our region.



Celebration of 100th birthday of the National Park Service: We did it on April 16 by touring Cabrillo National Monument. Later, we toured the community of Little Italy in San Diego. This activity was organized by Laurie Webster.



Murrieta Creek Flood Control Project: Melvin Meneses, the Army Corp Murrieta Creek Project Manager, and Army Corp Biologist Jessie Rae presented different options for revegetation of the flood control area.

Army Corp Biologist Jessie Rae discussed the biological aspects of the project. The audience participation and follow-up questions indicated the public's interest.

Leadership Retreat

The San Geronimo Chapter recently celebrated the Whitewater Preserve on May 16. Santa Margarita Group was represented

by Pam Nelson (our Chair Lady) and Margaret Meynecke (Facebook coordinator).

Trail Hikes: Two hikes were scheduled for May and June: May 7, "Black Rock Canyon Trail" and June 11, "Devil's Slide Trail" followed by the Springs Trail.

4th of July Parade in Temecula

This activity has been organized by Margaret

Meynecke. We intend to celebrate the 4th of July by walking in the Temecula parade all wearing Sierra green tee shirts.

Speakers and Topics at our Monthly Meetings:

April 14: Speaker Gary Oddi, a Great Oaks

High School teacher, told us about the bike trails in the Temecula area. He was joined by representatives from Murrieta, Wildomar and Lake Elsinore. Each overviewed the many bike trails around their cities.

May 1: Meetup outing, Aquanga Surprise. We

visited a hidden waterfall with pools for wading, toured the Temecula Olive Oil Ranch, and then visited the celebrated workshop of Ricardo Brecedas who creates metal masterpiece sculptures.

May 12: Speaker Kurt Campbell, a local resident with a life-long passion for bird biology, told us all about the birds we see, those that hang around and those that migrate extensively.

June 9: Speaker Matt Rahm, Temecula

City Council member Dr. Matt Rahm will be discussing a number of development issues which will impact the City of Temecula and the Temecula Valley.

June 14 Teachers Environmental Education 4-part workshop: This

activity was organized by Pam Nelson, the Chair Lady of Santa Margarita Group. She wrote: "This will be the last of our Teachers Environmental Education four-part workshop series that began last August. In previous workshops they visited the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve, Vail Lake, Dipping Springs campground and the Agua Tibia Wilderness. The field trip will be a visit to Meadowview's restoration project."

A synopsis of the other activities of the

April 21 and 28: The Quino Checkerspot habitat and trail restoration project: Directed by Dr. Gordon Pratt, our group members, Pam and Greg Nelson and John Dechert assisted RCA biologists, Anza residents, and California Native Plant members in removing invasive plants from a study area in the Beauty Mountain Wilderness.

Earth Day Events: Members, Kathy Bundy and Cheryl Carter took 130 school kids on an after school walk on the Murrieta Creek Regional Trail on April 22nd.

We promoted our organization during the Recycling Fashion Show at Monte de Oro (May 13th), Santa Rosa Plateaus Garden Tour (May 14th), the Anza Earth Day (May 28th).

June 4: The Flood Control Project, The Army Corp of Engineers: In Temecula, we will have a walking tour, in Wildomar at Health Fair at Marra O'Brien Park, and in Lake Elsinore: Celebration at Serenity Park.

June 4: National Trails Day and our anniversary of the Murrieta Creek Regional Trail ribbon cutting. Celebrations will be held at Temecula Community Center, in Wildomar at Marra O'Brien Park, and in Lake Elsinore at Serenity Park.

Our group endorsed Debbie Walsh for District 1 Riverside County Supervisor.

