

San Joaquin Valley Chapter
The Wildlife Society



To: TWS-WS Executive Board
From: Linda Connolly, Chapter Representative
Subject: San Joaquin Valley Chapter Report
Meeting Date: July 22, 2012

Recent Actions and Events:

- The Chapter's San Joaquin kit fox workshop was held May 21-23 in Bakersfield. We had 30 attendees, and the event sold out in 10 days. Attendees had several opportunities to view kit foxes, and our classroom instructors included researchers from the Endangered Species Recovery Program, biological consultant, USFWS and DFG regulatory staff, and DFG biologists. The Chapter netted about \$5700 from the event.

Planning:

- We are still planning for the repeat of our small mammals workshop, which we anticipate holding in the latter half of September or early October.

Meetings:

- Our next meeting of the Chapter Board is being planned for mid-August.

Online resources:

- Information including our most recent newsletter can be found on our website: http://joomla.wildlife.org/SanJoaquin//index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=174&Itemid=276
- We also have a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/San-Joaquin-Valley-Chapter-of-The-Wildlife-Society/202907939741620>

Membership:

Membership is hovering around 170 members.

Finances:

The Chapter's combined balance from our two bank accounts is about \$33,500.

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Past Chapter Activities

- Sunday, July 8: Led by SJSU professor and marsh ecologist Dr. Lynne Trulio. See burrowing owls (adults and chicks), nesting Forster's terns, avocets, stilts, and possible black skimmers. Shoreline Park, Santa Clara County. 15 members attended

Newsletters

The Winter 2012 Wandering Tattler was published in January this year. Past and current newsletters are available on the Chapter website <http://joomla.wildlife.org/sanfrancisco/>

Upcoming Chapter Activities

- Sunday, Sept. 9: Farallones boat trip with The Oceanic Society. Confirmed. Registration opening soon.
- Saturday, Sept. 29: National Public Lands Day stewardship event TBD
- Screening of "Greenfire" at Cameo Cinema in St. Helena. Event to benefit Napa Wildlife Rescue Center and SF Bay Chapter. Possibly end of September or early October.
- Sunday, Oct. 14: Marin Headlands, HawkWatch with Allen Fish, head of the GGRO. 11:00-2:00, optional picnic on the beach afterwards (Possibly to be rescheduled to November)
- October 20-21. Canid I.D. workshop in Contra Costa County.
- Sunday, Nov. 11: Hike\Sunol Regional Wilderness, Alameda County
- Sunday, Dec 9: Hike\Grizzly Island Wildlife Area, Solano County

Membership

We are at approximately 105 members now.

Financial Standing

The Chapter has approximately \$9,661 in its bank account. Recent expenditures were \$100 donation for National TWS Teaming with Wildlife and \$200 deposit for Oceanic Society Farallones Islands trip.

Grants/scholarships

The Chapter has several sponsored free student memberships available. We are also interested in providing student travel grants for attendance to the National TWS conference in Portland.

WS Executive Board Action Item Update(s)

- Chapter representatives to PDC are Jessica Martini-Lamb and Natasha Dvorak (reported in 04/19/2012 chapter report to Board)
- Proxy for SF Bay Chapter Rep is Natasha Dvorak

**Report to Western Section
From Sacramento-Shasta Chapter
Prepared by Laura Patterson, Chapter Representative
July 23, 2012**



Major Activities since April 19th Report:

Social and Professional Development Events

- Spring Social Mixer was held at Hoppy Brewing on April 26th but wasn't very well attended – we think due to late notice and lack of follow-up.
- Co-hosted a Student-Professional Networking event with the UC Davis Student Chapter at Sudwerk on May 31st, which was very well attended and seemed to go well.
- 2st lunchtime brown bag seminar held on June 12th on vernal pool ecology was well attended. The 3rd one is scheduled for August 16th on rattlesnake courtship behavior at HDR's office.
- The Natural Resources Symposium will be held at Sac State on October 25th, and we're looking for presenters, so please spread the word.
- A northern event is still TBD because we lost our regional coordinator and are looking for a replacement.

