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In lieu of our monthly newsletter we've patched together the following info:

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

MAY 2017

This one is short and suit.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Let's welcome our newest members Stephanie Forrest, Aaron Lambert, Arlene Mayer, Jim Mayer (welcome back) and Kevin Shaw. We look forward to getting to know you better and spending time on the water with you.

**BANQUET WRAP UP:** Almost all the items that were included in the "Stuff that did not sell at the silent auction" e blast were picked up by members who were not at the banquet. There are a couple special order items still pending. Looks like we will net about \$4,200 this year which is somewhat lower than recent years. This will however allow us to continue to support those organizations that we chose and continue to provide interesting programs at our meetings. If you have suggestions in either of these two areas let us know.

**MAY PROGRAM:** Our guest will be Candice Meneghin. Candice is the Conservation Manager for the Southern California Region of Cal Trout.

Candice is also the chair of the Santa Clara River Steelhead Coalition Chair. She is a conservationist bringing a multidisciplinary and international perspective to environmental management and conservation, with over ten years' experience managing natural resources including species of special concern, integrated watershed management, environmental law compliance, and protected area management. Candice is a member to both the IUCN: Commission on Ecosystem Management: North America and the Caribbean; and, IUCN Mediterranean Type Ecosystem Thematic Group; and has worked on steelhead restoration and monitoring projects in association with the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains; where she was awarded with the "volunteer of the year" recognition in 2012 for her contribution to steelhead conservation and restoration. She has coordinated coalitions and has engaged in stewardship extension to ensure landscape scale conservation initiatives such as the City of Cape Town's Biodiversity Network, Cape Action for People and the Environment Protected Area Expansion Strategy and Cape Nature's Stewardship

Program. As Conservation Program Manager for the Southern California Region, Candice oversees: Strategic planning for the Southern California Region and Santa Clara River Steelhead Coalition; Prioritization, implementation, and project management of restoration and biodiversity conservation projects; Fundraising, grant writing, and grant management; Budgeting, invoicing and general administration; including contracts; Legislative outreach in Southern California and Sacramento, advocating for CalTrout's work throughout California, together with Environmental and Energy Consulting; Outline key messaging, plan and implement Outreach, Education and Community Engagement activities and events, as well as outreach materials; Capacity building of coalition members and local restoration community; Identify and pursue legal cases that resolve key issues and establish statewide precedent; California Fish Passage Forum member, Outreach and Education & Permitting and Policy Forum Committee Member; Member of the West Fork San Gabriel River Working Group, to oversee management of Cogswell Reservoir and associated actions in the Angeles National Forest; Participates in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission licensing processes, in coordination with the Hydropower Reform Coalition - Santa Felicia Dam and South State Water Project (Pyramid Dam) on Piru Creek; Matilija Dam Removal Ecosystem Restoration Project Finance Committee member; Matilija Coalition member; and, Malibu Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project (Rindge Dam Removal) member.

This should be an interesting program.

**SUPPORT THE GUIDES THAT SUPPORT OUR CLUB:** If you're planning a trip and using a guide please check our newsletter and/or website. Our guides need to get more than just their donated trip back from us in order to make this a win win relationship.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

May 6<sup>th</sup>: 9-12 Water Craft demo at Laguna Lake (contact Rich Chubon & see below)

**CANCELLED NEW DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED**

MAY 6<sup>th</sup>: Scout o Rama 10 to 2 Waller Park in Santa Maria (contact Randy Dobbin if you can help).

MAY 11<sup>th</sup>:5-6 Board meeting 6:30 General meeting. Guest speaker Candice Meneghin

MAY 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>: Baum Lake outing (contact Bob Bayer)

MAY 23<sup>rd</sup>: 6:30 Fly tying Odd Fellows Hall ( contact Jim Snodgrass)

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