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AUG 6 (SAT) 8:00 AM DOBLE MINE HIKE
 This 6 mile hike is rated moderate in view of the 600' elevation of the mine. The area has a history of gold mining and there are remnants of this past near the trail. An historic commentary will be given. BRING the ten essentials and wear sturdy shoes. MEET at the Museum on Apple Valley Road by 8am. We will car pool to the trailhead. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM 760-912-3725 or coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

AUG 6 (SAT) 9:00 AMPALOMAR MOUNTAIN STATE PARK HIKE
 Join me on an eight mile moderately difficult hike in Palomar Mountain State Park. There is about 1000' of elevation gain/loss on the hike, most of it on one two mile stretch. We will be using a number of trails to form a loop. I will be highlighting a different section of the park than hikes I have lead here in the past. WEAR: Please dress in layers and wear sturdy slip resistant hiking shoes. Also BRING a lunch or snack and two liters of water and don't forget the sunscreen. For a more detailed description and directions please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SierraClubSants-MargaritaGroup> or our website at <http://sierrachubsmg.org>. The Park address is 19952 State Park Drive Palomar Mountain, CA 92060. There is an \$8 per vehicle day use fee. RESERVATIONS: To register or for additional information: email LEADER: BOB ALDBERT at bob.takshike@gmail.com or call me at (951)302-1059. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

AUGUST 8 - AUGUST 14

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings
 (Also refer to Weekly recurring Outings & Activities)

AUG 9 (TUE) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
 Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, kimfloyd@fastmail.fm (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

AUG 11 (THU) 6:00 PM DOGWOOD TRAIL WEEKLY CONDITIONING HIKE
 Easy 2.8 mile, 400' elevation gain, starting in Dogwood Campground, off Hwy 18, through groves of dogwood trees. The pace of the hike will be determined by the group of hikers. Our goal is to weekly improve our conditioning. BRING: ten essentials, hiking boots, water and trail snack. MEET: intersection of Hwy 18 and Daley Canyon Rd. Address: 27400 California 18, Lake Arrowhead. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: WILL GASKILL email wgaskill@hotmail.com or CO-LEADER: ED CALIENDO (442) 242-4103. BIG BEAR GROUP

AUG 13 (SAT) 8:00 AM PCT SEC C, VAN DUSEN CYN RD - HWY 18 HIKE
 This PCT C Segment 6 hike from Van Dusen Canyon Road 3N09 to HWY 18 is a total of 8.9 miles. This is mostly a down-hill hike through the forests north of Big Bear Lake and is a good hike to bring family and friends to show them a peaceful part of the PCT. We will hike from Van Dusen PCT trailhead towards Gold Mountain, and eventually reach Doble camp before existing on to Hwy 18. RATED: Moderate in difficulty. MEET: Van parking lot, 42170 Big Bear Blvd, Big Bear Lake. From there we will caravan to the Van Dusen trailhead. This will be a shuttle hike. BRING: ten essentials, 2 liters of water, lunch, trail snacks, sun protection. Trekking poles optional. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADERS: SHARON NARDOZZA at snardoza@com.net or (760) 208-3654 or DARLENE TAYLOR at dlaylencrew@verizon.net or (951) 385-5706. BIG BEAR GROUP

AUG 13 (SAT) 8:00 AM INSPIRATION POINT HIKE
 This is a five mile hike rated as easy, through the wonderful woodland of the San Gabriel Mountains. The views across the Mojave Desert to the north are spectacular. BRING the ten essentials and wear sturdy shoes. MEET: The museum on Apple Valley Road by 8am. We will car pool to the Wrightwood Community Centre arriving by 9am. From there we will drive to the trailhead. LEADER: NORMAN BOSSOM 760-912-3725 or coachnorm@yahoo.com MOJAVE GROUP

AUG 14 (SUN) 7:00 AM PADDLE EVENT WATER SPORTS
 Join us for a round-trip paddle event from Captain John Faxon Harbor to the Solar Observatory Big Bear Lake and then return for a basket lunch on the green grass at Captain John's marina. Bring your own equipment or rent at \$20 per hour. RESERVATIONS: Contact Water Outings LEADER: Christine Jacobs at (909) 272-3755 or likait23@gmail.com BIG BEAR GROUP

