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PROGRAMS CHAIR REQUEST

Hi CNPS Monterey Bay, please let me know what topics you are interested in for our monthly meetings. I'm very open to suggestions and ideas and would love to hear your input. We'd really like to increase our membership and attendance to monthly meetings so knowing your interests or what you think others may find interesting if very valuable. Hope you have a great summer; see you in September!

Thank you,
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REMINDER

We won't have a CNPS meeting in July or August.
The next meeting will be Thursday, September 8th.

CALENDAR of FIELD TRIPS & EVENTS

Saturday, July 2 & Aug 6, 1pm to 4pm Restoration **BROOM BASH, EAST SIDE OF PT. LOBOS STATE RESERVE**

Join us on these First Saturdays of the month visits to the beautiful Monterey pine forest on the east side of Point Lobos. We'll use several techniques to remove French broom and help restore this area that wants to thrive with native plants. Meet at 1pm in Carmel at the Rio Road Park n' Ride to carpool (across from the Chevron Gas Station). All supplies provided. Bring a friend, water, and a snack. Contact Bruce Delgado at bdelgado62@gmail.com or 831-277-7690 or for more information.

Sunday, July 10, 9:00am to 12:30pm Field Trip **FORT ORD ORCHID WALK**

Today we will be hunting orchids. We will explore the sandy dunes on the former Fort Ord and some properties which are usually closed to the public. Orchids that we hope to see are Yaden's Rein-Orchid, Hooded Ladies' Tresses, Michael's Rein-Orchid and possibly Elegant and Elongate Rein-Orchids. There will also be many other beautiful flowers to enjoy. Less than 3 miles with very little elevation gain. Bring water, snack and a hat. Meet at the old Fort Ord Thrift Shop at Lightfighter Drive and 2nd Avenue. For more information, call Leader David Styer, 633-2590.

Sunday, July 17 & Aug 21, 11am to 2pm Restoration **SOBERANES CREEK CAPE IVY BASH**

Here Soberanes Creek falls into the ocean and needs our help continuing to remove various invasive weeds, primarily Cape ivy. On these Third Sundays, meet at 11am in Carmel at the Rio Rd. Park n' Ride to carpool (across from the Chevron gas station). All supplies provided. Bring a friend, water, and a snack. Contact Bruce Delgado at 831-277-7690 or bdelgado62@gmail.com for more information.

Sunday, July 24, 4:00pm Field Trip **EARLY EVENING SOAP PLANT HIKE at JACKS PEAK**

Jacks Peak offers quiet forested trails with spectacular views of Monterey, the bay and Carmel Valley. 5 1/2 miles with 700 ft. elevation gain. If we are lucky, we will see the night blooming soap plants in bloom. If not, we'll have a nice evening walk in the woods. Bring water, dinner and a flashlight. Arrive early; we depart at 4:00pm from the NW corner of Whole Foods parking lot in Monterey. Call Leader Lynn Bomberger for a reservation, 375-7777.

Sunday, July 24 & Aug 28, 1pm to 4pm Restoration **CARMEL RIVER STATE BEACH**

Come join other volunteers and State Parks staff on these Fourth Sundays to restore world-class beautiful meadows and beach bluffs to native wild flowers and healthy ecosystems. All supplies provided. You just bring water and a smile. Wear gardening type clothes and sturdy shoes. Meet at the Ribera Road trail head south of the Carmel River and east of Hwy 1. Contact Bruce Delgado at 831-277-7690 or bdelgado62@gmail.com for more information.

Friday, July 29 & Aug 26, 9am to 2:30pm Restoration **CAPE IVY WEED BASH AT SOBERANES CREEK**

Join other volunteers and State Parks staff and help to reverse the spread of sticky eupatorium and Cape ivy in the wonderful

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SAVE THE DATE!

Our CNPS Annual Plant Sale is scheduled for **Saturday, October 1, 10:00am to 1:00pm**. We will have a great selection of California native species and horticultural selections including some great local plants that are not typically available. This will be a great time to select new plants for planting at home, or giving as gifts or donating to a school garden or...

CONSERVATION REPORT

“WHISPERING OAKS” APPROVED BY SUPERVISORS: A disappointing 4-1 vote by the County Board of Supervisors June 14 approved a zoning change to allow a massive industrial park that would destroy 3400-4400 oaks at Fort Ord while providing a controversial new location for a \$100 million Monterey Salinas Transit headquarters to consolidate all its bus operations. The chapter deplores the failure to consider degraded sites that could preserve most of the oaks and the current bicycle, horse, and hiking trails that would be disrupted by the project. A key point of the opposition was the change in zoning to allow a much denser development than was originally expected, as well as using “redevelopment” funds, intended for rehabilitating blighted areas, to destroy a pristine oak forest. Reportedly the opponents are considering a referendum on the decision.

