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Membership Meeting

Date:  June 5, 2012
Time:  Setup:  5:00 p.m.
       Dinner:  6:00 p.m.
Place:  Alviso Adobe Community Park
        3465 Old Foothill Road
        Pleasanton 94588
Topic:  Annual Potluck Picnic/Installation of Officers
Presenter:  Harry Smith: “Valley Fog and Winter Birds”
Presenters:  George & Marilyn Trabert: “A Point and Shoot Look at Kenya”

Enjoy a relaxing evening and mild weather in the lovely surroundings of the Alviso Adobe Community Park in Pleasanton at Ohlone Audubon’s annual potluck picnic. Nestled along Foothill Road, this 7-acre interpretive park preserves a home built in 1854 by Francisco Alviso. The original adobe building is one of a few remaining in the Bay Area. Set up like a traditional museum, it depicts what the home would have been like in the 1920s. City Naturalist Eric Nicholas will be in attendance and available to answer questions. If you would like, you can come early and bird on and near the grounds of the Alviso Adobe. The birding can be pretty good with several large oaks in the area.

To start the program, Harry will treat us to a five-minute DVD of an Ohlone field trip to the Valley refuges. You might see yourself on the screen if you went on this trip!

The second part of the program will feature George and Marilyn Trabert who traveled 1,500 miles in 18 days on a Kenya birding safari armed with only a small point and shoot camera. They saw an amazing 409 bird species and 50 mammal species with their local guide and will share a few of the highlights from this “trip of a lifetime.”

As always, there will be a nice spread of delicious food prepared by our members. Please bring your own table service, serving utensils, and a favorite dish to share (about 10 to 12 servings). Last names: (A–G: Dessert); (H-M: Vegetable, salad or side dish); (N-Z: Entree). Beverages will be supplied courtesy of OAS. Visitors are requested to refrain from bringing alcoholic beverages into the park.

To reach Alviso Adobe from Fremont or Contra Costa, take I-680 toward Pleasanton to the Bernal exit. Drive west on Bernal to Foothill and turn right. Follow Foothill a little more than half mile to the Alviso Adobe on your left. From Hayward, take I-580 to the Foothill exit and follow Foothill about 3 miles to the Alviso Adobe on your right. Meet in the Milking Barn.

—MLT/J&AB

Save the Date:
September 4. Dennis Keen will present “Hunting With Birds of Prey in Kyrgyzstan.”

Heads up!

November meeting date change

It looks like the election this November is going to be an interesting one! As you know, Ohlone’s membership meeting is usually the first Tuesday of each month, however in November that will be election night. We want you to have time to vote and follow the results as they come in if you desire-- so we are postponing the November meeting until TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, which is the second Tuesday in November. We will continue to remind you of this change in upcoming issues of the Kite Call. In the meantime, you might want to mark your calendars well in advance so that you don’t miss the election or the November 13 Ohlone Audubon membership meeting!

—MLT

Get’em While They’re Hot

We have a few more of the Alameda County Breeding Bird Atlases for sale. The price remains the same: $20 for members and $22 for non-members plus $3 for shipping (unless you pick it up at a meeting).

Send your check to Ohlone Audubon Society BBA, 1922 Hillsdale Street, Hayward, CA 94541.

—PAG
Field Trips

Once again, it's time to schedule our Annual Field Trip Planning Meeting and potluck. But first, please make sure you thank the following people when you see them next for taking time out of their busy schedules to lead one or more of this year's trips:


Our Ohlone trips just keep getting better and better and we have these great leaders to thank for that. We owe a special thanks to Stephanie Floyd, who has agreed to take over the responsibilities of Field Trip Chair this coming year.

The planning meeting will be held Saturday, June 9, at 4:00 p.m. at Mona Brauer's home. We'll have a potluck meal after the scheduling. Give us your input by either joining us on the 9th or if you aren't able to attend, e-mailing your suggestions for trips to Stephanie. If you would be interested in leading one or more trips and won't be able to join us at the meeting, please e-mail your choices and approximate dates so that we can include them in the scheduling. Let Stephanie know by June 1st if you can attend so we can arrange for adequate seating. scfloyd2000@yahoo.com.