****AUG 14 (SUN) 8:00 AM GRAYS PEAK HIKE**
 This is a Peaks of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks overlooking the Big Valley will be given a commemorative patch. This is a moderate 6-7 mile round trip up to the top of Gray's Peak, 7952', an elevation gain of 1400'. Good views of Big Lake and surrounding mountains. There are several impressive rock outcrops where eagles nest in winter. RATING: moderate MEET: 8 a.m. at the Gray's Peak trailhead box on the west side of Hwy 38, a half mile southwest of Fawnskin or 2.7 miles north of Big Bear dam. An Adventure Pass is needed for parking at the trailhead. BRING: liters of water, snack/lunch, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, good hiking boots, trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER PETER MICHELSEN at petermichelsen@gmail.com or call me (760) 333-3103. BIG BEAR GROUP

AUGUST 15 - AUGUST 21

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AUG 18 (THU) 6:00 PM DOGWOOD TRAIL WEEKLY CONDITIONING HIKE
 Easy 2.8 mile, 400' elevation gain, starting in Dogwood Campground, off Hwy 18, through groves of dogwood trees. The pace of the hike will be determined by the group of hikers. Our goal is to weekly improve our conditioning. BRING: ten essentials, hiking boots, water and trail snack. MEET: intersection of Hwy 18 and Daley Canyon Rd. Address: 27400 California 18, Lake Arrowhead. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: WILL GASKILL email wgaskill@hotmail.com or CO-LEADER: ED CALIENDO (442) 242-4103. BIG BEAR GROUP

AUG 18 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
 Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please see the Group web site www.akraclubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ED CALIENDO, (442) 242-4103 or dog111@msn.com BIG BEAR GROUP

AUG 19-21 (FRI-SUN) PERSEID METEOR SHWR, BLACK ROCK DESERT CARCASS
 Come enjoy the Perseid meteor shower in a dark sky area. We'll probably have a 100 people camping in the widest part of the Black Rock Desert about 100 Miles north Reno. Expect a potluck, tours, and meteor watching. Sky will be pretty dark in this area and the meteors show up really well. Side trips to hot springs and the Emigrant likely. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: DAVID BOOK 775-843-6443. CNRCC DESERT COMMITTEE

AUG 21 (SUN) 8:30 AM DELAMAR MOUNTAIN HIKE
 This is a Peaks of Big Bear hike. Those achieving all five peaks overlooking the Big Valley will be given a commemorative patch. This hike is 6.0 miles in distance and rated Moderate in difficulty. MEET: at 8:30 a.m. at the Cougar Crest trailhead approximately 300 yards west of the Big Bear Discovery Center. We will car pool to Poligne Canyon Road and park near the PCT/Poligne Canyon Road crossing. BRING: two liters of water, snack/lunch, sun protection, hat, and trekking poles. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER PETER MICHELSEN at petermichelsen@gmail.com or call me (760) 333-3103. BIG BEAR GROUP

AUGUST 22 - AUGUST 28

Please read "LIABILITY WAIVER" preceding these listings
 (Also refer to Weekly recurring Outings & Activities)

AUG 23 (TUE) 7:00 PMSAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING
 Chapter governance meeting. Monthly except for December. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: MARY ANN RUIZ, ruizmaryann@gmail.com, (909) 815-9379 CHAPTER

AUG 25 (THU) 6:00 PM DOGWOOD TRAIL WEEKLY CONDITIONING HIKE
 Easy 2.8 mile, 400' elevation gain, starting in Dogwood Campground, off Hwy 18, through groves of dogwood trees. The pace of the hike will be determined by the group of hikers. Our goal is to weekly improve our conditioning. BRING: ten essentials, hiking boots, water and trail snack. MEET: intersection of Hwy 18 and Daley Canyon Rd. Address: 27400 California 18, Lake Arrowhead. RESERVATIONS: Contact LEADER: WILL GASKILL email wgaskill@hotmail.com or CO-LEADER: ED CALIENDO (442) 242-4103. BIG BEAR GROUP

****AUG 26 - SEPT 1 (FRI-THU) MT. WHITNEY BACKPACK**
 If Mount Whitney is still on your bucket list of lifetime achievements, here is your chance. For experienced backpackers. This is a 7 day journey, 74 mile R/T backpack starting at Horseshoe Meadows (9,950) south of Lone Pine, via the Pacific Crest Trail and John Muir Trail to the top of Mount Whitney (14,500') via Cottonwood Lakes. RATING: Strenuous

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Attachment G

From: Alexandra Fresh afresh@csusm.edu

Subject: RE: credits for teachers?