RARE PLANT ISSUES AT PBBSC: Chapter members participated in a recent field trip to Pico Blanco Boy Scout Camp to review the chapter’s long-standing concerns about the loss of habitat for the threatened Dudley’s lousewort (*Pedicularis dudleyi*). Over the years many of the small sites surveyed by chapter members along the N. Fork of the Little Sur River, mostly on PBBSC land, have disappeared because of trampling as well as logging of redwood and Douglas fir trees that provide the plant's preferred habitat (and is very rare in Monterey Co). Belatedly after years of efforts by former Boy Scout, camp counselor, chapter member, and current San Mateo science teacher Kim Kuska, the PBBSC management has fenced one large remaining habitat area and has promised to protect it. Recovery of the outlying populations continues to be threatened by trampling and inadvertent removal by US Forest Service trail crews working near Little Sur Public Camp.

FIRESCAPE MEETINGS SEEK CONSENSUS: A total of six all-day meetings during the months of March-June, called by the US Forest Service and moderated by Nature Conservancy facilitators, brought together a very heterogeneous group ranging from conservationists to scientists to firefighters to discuss the knotty issues of preserving forest habitat while affording better protection to residents in the Wildlands Urban Interface (WUI, or woo-ee). Arising from the loss of homes in Big Sur during the 2008 Basin Complex Fire, and the controversy that arose during hearings last fall on the Monterey Co. Fire Plan, the formal meetings have ended, but the results will be refined by a “Core Committee” that will report later this summer. The chapter's view, based on scientific studies, is that the primary focus should be on fire-resistant construction and landscaping in areas 30-100' around houses in the WUI rather than wide firebreaks throughout the national forest.

PRESIDIO EXPANSION COMMENTS DUE JUNE 21: The Defense Language Institute (DLI) Draft Environmental Impact Statement proposes a new master plan replacing the 1983 plan. It includes an eight-story classroom building, new barracks constructed on slopes over 25%, a fast food restaurant, and ancillary development. Three alternatives are considered: 1) No project, retaining the 1983 plan; 2) DLI Concentric Plan, with all of the new development on site; and 3) Partial development on site and part at Fort Ord. The preferred alternative is (2) which would involve a transfer from Fort Ord because of the water deficiency on the Peninsula. The chapter is concerned about building on steep slopes and the potential impacts on the Huckleberry Hill Natural Preserve and the sensitive plants that are found there, including Yadon's piperia, several manzanitas, and the Monterey pine.

PEBBLE BEACH EIR DUE AUGUST 10: As reported last month, the Environmental Impact Report for the PBCo. build-out is expected to be released August 10 for a 45-day comment period. While the plan is significantly improved over the one denied by the Coastal Commission three years ago, the chapter still has concerns about the impact on listed plants and sensitive habitat by new development in the vicinity of the Morse Reserve, the Huckleberry Hill Natural Area and Indian Village. The spread of invasive species is another area that needs to be addressed more specifically.

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Soberanes Creek watershed. One “Migrating” Friday each month we’ll continue to spend a wondrous day in paradise. Contact Bruce Delgado to RSVP and for details: bdelgado62@gmail.com or 831-227-7690. All supplies provided. Bring a friend, water, and a snack.

Sunday, July 31, 9:30am **Field Trip** **LATE SEASON FLOWERS OF SOBERANES POINT & CREEK**

Explore the varied Soberanes Point & Creek area with wildflower enthusiast, Bob Hale. Besides a beautiful display of buckwheat, there will be numerous other late season flowers to admire and discuss along the way. Much of the beauty that we will see in the area is the result of years of work by CNPS members to remove non-natives, allowing native plants to fill in. The walk will be about 3 miles with very little elevation gain. Arrive early; we depart at 9:30am from the Rio Road Park & Ride in Carmel. Bring lunch & water. Call Lynn, 375-7777, for a reservation.

Every Tuesday of July **Conserving Native Plants** **SEED COLLECTION AT FORT ORD**

Seeds of Success (SOS) is a program created in a nation-wide effort to ensure the conservation of native plants. Join SOS intern Rose Ashbach in a day of collections. We will travel throughout the scenic hills and valleys of Fort Ord BLM collecting seeds of diverse and important native plant species. Contact Rose Ashbach (831)236-8530 for more information.

Saturday, August 6, 1pm to 4pm **Restoration** **BROOM BASH, EAST SIDE OF PT. LOBOS STATE RESERVE** See July 2nd for details.

Sunday, August 14, 9:30am to 2:30pm **Field Trip** **OAK WOODLANDS WALK AT HASTINGS RESERVE**

Join Mark Stromberg, Biologist, Naturalist and Resident Director of Hastings Reserve on an extremely interesting field trip. Hastings is a 2300 acre Biological Field Station of the University of California,

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Museum of Vertebrate Zoology and UC Natural Reserve Systems, located in Carmel Valley. We will learn about various oaks, our oak woodlands, oak galls, acorn woodpeckers and even how to make acorn cookies. About 1 mile with minimal elevation gain. Bring water and lunch. Meet at the Rio Road Park & Ride before 9:30am. Call Lynn at 375-7777 for a reservation and how to locate Mark's informative article: *Oak Woodland in Monterey County*.