May 16, Wed. 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Garin-Dry Creek Regional Park. Leaders: Brenda Senturia, 510.581.1997, Bbsenturia@sbcglobal.net and Mona Brauer, 510.537.0311, tgdgm@pacbell.net

On this relaxed mid-week trip we'll explore Garin/Dry Creek Regional Parks from the Dry Creek entrance. May is an excellent time to see a wide variety of birds. Residents and newly arrived migrants will be courting and setting up nesting territories. From this entrance, excellent riparian habitat, oak woodland and grazed pasture are accessible. We'll be looking closely at bird behavior: setting up breeding territories, courtship displays and songs of nesting. Birds will be in their finest plumages and we should find quite a variety: woodpeckers, flycatchers, warblers, wrens, sparrows, and thrushes.

Meet at the Dry Creek Regional Park parking area. Take Mission Blvd. in Hayward south to Whipple Rd. Turn east toward the hills on the continuation of Whipple (May Rd.) past apartment complexes to a parking area on the right. Be prepared for moderate walking.

May 22, Tue., 9:00 a.m., Niles Hotspots. Leaders: Kathy Robertson and Stephanie Floyd, scfloyd2000@yahoo.com

We will visit several great birding spots in the Niles area, along the Alameda Creek channel and in the woods, in hopes of seeing spring migrants and nesting birds including Hooded Orioles, warblers, and waterfowl.

Meet at Niles Community Park. To reach the park, from I-880, take Decoto Road northeast about 2 miles. Turn right (east) on Alvarado-Niles Blvd. and stay on it for about 2 1/2 miles (it becomes Niles Blvd.). Turn right on H St. The park is at the end of H St. From I-680, take Niles Canyon Road (SR-84) southwest to Fremont. Cross Mission Blvd. to reach Niles Blvd. and bear right on Niles Blvd. to go through the main part of Niles. Turn left on H St. The park is at the end of H St. From Mission Boulevard north or south, turn onto Niles Blvd. and follow the directions above. No fee. Heavy rain cancels.

May 30, Wed., 9:00 a.m., Leona Canyon Regional Open Space Preserve. Leaders: Kathy Robertson and Stephanie Floyd, scfloyd2000@yahoo.com

Leona Canyon is a pristine woodland preserve in the Oakland Hills near Anthony Chabot and Redwood Regional Parks. This is a great place to see warblers, flycatchers, and nesting birds such as Hairy Woodpeckers. We will walk gently uphill on a shady trail for about 3/4 mile and then return downhill, birding along the way. Please note that no facilities are available.

To reach the park from I-580 in Oakland, go east on Keller Avenue, turn left onto Campus Drive and make a quick right on Canyon Oaks Drive into the apartment complex. Parking for the trail is at the north end of the apartment complex. No fee. Heavy rain cancels.

Jun 3, Sun., 8:30 a.m., Hayward Shoreline. Leaders: Rich Nicholson, rsn711@yahoo.com; Marty Morrow, mfmoren@comcast.net; and Maggie Clark, maggieclark@earthlink.net, 925.890.3100 (cell)

We will meet at the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center for an easy hike to the bay to look for birds in the ponds as well as along the shoreline. Heading inland to the Least Tern viewing sign we will look at the Least Tern nesting island as well as nearby islands for Black Skimmers and perhaps a Black Tern. We never know what other birds we might find. Bring your scope or share one of ours.

To reach the interpretive Center exit from I-880 onto SR-92 toward the San Mateo Bridge to the Clawiter Road/Eden Landing Road exit. Go straight through the light (do not turn onto Clawiter). Make the first left (at the gas station) onto Breakwater Avenue and go all the way to the end of the street. No fee. Restrooms are available.

Jun. 23-24, Yuba Pass and Sierra Valley. Meet both days at the top of Yuba Pass–7:30 a.m. Saturday and 6:30 a.m. on Sunday. Leaders: Phil and Pat Gordon

On Saturday, we will begin our bird explorations at the almost 7,000 ft. elevation of the Sierras. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Yuba Pass Sno-Park Parking Lot (also the entrance to the Yuba Pass Campground) along SR-49. There may still be snow on the ground this year, so dress accordingly. If lucky, we’ll see species rarely found at lower elevations including Williamson’s Sapsucker and Black-backed Woodpecker, Calliope Hummingbird, Hammond’s and Dusky Flycatchers, Mountain Chickadee, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Fox Sparrow, Cassin’s Finch and Evening Grosbeak. We also might see or hear Northern Goshawk, Mountain Quail, Blue Grouse, Pileated Woodpecker, and Townsend’s Solitaire, but no guarantees! The trip may include a visit to S.F.State’s Field Station, Bassett’s Store (esp. their hummingbird feeders), Gold Lakes Road with Sand Pond Marsh boardwalk, and if flowers are good and snow less, we will walk to Frazier Falls. The caravan route will be at the leaders’ discretion.