Date: August 12, 2016 at 8:16 AM

To: Pam Nelson pamelao5n@yahoo.com, Suzanne Lingold slingold@csusm.edu, Matthew Rahn mrahn@csusm.edu



Hi Pam,

I have changed the grading to credit/no credit.
Because your total contact hours is 24 hours, it falls within the 1 unit of credit area.
Every 15 hours of contact hour is 1 unit of credit.

I will be out of the office Thursday, August 18 – Tuesday, August 23.

Best Regards,

Alex Fresh
Administrative Support Coordinator
Education, Health and Human Services
Extended Learning
California State University, San Marcos
(760) 750-8617
(760) 750-3138 *fax*



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From: Pam Nelson [mailto:pamelao5n@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2016 11:36 AM

To: Alexandra Fresh <afresh@csusm.edu>; Suzanne Lingold <slingold@csusm.edu>; Matthew Rahn <mrahn@csusm.edu>

Cc: Thomas Chisholm <tchisholm@murrieta.k12.ca.us>; Cathleen Hansen <cmhansen@murrieta.k12.ca.us>; Judith Howell <jhowell@murrieta.k12.ca.us>; Scott Hanson <shanson@murrieta.k12.ca.us>; David Marrett <djmarrett@gmail.com>; Teri Biancardi <teribiancardi@icloud.com>; Carrie Burdick-Rutz <cburdick-rutz@tvusd.k12.ca.us>; Margaret Meyncke <m.meyncke@gmail.com>; Lesley Gregory <lgregory@tvusd.k12.ca.us>; Summer Davidson <sdavidson@mydehesa.org>; Matthew Willard <mwillard@murrieta.k12.ca.us>; Laura Hanson <l.hanson5@verizon.net>; Jamie Parsley <parsleyjamie@gmail.com>; Kirstin Osterhout <kosterhout@murrieta.k12.ca.us>; Linda Moran <lmoran1@live.com>; Kathleen McFadden <kmcfadden6@gmail.com>; lainegonzales@roadrunner.com; Beth <cloudbuster@gmx.us>; Pablo J. Bryant <pbryant@mail.sdsu.edu>; gingerdg@aol.com

Subject: Re: credits for teachers?

I thanks so much, Alex,
I have cc'd the teachers.
Can the grade be a pass/fail or must it be A-F?

Also, the hours of face-to-face are how many? We had a total of about 4 workshops where we were together from 8:30am to about 2:30pm. Our had working lunches. Then some of the teachers prepared lessons for presentations on their own time.

Pam

From: Alexandra Fresh <afresh@csusm.edu>
To: Suzanne Lingold <slingold@csusm.edu>; Pam Nelson <pamela05n@yahoo.com>; Matthew Rahn <mrahn@csusm.edu>
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2016 4:39 PM
Subject: FW: credits for teachers?

Hello,

Please find the registration link below. The total for the 1 unit of credit is \$92.00 (\$80 per unit and \$12 transcript fee).

https://securelamp.csusm.edu/extstudies/el/rp/course_details.php?cid=2525

I will provide a grade sheet for those who registered for credit on September 19th. Once grades are submitted back to me, I will post the grades and send the students instructions on how to request a transcript.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

Alex Fresh
Administrative Support Coordinator
Education, Health and Human Services
Extended Learning
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(760) 750-8617
(760) 750-3138 *fax*



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From: Suzanne Lingold
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 9:38 AM
To: Pam Nelson <pamela05n@yahoo.com>; Alexandra Fresh <afresh@csusm.edu>
Subject: Re: credits for teachers?

