Executive Board Meeting
Dick Bergman Residence
806 Brandonberry Lane, Chico

Wednesday, November 30, 1994
7:30 PM

General Meeting and Program
Butte County Library
Sherman & First Ave, Chico

Monday, December 5, 1994
7:30 PM

Late-Succession and Old-Growth Forests of the Northern Sierra Nevada
by Eric Beckwitt

The Sierra Biodiversity Institute has prepared a new inventory of the late-succession, old-growth, and roadless lands of the Sierra Nevada. They used satellite imagery and other high tech methods, along with extensive on-the-ground observations. Eric Beckwitt will present this inventory, concentrating on the middle and low elevation lands of the northern Sierra. See many beautiful photographs of the late-succession and old-growth forests still present in our own "back yard". Eric will also discuss the overall biodiversity of these lands: he says that the Sierra Nevada is among the most biological diverse mountain ranges in the continental U.S. Following the presentation, Eric would like to network with persons interested in watching, defending and getting to know better some of these special places.
NOTICE
Preceding the next General Meeting on Monday, December 5th, the Chapter will be
taking guest speaker Eric Beckwitt out to dinner. All interested members are welcome,
"dutch treat". This is an opportunity to get an informal preview of the work of
the Sierra Biodiversity Institute and how its findings can effect us locally. We will
meet at 6:00 PM at a place yet to be determined. Call Lawrence Janeway, 899-7434, to
find out where and to loosely RSVP.

Field Trips

Dec 3 Saturday - Hike the Centerville Flume, Butte Creek Canyon. Our annual
winter “Blooming Plant Count Trip”. A slow and easy 3 to 4
mile walk along a flume with some trestles. Meet at 9:30 AM 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 and their guests only, get together and share rides as
parking is limited. Leaders Ruth Cunningham 891-8462 and
Dorothy Cowden 872-0567.

Jan 1 Sunday - The annual New Year’s Day Banana Belt Hike. Meet at the
Rifle Range Parking Lot in upper Bidwell Park at 10:00 AM with
lunch and water. See what is in bloom up on the warm north

CONSERVATION NOTES

Celebrity City Gets Go Ahead. The Tehama County Board of Supervisors has amended the
zoning regulations in the county’s general plan to allow a multi-billion dollar country music
theme park on 3,200 acres along Interstate 5 near Red Bluff. The development will include 40
music theaters, numerous restaurants and 20,000 hotel rooms. Estimates are that ground for
Celebrity City could be broken in 1995 or 1996. Needless to say the sheer magnitude of the
project has environmentalists gasping. This project will be followed closely by the Mount
Lassen Chapter and many other environmental groups. The view of our members, especially
those in the Red Bluff area, concerning the impacts of this huge planned development will be
most welcome.
Highway #99 To Be Widened In Vina Plains Area

Caltrans has issued notice that it plans to construct northbound and southbound passing lanes on Highway 99 from the Butte/Tehama County boundary to a point 4 mile north of South Avenue. In addition Caltrans wants to acquire sufficient right-of-way to permit a future 4-lane expressway in the area. If the right-of-way is expanded on the east side of Highway 99 it will impact the Vina Plains Nature Conservancy Preserve and some of its vernal pools.

Five Mt. Lassen Chapter Board Members attended the public information meeting held on November 9, at which Caltrans officials outlined their plans. Of primary concern to those attending the meeting was the fact that the right-of-way for the future construction would be acquired now based on a negative declaration, and without benefit of a full Environmental Impact Report addressing the impacts of future construction.

Caltrans officials were impressed with the comments of the environmentally minded people present, having anticipated interest only by the land owners affected and appeared willing to review their position because of our comments. Caltrans offered to have a member of our Chapter attend their advisory sessions and this possibility will be discussed at our next Board meeting. It appears that a good dialogue with Caltrans has been started and we hope it can continue to the consequent best interests of all parties. Anyone wishing to submit individual comments should address them to Larry French, Chief of Environmental Planning, Caltrans District 2, P.O. Box 49073, Redding, CA 96049-6073.

A couple of the best of the specimens seen at Vina Plains on the Nature Conservancy Tour of March 7, 1993
Election of Officers for 1995

Officers to preside over activities of the Mount Lassen Chapter in 1995 were elected at the November 7, 1994, general meeting, as follows:

President - Lawrence Janeway
Vice-President - John Ost
Secretary - Emilie White
Treasurer - Robin Fallscheer
Members at Large - John Copeland
            Tim Devine
            June Watts

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