



SIERRA CLUB

TEHIPITE CHAPTER

The Sierra Club Tehipite Chapter has just completed our annual election for our Executive Committee, with members given a choice of voting online or by mail. The new ExCom and leads are listed below.

Our chapter is an entirely volunteer organization, and welcomes all enthusiastic newcomers. Contact Gary at 559-790-3495 and tell us about your interests and we will direct you to others who share your concerns. We can also help to select a specific issue or project for you to focus on, if you're not already engaged with one.

Specific projects coming in 2024 include: holding our elected officials accountable for the future planning of Fresno County, including our transportation network, air and water pollution, water usage. We demand a rapid response to the climate crisis, shifting our economy to solar, wind, and geothermal power, instead of oil and gas.

The Sierra Club cares deeply about the harms done to our San Joaquin Valley and Sierra foothill residents, especially from air and groundwater pollution. We recognize that construction of distribution centers and factories harms our community members' health, especially when new industry is targeted at low-income neighborhoods

with significant populations of Latinos and other historically underserved residents.

Here are our newly elected leaders for 2024:

Chair: Olivia Seideman
Vice-Chair: Pilar Calderon
Secretary: Brenda Markham
Treasurer: JoAnne Clarke

Executive Committee: Emily Brandt, Pilar Calderon, JoAnne Clarke, Bill Fjellbo, Carlos Garcia, Gary Lasky, Ron Martin, Olivia Seideman, and Gerald Vinnard

And here are our Executive Committee's newly appointed leads:

Conservation Committee Chair: Ron Martin

Conservation Issue Leads:

- Air Quality: Carlos Garcia, Emily Brandt
- Climate Change: Connie Young
- Energy/Oil: Ron Martin
- Environmental Justice: Olivia Seideman
- Kings Canyon National Park: Bob Turner
- Land Use/Agriculture: Dan O'Connell
- National Forests: Gary Lasky
- Transportation: Olivia Seideman
- Water: Laura Rosenberger
- Wilderness: JoAnne Clarke
- Yosemite National Park: Theresa Ho

And here are our other appointed positions:

Honors & Awards: Bob Turner, Karen Hammer
Legal: Jeremy Clar, Gary Lasky
Membership/ Newsletter Distribution: Karen Hammer
Outings Coordinators: OPEN
Political Chair: Bill Fjellbo
Political Compliance Officer: Gary Lasky
Programs/Publicity/Hospitality: Karen Hammer/Bob Turner/Brenda Markham
Tehipite Topics Editor & Website Administrator: Bob Turner

National Council of Club Leaders

- Delegate: Ron Martin ;
- Alternate: Carlos Garcia ;
- Executive Committee: Gary Lasky

Sierra Club California

- Executive Committee Delegates: Ron Martin, Emily Brandt, Gary Lasky, Laura Rosenberger Haider
- Conservation Committee Delegates: Ron Martin, Emily Brandt; Alternates: Gary Lasky, Laura Rosenberger Haider

Condor Trail: Hiking 400 Miles Through Los Padres National Forest

Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 PM
Woodward Park Library, 944 E Perrin Ave, Fresno

The Sierra Club Tehipite Chapter invites the public to our February meeting with Brian Sarvis, co-author of *Condor Trail Guide: Hiker's Guide to the 400 mile Condor Trail Through Los Padres National Forest*. Brian will share his adventures on this trail that runs through seven wilderness areas, highlighting some of the outstanding natural features, wild and scenic rivers, hot springs, and wildlife sanctuaries. Brian is the second person to complete a thru-hike of the entire trail and has written a guidebook so others can enjoy the trail too.

Join us for this unique program!