Hello Pam,
Alex tells me the course was approved last week and she will send you a link for registration later today or tomorrow.
Best,
Suzanne

Suzanne Lingold
Associate Dean Extended Learning
Cal State San Marcos at Temecula
43890 Margarita Rd.
Temecula, CA 92592

Slingold@csusm.edu
<http://www.csusm.edu/temecula/>

(760) 750-4002 Office
(760) 580-2029 Cell

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From: Pam Nelson <pamela05n@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: Pam Nelson <pamela05n@yahoo.com>
Date: Sunday, August 7, 2016 at 1:27 PM
To: Suzanne Lingold <slingold@csusm.edu>, Alexandra Fresh <afresh@csusm.edu>
Subject: credits for teachers?

Hi, Suzanne and Alexandra,
I was wondering if you have any information I could send to the teachers that attended the workshop yet?

Thanks,
Pam Nelson

Attachment H

EDUC 1112 - TEACHER ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP

This workshop offers education and skill training to teachers K-12 grades to supplement their environmental education teaching units. Classroom activities, fieldwork and community involvement will be the key elements explored during these brainstorming workshops. This knowledge and skill training will be used in the school year curriculum in schools for awareness about the outside environment and what the student's role is in understanding environmental issues in their world.

Course No: 33616

Units: 1.0

Begin Date: 6/14/2016

End Date: 9/14/2016

Begin Time: NA

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From: Pam Nelson pamelan05n@yahoo.com 
Subject: Re: Environmental Leadership Academy at CSUSM-Temecula
Date: August 14, 2017 at 12:07 PM
To: Matthew Rahn mrahn@csusm.edu



Thanks, Matt,

I'll pass this on to the SC chapter and groups. I know Margaret loved the course and has always encouraged us all to attend. I'm usually over my head with things to do and it seems to continue..

BTW, could you Save the Date, Jan. 10th, for our SMG general meeting at the library? It's the 10th anniversary of the group and we want to do something that will feature the group and its founders. Who would you consider as founders besides you? I know Jim Mitchell, of course.

Pam

On Monday, August 14, 2017, 11:37:08 AM PDT, Matthew Rahn <mrahn@csusm.edu> wrote:

Good morning Pam!

I hope all is well!

I would like to extend a personal invitation for you and folks in the Sierra Club to participate in the 2017 Environmental Leadership Academy (ELA) Certificate Program. The ELA Program fosters visionary, spirited and thoughtful leadership; and targets leaders like you who have an interest in - or involvement with - the environmental community. ELA is a University-based, certificate program offered by the Temecula Campus of CSU San Marcos. Leaders from business, government, non-profit and NGO organizations have participated in this program and the Academy has an alumni of over 160 participants (including me). Attached you will find a recent Press Release noting that ELA has become highly recognized and has received 3 awards already this calendar year – with hopefully, more to come! Note that there is a video link in the Press Release which takes you to a short youtube video, which recently won a Telly Award. I encourage you to view the video, as it highlights the program with testimonials from a few of our ELA Alumni – some of which you may recognize.

The entire tuition for this 4-month program is **\$450 per person**. Tuition includes all food and drinks, subject-matter-expert presentations, tours and experiential learning during each session, as well as the cost for one overnight stay during the first session at the renowned 29 Palms Inn, near Joshua Tree National Park. The Academy is a 4-month program that requires your attendance for 2 consecutive days a month from September through December. Given the program is targeted for leaders within our region – or those who wish to learn more about Environmental Leadership – the 4 sessions are held at various locations throughout Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. This year's first session begins on September 7-8th and will be held at Joshua Tree National Park (JTNP) in Twentynine Palms. The other 3 sessions will be held in Temecula, Palm Desert and Riverside.