On Sunday we will meet at 6:30 a.m. for the early morning bird chorus at the same Yuba Pass Sno-Park Parking Lot. From here we will travel to the gravelled Mountain Quail Road. At an elevation of 5,000+ ft., it is off SR-89 about 2 miles north of its intersection with SR-49 (toward Calpine). Look for the Mountain Quail Road sign (in from SR-89 about 150 ft.). Just beyond the sign is a large gravel pull-off and parking area on the left (south)
side. Here we will enter the Great Basin Sage and Jeffrey Pine marshes where our quarry becomes the Common Night Hawk, Gray Flycatcher, Black-billed Magpie, and Spotted and Green-tailed Towhee.

Then on to Sierra Valley, one of the largest freshwater marshes in California. It is home and nesting habitat for Sandhill Cranes, White-faced Ibises, and Yellow-headed Blackbirds to name a few. It also is surrounded by Great Basin Sagebrush Desert, so additional species to be seen include Sage Thrasher, Brewer’s Sparrow, Horned Larks, along with resident raptors, among others. At the edge of Sierra Valley, the infamous sparrow corner hopefully will produce Brewer’s and Vesper Sparrows.

We will visit the newly established Feather River Land Trust site at Maddalena Ranch (which Ohlone supports)—walking to the viewing platform. We will have the new birding guide to this area available for purchase ($2). We will also travel along Marble Hot Springs Road (aka Dyson Lane, gravel) through its open sage and pastures. Continuing, passing “channels” and marshes to the famous Steel Bridge, where we carefully park as far off the narrow dirt road as possible to avoid the traffic of locals and other birders. We are hoping that the Swainson’s Hawks nest in their customary tree. We plan to picnic lunch in the area and continue along Heriot/Harriet Lane and on to the Rotary Park to search the old forest burn area for nesting Lewis’ Woodpecker and Mountain Bluebird. The trip will end early enough to allow either exploration of other nearby areas or an early return home.

The above is a best guess, tentative schedule—it’s up to the birds we find beforehand and the weather conditions.

Lodging can be secured in Bassett’s Station (closest): 100 Gold Lake Rd, Sierra City, 96125, 530.862.1297, http://www.bassett-station.com/index.html; in Portola: Sleepy Pines, 916.832.4291; in Blairdsen: River Pines, 916.836.2552; and in Sierraville and Sierra City. Campgrounds are also available at Yuba Pass and along SR-49 as well as in the Gold Lakes Basin. The Plumas-Eureka State Park may or may not be open.

The leaders are planning a potluck dinner at their place in Blairdsen Saturday night. We might even have some potluck music. Let us know if you are interested!

For more information, give either Phil or Pat Gordon a phone call 510.538.3550 at home, 510.690.7613 on the road, or e-mail PAGPEG@aol.com —MB

CBC Participants

The description of the 2011 Hayward-Fremont CBC in the last issue was correct but for the list of participants. We continue to be grateful to those on that previous count list, and have fresh thanks for those in the correct list which follows. Section leaders are bold faced.

