

Santa Clarita Valley Group Candidate Statements
Election Year 2021



Sandra Cattell

I'm our current group chair and a hike leader, and have held or worked on most positions within our group. Our group continued to be engaged over the last 18 months in spite of covid issues, and I worked with members to present relevant and interesting group meetings on zoom. I've also continued to work on conservation and political issues at the local, chapter and state levels, as well as participating in endorsements, legislation, and working with elected officials. Nationally, I'm a member of both the Wildlands/Wilderness Team and the Western Water Team. Locally, I serve on the county Safe Clean Water Committee, the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Stakeholder's Advisory Committee, and the Open Space Accountability and Audit Panel. I'm asking for your vote for the management team to continue the good work of the Sierra Club locally.



Ray Lorme

I would like to continue serving on the Santa Clarita Excomm. We need to continue to protect our open spaces and wildlife corridors. We also need to be vigilant about our water, air quality, and over development issues. Having served in various excomm positions and having led several hundred local outings I think I can continue to help in these areas.



Ken Kerner

I have been a Sierra Club member since 1993. I am an O-rated outings leader and have led numerous hikes and ski tours. I have been politically and recreationally active with the Santa Clarita Group for many years and would like to continue being a productive member of the Group's executive committee.



Katherine Solomon

My name is Katherine Solomon and I am looking forward to the opportunity to be a member of the SCV Management Team, as I have in the past. Most recently, I have been working hard as the Santa Clarita Sierra Club's Co-Conservation Chair. We have had a busy year! The proposed Bouquet Canyon and Sand Canyon projects were our main concerns. As a team, we spoke at Planning Commission and City Council "Zoom" meetings, wrote letters critiquing EIRs, and collaborated with the community on ways to proceed with their concerns (regarding proposed developments). This was all conducted through virtual meetings and phone calls. I am proud of my commitment to the environment even during trying times! I am excited to be able to share my 16 years of "eco"-experience and my passion for preserving the environment with the team once again.



Roger Haring

The Sierra Club of the SCV must seek practical solutions for the current environmental conditions of the Santa Clarita Valley's local water resources. Over the last two decades (2000-present), the Santa Clarita Valley has faced a number of significant large-scale wildfires within its watersheds: Bouquet (2002), Copper (2002), Piru (2003), Crown (2004), Pine (2004), Quail (2006), Ranch (2007), Buckweed (2007), Station (2009), Powerhouse (2013), Sand (2016), Rye (2017), Tick (2019), Lake (2020), etc. Some of these wildfires are cause significant damage to our watersheds. Hence, there is an urgent need to implement "*urban-interface boundary protection*" for watersheds surrounding the Santa Clarita Valley. This can be done by: **First:** Understanding and developing a local *urban-interface boundary protection plan*. **Second:** Implementing a practical, *common-sense methodology* to monitor and assess the health and integrity of the *urban-interface boundaries*. And, **Third:** *Making decisive, protective actions* for all the critical watersheds, Lands, Parks, and Open Spaces within the Santa Clarita Valley that contribute to the capture and storage of our local water resources.

While the Management Team of the Sierra Club-SCV Group is tasked with various environmental concerns, political positions, and public educational out-reach duties; it must also become focused, and directed toward creating long-term solutions for one of the most important limited natural resources within the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed: **LOCAL WATER RESOURCES.**