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Upon completion, students receive an Award Plaque and Certificate of Completion, along with the Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for those who wish to further their education. Students will also be invited and recognized during the Annual ELA Alumni event in December, where they have an opportunity to mix among invited alumni and community leaders and listen to a keynote speaker (to be identified within the next couple of months) emphasizing leadership. An ELA flyer, containing additional information about the ELA Program is attached for your review.

If you wish to gain a balanced knowledge of environmental issues and learn about best practices in the areas of energy, water, waste, land, air quality, transportation and endangered species; and wish to join a network of exemplary leaders in this field, I encourage you to register for the program. Enrollment to the program is limited to only 30 students; therefore, I encourage you to Apply and Register online today at:

https://www.csusm.edu/temecula/certificateprograms/ELI/education_training/index.html

Please feel free to call or contact me with any questions – or if you know of anyone who you feel may also benefit from the program. I hope to see you in September!

Best personal regards,



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Grassroots environmental organization Sierra Club has partnered with one of America's leading solar manufacturers, SunPower, on a new incentive and rebate program open to the organization's more than 3.5 million members and supporters.

The two organizations announced the partnership on Tuesday in which Sierra Club members and supporters will be given the opportunity to install SunPower's home solar systems through a new program that will see SunPower make available \$1,000 mail-in rebate to consumers and give Sierra Club \$1,000 to support the organization's mission. Put another way, as the company explains on [the program's website](#), "\$1,000 for you, \$1,000 for the Sierra Club."

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“Our climate is in crisis, and it is our mutual responsibility to protect the planet for this and future generations,” **said Michael Brune, executive director of the Sierra Club.** “This partnership with SunPower offers our members a meaningful and cost-effective opportunity to reduce harmful carbon emissions, potentially save on home electricity bills and move the country towards clean energy.”

“By making solar more accessible to Sierra Club members, we’re advancing the organization’s efforts to protect our natural environment while also continuing SunPower’s work to change the way our world is powered,” **added Norm Taffe, SunPower executive vice president, residential solar.** “SunPower offers industry-leading solar technology that generates 60% more energy in the same space than conventional panels over the first 25 years, which means more savings on electricity bills and a lower carbon footprint for customers.”

Sierra Club has helped over 100 towns and cities across the United States over the past four years to achieve 100% clean energy and this new partnership with SunPower will help the organization further its efforts to advance climate solutions in the US and move the country towards 100% renewable energy.



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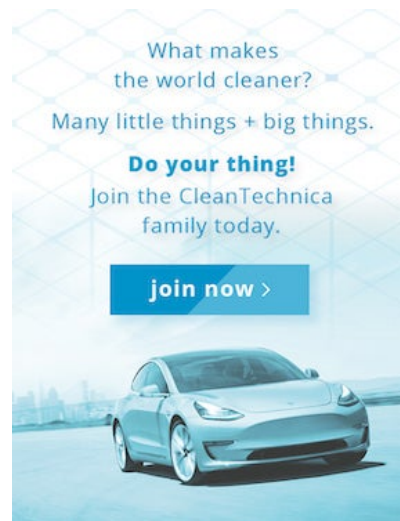
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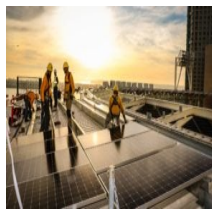
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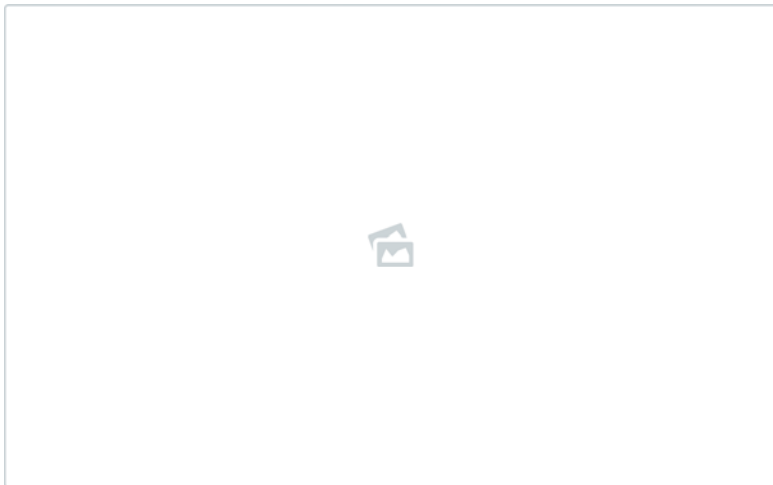
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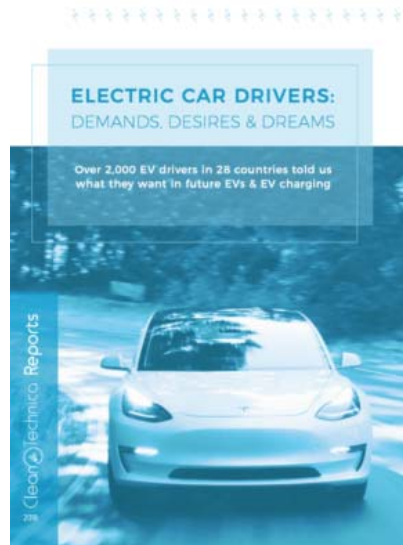


