EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, December 2, 1992
Cunningham Residence, 660 Paseo Companeros
7:30 p.m.

PROGRAM MEETING

Monday, December 7, 1992
Butte County Library, 1st and Sherman, Chico
7:30 p.m.

Tom Grigs, Botanist and Restoration Ecologist for the Northern Sacramento River Restoration Project, will speak on the Riparian Restoration Process. Previously scheduled speaker Roseana Galindo, representing Nature Conservancy, will also be present.

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FROM EXTINCT TO EXTANT: An Exciting Find.

What could be better than discovering that a plant long considered extinct is not extinct after all? This has been the happy experience of Mt. Lassen Chapter member Barbara Castro. While conducting a survey for the town of Paradise last May, patches of Monardella douglasii var. venosa (window-pane coyote mint) were identified by Barbara after the plant was first sighted by Laurence Janeway, also a member of Mt. Lassen Chapter. The last sighting of window-pane coyote mint was in Tuolumne County in 1935. It was last seen locally near Cherokee and Marysville in mid 19th century.

The finding has been reported to the appropriate agencies and specimens sent to the Herbarium, CSUC, California Academy, and Missouri Botanical Gardens. It has special significance for Barbara, as she currently is cataloging all mints found in Butte County for a manual and map to be published eventually through Chico State.

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FROM EXTINCT TO EXTANT (cont.)

The Maidu fire swept through the area where the rare Monardella was found, but the plants already were dead at the time and the seeds already in the soil. It is probable that not all the seeds were killed by the fire. Barbara will be monitoring the area for the appearance of new plants and for what other plants have been stimulated to grow.

In addition, there is assurance that even if Paradise's sewer project goes forward the plant will be protected. The part of the plan that would have impacted this monardella has been abandoned.

Look for articles about this find in Madroño (Journal of the California Botanical Society) and CNPS's journal, Fremontia, 22.

DECEMBER FIELDTRIP

Dec 5 Sat Centerville Flume, Butte Creek Canyon. Our annual "Blooming Plant Count Trip." A slow & easy 3 to 4 mile walk along the power plant ditch and across some trestles. Will we see 20 or more plants in bloom again this year? Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Centerville Road and the flume crossing (some distance past the school house). Rain or shine. Bring lunch and water. This trip is for members & their friends only. Get together & share rides, as parking is somewhat limited. Leaders: Dorothy Cowden, 872-0567, and Ruth Cunningham, 891-8462.

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