

INVITATION

SAT & SUN, FEBRUARY 10-11, 2024 MEETING OF THE DESERT AND WILDERNESS COMMITTEES

SHOSHONE, CA AT THE FLOWER BUILDING

- Newcomers are always welcome. Sierra Club membership not required.
- Informal atmosphere at an interesting location.
- Interesting topics for all concerned with desert preservation.
- Informed presenters. Participation in discussions. Action items.
- A chance to learn about wilderness, desert, and desert energy issues— successes, promises, threats and setbacks.
- Happy hour and potluck dinner Saturday evening—networking and getting acquainted. Bring a gourmet item to share and your own utensils.



Extracurricular Activities:

- Friday afternoon, 12-4pm, Amargosa Conservancy will host a stewardship project cleaning up the trails of China Ranch. Please RSVP to: jora@conservationlands.org, 360-259-4275 who will send specifics out to those that RSVP.
- Sunday afternoon, 1-4pm hike into Amargosa Canyon at China Ranch. Contact Cameron for more info: Cmayer@friendsoftheamargosabasin.org

Shoshone is a small desert town in southeast Inyo County with a long history. Owner Susan Sorrells will be our host. The weather should be comfortable— expect cool (even cold) nights and pleasant days (no guarantee). Many camp out— either on the Flower Building grounds or in the nearby desert. Bring a tent, sleep in the vehicle, or in the open. Lodging accommodations available in Shoshone, Tecopa, and Pahrump. Hot springs and brewery in Tecopa.

Presentations start Saturday noon and end Sunday noon. This facilitates travel for those coming from a distance. Early arrivers and late leavers have time to explore the area, socialize, and have side meetings.

Jora Fogg and Patrick Donnelly will chair the meeting. The schedule below is somewhat fluid. If you have a topic you would like to present, contact Jora at 360-259-4275, jora@conservationlands.org. We encourage Powerpoint presentations and if you want to bring a handout or have a call to action, 30-40 copies are recommended.

WHERE: The Flower Building, in Shoshone, CA. On Hwy 127 north of Baker. East side of the highway.
(Perhaps the only building in Inyo County with flowers painted on the outside.)

WHEN: Weekend of February 10-11, 2024

TIMES: Saturday meeting: Noon to 5:00 PM.

Happy Hour: Saturday, 5pm

Potluck Dinner: Following happy hour.

Bring an item for sharing, your own utensils/dishes.

Sunday meeting: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

ACCOMMODATION S: Camping: On the lawn of the Flower Building, or in the surrounding desert.
Shoshone RV Park & Campground. Reservations: 760-852-4569

Sleep in a bed
Under a roof:

Shoshone Inn (ask for discounted rate of \$95): 760-852-4335

Ranch House Inn: Tecopa. 760-852-4580. \$22 to \$150.
www.ranchhouseinn.com.

Tecopa Hot Springs: 760-852-4420. Camping and rooms.
www.tecopahotsprings.org.

Delight's Hot Springs Resort: 800-928-8808, cabins and hot springs.
Pahrump, 27 miles, more traditional accommodations.

**Desert Comm Summer
Meeting
August 3& 4, 2024
Nelson Group Camp
In the White Mountains**

As usual, these are subject to changes by the Chairs up to the start of the meeting, and even after the start of the meeting.

Saturday – Noon to 5:00pm

Jora Fogg and Patrick Donnelly, Meeting Chairs	20	Introductions, Announcements
Susan Sorrells, host of meeting	10	Welcome to Shoshone
Stacy Goss, Sierra Club Desert Committee	10	Desert Report updates
Anne Henny, Sierra Club Wilderness Committee	10	Wilderness Committee Updates
Kevin Emmerich, Basin and Range Watch	20	Nevada Green Energy Update Wind, Solar and Transmission
Laura Cunningham, Basin & Range Watch and Western Watersheds Project	20	Rare Mojave Desert Biodiversity Flourishes After Hurricane Remnants
<i>Break</i>	15	
Abigail Wines, Death Valley National Park	30	Happenings in DVNP
Tom Bickauskas, Ridgecrest BLM Field Office	15	Happenings in the Ridgecrest BLM Field Office
Patrick Donnelly, Center for Biological Diversity	30	California Desert, Lithium in Nevada, Great Salt Lake
Ruth Nolan, College of the Desert	20	Fire on the Mojave: Stories from the Deserts and Mountains of Inland Southern California
<i>Break</i>	15	
Mason Voehl, Amargosa Conservancy	30	Ash Meadows, Amargosa Wild & Scenic River
Dick Hingson	30	Grand Canyon overflights

Saturday – 5pm

- After the Saturday session: Social hour, morphing into potluck in the Wildflower Room

Sunday – 8:00 AM to 12:00

Cameron Mayer	15	Desert Reading
Linda Castro, CalWild Jose Witt, The Wilderness Society	30	BLMs Solar PEIS
Naomi Fraga, California Botanic Garden	20	Lithium-impacted rare wetland plants
Cameron Mayer, Friends of the Amargosa Basin	30	Friends of the Amargosa Basin monument campaign
<i>Break</i>	15	
John Hiatt	30	Colorado River basin and NV water issues
Jora Fogg, Conservation Lands Foundation	20	BLMs Public Lands Rule 2024 Biden administration priorities
Pat Flanagan	10	CA desert development threats
Kayla Browne and Jaime Wolters, Friends of the Inyo	20	Eastern Sierra happenings
Marc Stamer, BLM Barstow	15	BLM Barstow updates