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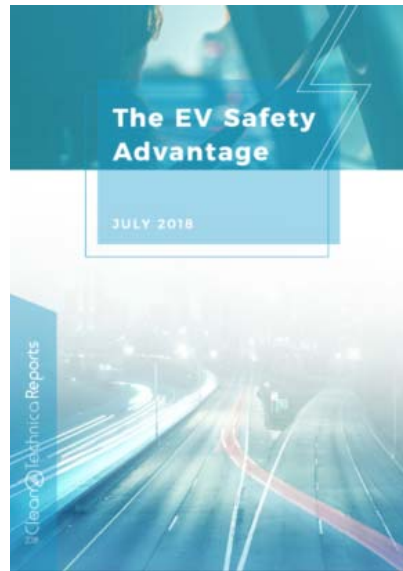
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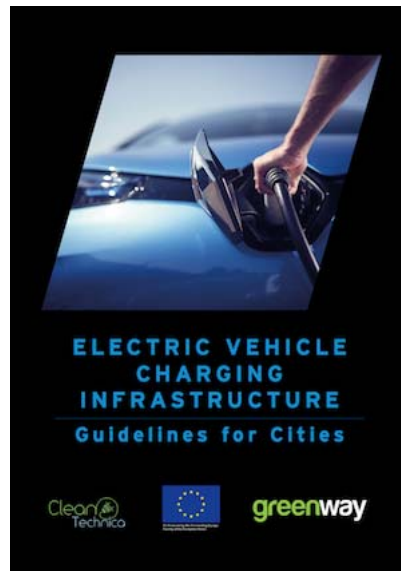
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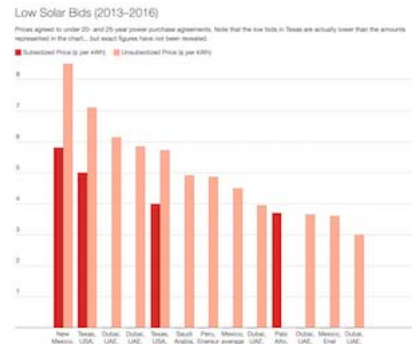
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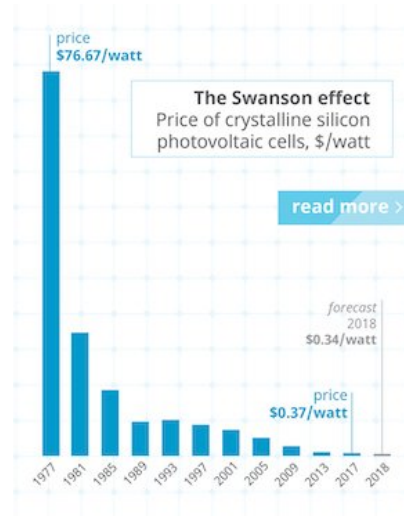
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California Public Utilities Commission

Proceeding Number: 19-01-011

On behalf of the Desert Valleys Builders Association (DVBA), and our nearly 200 member companies throughout California, we are pleased to serve as a Board Member on behalf of the Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions.

