

# The Rock Bag

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**Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society**  
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The Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society is a non-profit organization formed to increase our knowledge in geology, mineralogy and other such related fields in the earth sciences. We classify, cut, grind and polish rocks and minerals for our personal collections and to display at club shows. We learn from each other through club speakers, programs and monthly fieldtrips. We co-operate with other clubs to encourage others to participate in our activity.

The Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society is a member of the State of California Federation of Mineralogical Society and the National Federation of Mineralogical Society.

**Meeting held:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. Potlucks: 6:30 P.M.  
**Place:** Performing Arts Center, 800 Hobson Way, Oxnard, CA (Thousand Oaks Room)  
**Dues:** \$15.00 per adult; \$2.00 per junior member (age 12 to 18 years)

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Lapidary, Opal & Wirewrap: Kay Hara, Dan Gealy, Brett Johnson & Don Minster  
Location: Durley Park, 950 West Hill Street, Oxnard, CA 93030

**Editor:** All members are encouraged to offer an article of interest or any suggestions as to what their interests are and what they'd like to see in the Rock Bag. Remember it is your bulletin! Articles can be submitted by an e-mail attachment or in writing by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Thanks, Editor

### The Prez Sez...

The sun finally came out and summer is in full swing. I have done some traveling up north to Montana, Washington, and east to Nevada. It is beautiful country out there and great minerals to be found in all. Unfortunately, most of the minerals were found in rock shops. However, I do find it interesting what types of rocks and minerals are popular, how they are getting from place to place, what kinds of prices are being charged, and how successful shops are in the selling and trading of these items. I have to say we are super spoiled as California rock hounds. I imagine clubs have wonderful silent auctions like we do and that places like Whitefish, Montana (my hometown) where you can't hardly float down a river without finding something grand (if your eyes are open even a little bit) that your collection would be growing quickly. But I look at my own collection adoringly, so proud. Proud to be a rock hound, but also proud to live in California and to be a part of this community. One can build a collection of countless types of material without having to go too far. Between field trips, gem fairs, clubs, and the internet, you can't go wrong. I am excited to see what Jade Cove has to bring and don't forget Green Mountain next month. To all going, displaying, and just checking out the Ventura County Fair, see you there!

~ Louisa, Your Prez

### August Program

We would like to see all of you come down to the Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society's August 4th meeting to learn about "How to Rockhound from Home".

This presentation will be a guide on how to search for new dig sites, find an old mining claim, add to your collection, and find other rockhound friends without leaving the comfort of home. The Internet has been the most useful tool to rockhounds since the invention of the rock hammer. With a little creative thought and insatiable curiosity, you can find most anything on-line.

So, come join us for all the important information on being a rockhound from home. The meeting will be held in the Thousand Oaks room of the Oxnard Performing Art Convention Center on August 4th. The presentation will start at 7:30 pm; after some brief announcements and guest greetings.

Looking forward to seeing you, Brett VP-OGMS

### Minutes of the July 7, 2010 General Membership Meeting

**Call to Order:** President Louisa Carey called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**Minutes:** The minutes were approved as written.

**Membership:** We have 77 paid members at this time.

**Hospitality:** There were 26 members and 7 guests present. The guests were: Jennifer Flatten, Brett Bednorz, John Kerr, Mary Meeker, Alan Monteath, and our guest speakers Fred and Charlotte Ward.

**Treasurer:** We are solvent.

**New/Old Business:** Business was suspended tonight for the Program.

**Program:** Fred and Charlotte Wade presented a program titled, "**Jade, the Stone of Heavens.**" We were given some history on the two types of jade- Nephrite and Jadeite. Jade has been used as tools and weapons. It has even been worshipped as a ritual item. Some people use jade as a calming pocket piece. Jade is very hard. Nephrite has a creamy soft appearance, and jadeite is shiny.

**Officer Reports:** **2<sup>nd</sup> VP-** Show volunteers are needed. There is a show meeting next week.  
**3<sup>rd</sup> VP-** There is an upcoming trip to Jade Cove. See the Rock Bag.