Allen and Jackie Bertillion, Diana Baumbaugh, Marc Better, Jillberto Bonilla, Forrest Bottomley, Barbara Bottomley, John and Rebecca Bradley, Mona Brauer, Cathy Brown, Debbie Brusco, Carol Castro, Nancy Christensen, Michael Christopherson, Rich Cimino, Maggie Clark, Gary Cooper, Evelyn Cormier, Frank Delfino, Davor Desancic, Jimmie Edgar, Lee Ellis, Don and Margaret Emery, Vickie Eggert, Lynn Feindel, Sandy Ferreira, Stephanie Floyd, Bob Friedrichs, Harold Fukuma, Mara Gendell, Pat and Phil Gordon, Wilie Grundler, Lloyd Hartshorn, Carin, Howard, Kate and Sam High, Kevin Hintsa, Alice Hoch, Steve and Debbie Huckabone, Helen Jaime, Samantha Kehr, Harry and Lois Lutz, Ned and Carol Lyke, Nancy Mendoza, Marty Morrow, Alvera and Hans Mortensen, Michael Mortensen, Rich Nicholson, Tadd Ottman, David Philleo, Michael and Terry Preston, Susan Reneberg, Bob Richmond, Kathryn Robertson, Ted Robertson, Vicki Robinson, Jim Ross, Gail Ryujin, Susan Setterberg, Claudia Schwalm, Brenda Senturia, Paul Smith, Helen Sowers, Donna Stanley, Susan Stanton, Jerry and Judy Steenhoven, John and Mary Stoering, Jerry Ting, Manny Vara, Robert Wernerke, Bonnie Wilson, Debbie Wong, Joann Wood, and Judy Wuelling. —PAG

Volunteer Opportunity

Alviso Community Park, the site of Ohlone’s June meeting is a relatively new park in Pleasanton that plays a big part in the city’s nature education program. You are invited to be one of their volunteers. Ways to volunteer include:

• Garden to beautify the park or work in the native garden.
• Assist Eric Nicholson during his Environmental Education Programs offered to elementary schools to Pleasanton and nearby cities.
• Assist at special events such as the Annual Ladybug Release and Halloween celebrations.

Depending upon the chosen activity, time commitments vary from a flexible hour or two a month for gardening volunteers to a regular weekly or monthly schedule for program volunteers.

To find more information, go to www.myvolunteerpage.com and search for Pleasanton where you will be directed to the Lend-a-Hand Tri Valley site which lists all volunteer opportunities for the City of Pleasanton. Questions can be directed to Stephanie Carman, 925.931.3479. —SC

Birdathon Free-For-All

Our Birdathon organizer regrets that he is unable to do so this year, but has a suggestion: individuals and trip leaders may submit the checklist from a trip taken between April 22 and May 31.

The rules are simple: pick a trip, count species seen, collect pledges and donations, send the list and money to Helen Sowers. Include the name of the submitting group or person. Phil will submit one of his class trips. He has offered to collate the data and announce the winners at the June meeting. —PEG

New and Renewing Members

Ohlone sends a warm welcome and thank you to the following new and renewing chapter members:


Donations

Ohlone Audubon Society appreciates all its members, but we would like to extend extra thanks to the following who have also sent in contributions: Kathleen Davies, Rita and Hank Poels, Claudia Schwalm, and Lynn Stinnett. —PAG
Travelog!

Been on a birding trip or thinking about going on one? Not sure where to go or which company or guide to go with? In this section, our members and friends share great trips or tours they’ve taken. Read this example (our first one.) If you’d like to tell us about yours, fill in the info shown and send to our Kite Call editor at editor@ohloneaudubon.org. Accounts may be edited to fit the Kite Call.

- **Traveler(s):** Jerry and Judy Steenhoven, Joann Wood
- **When:** March 2-15, 2012 (Chile and Argentina); March 15-19, 2012 (Easter Island)
- **Where:** Chile (Santiago, Maule, and Valparaiso regions), Argentina (Mendoza region), Easter Island
- **Number of participants:** 14 (Chile and Argentina), 7 (Easter Island)
- **Where to find more information:** http://alvarosadventures.com
- **Brief description of tour:**

  Chile-Argentina. Birds and Wine! 2012 and Easter Island - Birding the Navel of the World! 2012. Alvaro Jaramillo, guide and author of *Birds of Chile* states “Chile is a fantastic birding nation, with absolutely wonderful scenery! Next door neighbor Argentina is another gem, also with fantastic vistas, and an entirely different and superb avifauna. Although separated by the highest section of the majestic Andes . . . here we find two of the most up and coming internationally renowned wine regions . . . so why not go birding in both countries, and do a little wine tasting while there?”

  We visited three main areas in Chile: Santiago and the nearby Andes, including the Maipo Valley; the central coast near Valparaiso, including the Casablanca and Colchagua Valleys; and the northern edge of the Patagonian forests in Maule. In Argentina we visited Mendoza and the Monte Desert.