Community Outreach/Scholarships/Grants

- \$1000 academic scholarship to Kevin Ringelman, PhD candidate in Ecology at UC Davis, working on predator-prey dynamics in waterfowl.

Newsletter

- *The Magpie* is only being produced three times/year now. The July 2012 edition is in the process of being completed and should be up on our website any day at:
http://joomla.wildlife.org/SacramentoShasta/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=203&Itemid=315

Finances

- As of July 11, 2012, the Sacramento-Shasta balance was \$28,186.18, and we're on track to meet our annual budget.
- Income: membership dues and profit from the Swainson's Hawk Workshop.
- Expenses: social mixers, operating costs, costs associated with the Swainson's Hawk workshop, and academic scholarship.

Membership

- Estimated members haven't changed since last time: ~165.

Next Board Meeting

- Not scheduled yet since we just had one on July 12th.

Chapter Representative on Western Section Committees

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Past Chapter Activities

- **Chapter Meeting(s)**
 - **Board meetings** –We have held approximately 4 board meetings this year.
 - **Member Socials**-- In February, 2012, TWS So Cal Chapter participated in the Western Section Annual Conference in Sacramento. We held a **Chapter Meeting** to introduce the chapter to the conference attendees. The chapter meeting included a lively discussion with Western Section officers to discuss potential cooperative plans, including a Certification Workshop and training sessions on sensitive species of Southern California.
 - On February 18, TWS So Cal Chapter sponsored a **family BBQ and birding adventure** at Santee Lakes Park, California. The birding expedition was led by local bird expert, Cindy Jones Daverin. Over 40 people attended, including several new members, and all had an opportunity to enjoy good food and camaraderie with the backdrop of a lovely park setting. Biological highlights of the day included: wood ducks, an osprey, and a zone-tailed hawk, mimicking the turkey vultures around it!

Upcoming Chapter Activities

- **Board meetings**—We anticipate 4-6 board meetings this year.
- **Upcoming social events**-- I am pleased to report that we now have a Chapter Events Coordinator. Callie J. Ford, a Biologist/Environmental Analyst with Dudek Environmental Consultants, has graciously accepted this responsibility and is doing a fine job. Thank you, Callie!
- **Plans for 2012/2013** include several options: a **Raptor Workshop** in early February, 2013, another **Hermes Copper Butterfly** field trip with David Faulkner (May/June), another **family BBQ** or two (dates TBD), an **Arroyo Toad Workshop** (April/May), a spring and/or fall **Insect Session** (fall and/or spring), and another **consultant**

company-sponsored event. It would also be good to get **agencies** also involved in sponsoring one or more events. We are happy to report that the **Audubon Society** has indicated an interest in cooperative events. The first one that we are exploring is a lecture and field trip on **Migratory birds**, perhaps at the Carrillo National Monument.

- **Ideas for future professional development workshops--** The Chapter's next big event is a Professional Certification Workshop, co-sponsored by the Western Section. This will be held at Dudek's office in Encinitas, CA and we are exploring an off-site (GoTo) option in the Riverside area for more northern participants.

Chapter Focal Points/Issues

- **Goals**—Build membership with continued family-oriented social events and professional opportunities.
- **Opportunities/ Constraints**—We have a recent opportunity to collaborate with the Audubon Society in some professional development activities. Our constraints continue to be; (1) how busy the potential new members and our volunteer officers are; (2) the challenges of involving members from such a large Chapter area. The extreme north-south area that the Chapter covers is the major challenge along these lines.

Membership

- The **membership** of the TWS SoCal Chapter continues to grow with now over a hundred members. We picked up several new members at each of the events, and some have signed up online, as well.
- **Recruitment Efforts**—social and professional events and presence/activity at TWS Section and National meetings, as well as word-of-mouth, continue to be our most productive efforts. We also continue to explore way to collaborate with other professional organizations.

Financial Standing

Current balance (November 2011): \$9,030.44.

Grants

The Chapter has donated \$2,000 toward the upcoming National Meeting in Portland.