Sunday, August 21, 10am to noon **Field Trip**
MISSION TRAIL NATURE PRESERVE SAUNTER

Walk with us in the footsteps of Father Serra. The good father wore out many sandals walking from the Carmel Mission to the Royal Presidio Chapel in Monterey. It's all uphill on the first half, but downhill on the way back. Approximately 2 miles through native Monterey pine woods, redwoods and coastal oaks. We will visit the Flanders Mansion in the center of the Preserve. Meet at 10am on Rio Road across from the Carmel Mission. For more information, phone Leader, Joyce Stevens, 624-3149.

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SOBERANES CREEK CAPE IVY BASH
See July 17th for details.

Friday, August 26, 9am to 2:30pm **Restoration**
CAPE IVY WEED BASH AT SOBERANES CREEK
See July 29th for details.

Sunday, August 28, 9:30am to 1:30pm **Field Trip**
DEL MONTE FOREST BERRIES NIBBLE

Join Bob Hale & Lynn Bomberger as we zig & zag through serene Del Monte Forest, nibbling on a variety of ripe berries along the way. Huckleberries (yum), Salal, Blackberries & Solomon Seal berries should be ripe and ready to sample. Also, Rough-leaved Asters will be looking beautiful and hopefully we will be delighted by Hooded Ladies Tresses and Elegant Rein-Orchids. Bring water and lunch. Approximately 3 miles with 650 ft. elevation gain. Arrive early; we depart at 9:30 from the DMF "Haul Road" Gate on Highway 68. Call Lynn at 375-7777 for a reservation.

Sunday, August 28, 1pm to 4pm **Restoration**
CARMEL RIVER STATE BEACH
See July 24th for details.

ARTICLES of INTEREST

HELP CAL-IPC STOP WILD LAND WEEDS!

For 20 years the California Invasive Plant Council, through science, education and policy, has supported natural resource managers working in our parks, preserves and watersheds in their efforts to protect our native plant habitats. I have spent over 10 years working to control invasive plants on Fort Ord and so support the work Cal-IPC is doing that I am currently serving on their Board of Directors. I know you care about our native plants and have seen the harm caused by the uncontrolled spread of invasive species. Please support Cal-IPC's 20th anniversary fund raising drive by donating at my on-line team member page at: www.crowdrise.com/cal-ipc20th/fundraiser/SueHubbard.

Please join me in making a donation before August 1st to help stop wild land weeds. ~ Sue Hubbard

BEACH GARDEN PROJECT

The Beach Garden is an opportunity for dune fans—students and teachers, local residents and visitors, novices and seasoned gardeners—to be part of native plant restoration in the spectacular Monterey Bay Dunes.

Our goal is to grow and plant native, site-specific seedlings to restore sand dunes around the Monterey Bay. Our volunteers have produced thousands of plants, saving tax dollars and promoting stewardship of our local state parks

Such community involvement has helped degraded areas of the Monterey Dunes regain their original splendor as a broad diversity of native species is planted to replace the non-native iceplant. Native animal species return to colonize the restored habitat. The deep roots of the native dune species hold the sand in place, reducing coastal erosion.

Thousands of volunteers have helped with the yearly cycle of collecting seed, propagating native species, outplanting, and weeding. Volunteers have grown and planted over 122,000 seedlings to transform degraded coastal dunes from Monterey to Salinas River State Beach.

People of all ages and experience are welcome to join our restoration activities. To become a volunteer—or simply to learn more, go to: <http://beachgardenproject.org>, or contact Joey Dorrell-Canepa (see info below). The following activities are tentatively scheduled for 2011. Please check the website in early August for confirmed dates, directions, and 2012 activities.

Saturday, August 20, 10am to 12 noon, **Seed Collection**, Fort Ord Dunes St. Park

Saturday, August 27, 10am to 12 noon, **Seed Collection**, Marina State Beach

Saturday, August 27, 12 noon to 2pm, **Propagation Workshop**, Marina Ranger Station

Sunday, September 4, 10am to 12 noon, **Propagation Workshop**, Marina Ranger Station

The Beach Garden Project was created in 1992 by the Monterey Dunes Coalition, a consortium of nonprofit groups including the California Native Plant Society—Monterey Chapter, the Sierra Club—Ventana Chapter, and Monterey Peninsula Audubon Society.

We appreciate collaboration and support from California State Parks, the City of Monterey, and the Chuck Haugen Conservation Fund. We gratefully acknowledge funding (past and present) from the NOAA California Bay Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Program, the Barnet Segal Trust, and the Cypress Garden Guild.

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BEES AND MICROWAVE RADIATION

British researchers have evidence that low-level microwave radiation may be one of the causes of the disappearance of bees, one of the principal pollinators of native plants as well as essential crops. For more information go to this website:

www.safelandforbees.org.uk/bees-and-microwave-radiation.html.





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LOOKING AHEAD

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October	Thurs Sept 15	Wed Sept 21
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When you have only two pennies left in the world, buy a loaf of bread with one, and a lily with the other. ~ Chinese Proverb

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