  - **Highlights of the tour:**

    Crossing the Andes by bus and seeing Mt. Aconcagua–22,831 ft. high! We saw more than 220 species of birds, including tina-mous, penguins, albatrosses, petrels, condors, parakeets, owls, hummingbirds, tapaculos, ovenbirds, and flycatchers. The tour included pelagic trips out of Valparaiso and Easter Island and an evening of owlng in the Patagonian forest. Notable events were seeing: Diademed Sandpiper-Plover, Gray-breasted Seedsnipes and Buff-winded Cinclodes in a high Andes bog; 3 Magellanic woodpeckers in a tree; a pair of Rufous-legged owls coming to a tape; and hundreds of Burrowing Parakeets in a farm field. We visited 8 wineries and 2 microbreweries, and had lots of great local food to go with the wine and beer. On Easter Island the archaeological sites seemed like something out of the Twilight Zone! We stayed in small hotels in the cities, cabins in the forest and the Andes, and a B&B on Easter Island. The guides were excellent —friendly, knowledgeable, and they enjoyed showing off the best of Chile and Easter Island.

  —J&JS

### West Side Story

The Habitat Means Home contest was launched this past month and poster contest forms have been circulated to 43 elementary schools in the Fremont, Newark, and New Haven Unified School Districts. Last year’s entries were phenomenal and we anticipate the same this year. The goal of the poster contest is to make students aware that they can learn about important science concepts like “habitat” by getting outdoors and spending time in wonderful places like Coyote Hills Regional Park. Winning posters are judged not only on artistic ability, but also on the student’s ability to convey in writing why it is important to conserve habitats, what they have learned while creating their masterpieces, and what habitat at Coyote Hills they enjoy the most. All entered posters will be on display at the Visitor Center beginning May 19 - June 3. Don’t miss out on the opportunity to see the work of some very gifted students while visiting one of the best birding parks in the region. A special thanks to Howard, Kate, and in particular Sam High, and to Evelyn Cormier and Pat Gordon for collating and helping to deliver contest forms to all the schools. Another huge thank you to Senator Ellen Corbett for her continued support of our contest.

Niles Canyon and the Caltrans road widening project - The Fremont City Council, after much discussion, decided to not pursue a restriction on large truck traffic through the canyon. While we are disappointed they chose not to pursue the matter further, we appreciate that they conducted an initial study of the matter and are heartened by the fact that the entire council expressed an interest in identifying actions the city can take to help prevent construction of the road widening project Caltrans has proposed. Additionally, the Fremont study revealed a significant decline in traffic collisions since Caltrans installed the median rumble strips in 2007.

We must remain alert for further volleys from Caltrans, keeping in mind the road widening project is one that appears more and more not to be driven by safety concerns.

—AH

### Question

Members of the bird order, Ducks, Geese and Swans, are unusual in molting wing feathers all at once. For up to how many weeks are they unable to fly from enemies?

A. Two  
B. Three  
C. Four  
D. Nine

**Answer**

A duck can nest the less the risk of being eaten and/or losing its available to predators. Diversity is inversely proportional to predictable to predators. Diversity is inversely proportional to five weeks from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Her classes are different because they consist of tutoring during actual birding, rather than lecturing. Alice has been teaching birding field trips for almost 37 years, and is an active member of Ohlone Audubon Society.

Her classes are filled with friendly, helpful people at all levels from absolute beginner to very experienced. They would love to have you join them! Class size is limited to 15, so register early.

Direct questions about class and registration information to Alice at amhoch@aol.com or 510.657.0475.

—AH
East Side Story

Carnegie State Vehicle Recreation Area (SVRA) is near the western border of San Joaquin County in Alameda County on Tesla Road directly across from Site 300 of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. It was bought by the state in 1981. It is managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR), and according to their description, a small percentage of the area is used in the winter by tens of ORVs during the week and hundreds on weekends. The Off Highway Vehicle Fund, established as a gas tax in the late 1980s by a law introduced by Rep. Pombo of Tracy, lead to the purchase of an additional 3000 acres in 1989.

The general plan for the park was adopted in 1981. It has some components that restrict the operations, notably the provision, “there are no expectation for enlargement of the use area.” The plan is being reviewed to make it more flexible, and to allow the expansion into the 3000 acres purchased in 1981(see http://carnegiegeneralplan.com/). The review is in its formative phase. The CSVRA describes the effort in these words:

Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area is revising the General Plan to capture the vision of staff, visitors, and others to develop a document that will guide future park management. The revised document will reflect changes that have occurred since the previous General Plan was developed, such as new recreation trends, increases in visitation, new wildlife conservation regulations and land purchases schedule.