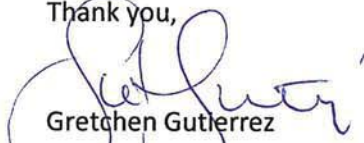
We applaud the Southern California Gas Company for helping to form C4BES. It is important that the public become informed about efforts to eliminate the use of natural gas and biogas in favor of electric energy.

Our members and consumers (the homeowners & business owners we build homes & communities for) strongly support the need for natural gas and renewable natural gas to fight climate change and maintain California's economy. Millions of California homeowners prefer natural gas for heating and cooking. Forcing them to switch to electricity will only increase the cost of home ownership and make little difference in reducing the world's greenhouse gas emissions. With the already high cost of housing throughout the State of California, placing additional burdens on homeowners with only one type of energy generation is an unduly harsh burden.

As a member of the C4BES board of directors, we are disappointed by the attempt of the Sierra Club to deny party status to C4BES. Our organization was alerted to the building decarbonization issue and the CPUC process by Southern California Gas Company and we are pleased they did so. Stopping the use of natural gas and relying solely on electric energy is a fundamental issue for millions of households and businesses. It deserves the widest public education and discussion, for each and every homeowner & business to make informed decisions and choices.

Therefore, we urge the CPUC to reject the requested Sierra Club motion to deny C4BES organizational status.

Thank you,



Gretchen Gutierrez
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The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

RE: OPEN LETTER

Our organization is a member of Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions. Our work involves serving low income communities.

We support C4BES because of the potential economic impacts on these communities of eliminating gas for heating and food preparation. Many families struggle with utility costs. Gas is simply more affordable than electricity and any increase in utility costs create hardships.

We do not oppose the use of electricity and we certainly support the need to reduce emissions. However, energy mandates must be measured against other harms that would be created such as higher housing costs. We believe C4BES needs to be heard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andy Molina".

Andy Molina – Executive Director



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We represent working men and women in the utility industry and are members of Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions. Nobody, certainly not our members, deny the seriousness of climate change or the need for action. In working for those actions it is imperative that all perspectives be heard and all potential impacts be considered. The potential impacts of relying only on electric power for residences and commercial buildings include energy reliability, safety, the question of stranded gas investments, utility worker job losses, and worker retraining to name a few. This is not issue that can be decided quickly. We think the Sierra Club's motion to deny C4BES is miscalculated and should be denied. Frankly, more voices are needed in this discussion and have a right to be heard.

Sincerely,

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May 22, 2019

Michael Picker
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VIA EMAIL

RE: Californians for Balanced Energy Order Petition to Become a Party to Rulemaking 19-01-011, Regarding Building Decarbonization.

President Picker,

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C.A.R. is also a member of the Board of Directors for Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions (C4BES), which is currently seeking party status to the Building Decarbonization rulemaking. We object to the Sierra Club's motion to deny party status to our broad-based coalition. We believe in fair and balanced rulemaking which requires that diverse perspectives have equal standing and the ability to provide input. We believe that the collective voice of C4BES merits inclusion.

Denial of party status to C4BES would create an unfair and undemocratic bias in a rulemaking that will have a profound effect on all Californians. Therefore, we respectfully request that the Commission deny the Sierra Club's motion to exclude the voices of millions of Californians represented by our coalition who seek to comfortably enjoy their homes without costly government retrofit mandates or forced lifestyle choices.

Thank you,

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Jeli Gavric
Legislative Advocate

cc: Commissioners Randolph, Guzman Aceves, Rechtschaffen, and Shiroma



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