The historical value of the natives’ use as a trail between the central valley and the bay area and the later coal and brick works argue for preserving the area from activities that might be destructive. In the 19th century the area was used by Carnegie Brick and Pottery to produce bricks and sewer pipes for construction in the central valley and the Bay Area. During that period two or more communities cropped up to house the brick works and nearby Tesla coal mine workers.

After mining and brick work shut down in the early 20th century, the valley was discovered by researchers and professors at UCB and Stanford, who used it as a native flora and fauna study area. Both endangered plant and animal species have been found here (see teslapark.org for a list). The area is also habitat for bird species otherwise uncommon in the region.

It should be pointed out that since the late 1980s, money dedicated to the purchase, maintenance and operation of ORV facilities has come from the gas tax.

SVRA neighbors and activists are organizing to oppose the development of the expanded area as an ORV park. A group, Save Tesla Park, proposes dedicating the extra land as “Tesla State Park” to preserve it as an historic, cultural, habitat and wildlife important area. A detailed description of the area and the group’s vision for its future, go to teslapark.org. The Ohlone Audubon Board of Directors discussed the group’s request for support and decided to allow Save Tesla Park add our name to the supporter list on their website,

The next public meeting to scope the review will be held in Livermore on May 21 at the Doubletree Hilton Hotel in Springtown, which is located near the First Street exit from I-580. All stakeholders are likely to be present. You should join them, to represent the animals and plants.

WFO Conference

Good news for local birders! The Western Field Ornithologists Conference will be held in Petaluma September 26-30.

Late September in northern California is the peak of pelagic birding, ideal for finding rare songbirds, and a great time to see an excellent variety of shorebirds. The conference will have field trips focusing on all these and more. Shearwater Journeys is offering four pelagic trips at discounted rates for conference registrants, including an exclusive Photographer’s Pelagic for only six participants.

This conference offers a rich combination of science sessions, field trips, and workshops to improve your field skills. This year there are ID workshops on shorebirds with Al Jaramillo, pelagic birds with Jim Danzenbaker and Scott Terrill, and raptors with Homer Hansen and Allen Fish. Peter Pyle will show how understanding molt can enhance your time in the field, Keith Hansen will teach new ways of looking birds as you learn to make field sketches, and Richard Vacha will help you identify tracks of birds and other wildlife. To register and see full details go to www.westernfieldornithologists.org and click on the ‘Annual Conference’ banner in the middle of the page.

Member Renewal Notices

Are you wondering, “Is it time to renew?” Look at your mailing label - it will tell you. For example: “Pd Thru 06/1/2012” indicates that you are paid thru June 1, 2012. A red “RENEW?” on your label indicates that you have joined the National Audubon Society, but alas, not your local Ohlone chapter. To renew or join please send a $20 check to Pat Gordon, Membership Chair, 1922 Hillsdale Street, Hayward, CA 94541-5428. Thanks —PAG!

OAS Is On Facebook!

In addition to the beautiful web site that Leslie Koenig administers for us, a few months ago we leaped into the Social Networking arena with our very own Facebook page, administered by Stephanie Floyd with Leslie’s help. Facebook is one more way to get the word out about Ohlone Audubon to encourage membership and support for our conservation causes as well as to announce field trips, post photos, and share information. Through Facebook we connect with a wide variety of others who share our interests, including other Bay Area Audubon Chapters, San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory, wildlife rehabilitation centers such as the Lindsay Wildlife Museum, and birding sites like ebird and The Birding Lists Digest. Recently, we’ve shared links for issues as diverse as protecting eastern Alameda County’s Mountain House corridor from large-scale solar development to announcing the availability of a new window tape offered by the American Bird Conservatory to reduce bird strikes. Facebook members can “Friend” us and interact with our page, posting comments and sharing stories and photos. Facebook members can “Like” us even without “Friending” us, and they’ll automatically receive our updates in their News Feed. You don’t have to be a Facebook member just to read our page or to access many of the links we share. Check it out at:

http://preview.tinyurl.com/6mrcu4l —SF
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