**Federation:** Recent awards were discussed. Norb Kinsler won a Rock hound of the Year Award. Stephanie Hagiwara won a second-place award for her work on the Club web site.

**Editor:** Submit articles for the Rock Bag

**Website:** There is Fair info on the website.

**Refreshments:** Norb and Jen.

**Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. ~ Lee Leighton, Recording Secretary

## Minutes of the July 14, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting

- Call to Order:** President Louisa Carey called the meeting to order at 7:30P.M.
- Minutes:** The minutes were approved as written. Post Show Meeting scheduled.
- Membership:** We have 77 paid members at this time. A scrapbook and a stone inlay USA map has been received from Lois.
- Hospitality:** Laura has been helping here and doing refreshments.
- Treasurer:** We are solvent. Income and expenses were discussed. A motion was passed to pay the bills.
- Correspondence:** A letter was received from Rock and Gem magazine. A check was returned as it was the wrong amount. The new fee for two years is \$26.95. A motion was passed to pay \$5.90 for an overcharge for a member.
- Old Business:** The Ventura Fair runs from Aug 4<sup>th</sup> to Aug 15<sup>th</sup>. We need to encourage all members to attend meetings.
- New Business:** The City Business License for the show has come. Our Facebook Account has been started. It is good for advertising coming events, education and for club info. Amber McCauley is our Scholarship Applicant. We will invite her to our next meeting.
- Officer Reports:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: We had a show meeting tonight. There will a show meeting next month. The show planning is going well. Donation tickets will be ready soon.
- Federation:** Congratulations to Norb and Stephanie on their awards. ZZYX still has openings (Nov 14-21). Camp Paradise raffle tickets are avail. All American Club competition was discussed. Jim spoke on Serpentine. The CFMS Publicity Roster was supplied.
- Website:** Instructors are making their requests for their fall needs.
- Library:** Book displays at meetings were discussed.
- Education:** The show material is being worked on. A book workday will be on Aug 28 at the Knapton's.
- Classes:** The Fall schedule has been made. We need to set a date to do the shelving. New carts were bought for Silversmithing. The new cut-off valves for the torches are to be installed soon. First-Aid kits, fire extinguishers, safety guidelines, lab supplies, and CPR classes were discussed. We need to post the general safety guidelines in the shop.
- Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

~ Lee Leighton, Recording Secretary

## Show News

Greetings, it's time I started asking you to THINK SHOW 2010. There are many areas to cover, so for this article start gathering items for: Plants, Country Store, Books, Donations for ticket-raffle, and rocks for the Silent Auction. If we are to have a successful show in these areas, dig deep and come up with some top-notch items.

Many have asked about duties for setting up for the show, at the next general meeting, I will layout general information on setup and sign up sheets to cover what is to be accomplished. If you have any ideas for changes to this area, please let me know. You may note that many of the jobs will take place at the same time, and several will be for the same volunteers. If you finish your job and are looking for something else to do, let me know and I'm sure we can find where help is needed. ~ **Norb Kinsler, Show Chair**

## Minutes Of the 30th Meeting of the Tri-County Educational Committee

June 8, 2010

**Purpose---**to create a set of rocks/minerals to present to each school in Ventura County wishing to have one, which would be useful in the classes related to earth sciences.

1. Progress on Boxes- Larry's Report- The boxes are coming along slow. There are 27 trays assembled. Kevin Grizard and his wife (Conejo) are building 10 sets. Printed locations are okay on the lids.
  - a. The next 30 boxes are coming along.
  - b. Rock report- The rocks are OK for quite awhile. We don't have enough shale and

- conglomerate for the next set of boxes.
2. Five boxes are ready for delivery to Simi Valley. We are awaiting communication prior to delivering the boxes. One box is in the back of Brett's car. Its delivery was not accepted.
    - a. Need to make appointments, they are hard to make. It was suggested that we show them on the club website. It was also suggested that we try to enlist better communication between the schools on the boxes.
  3. Books for Schools- The boxes of books were given to the county schools. Patty Johnson- We need to start at a higher step. Problem one is that our delivery vehicle is too small. We need to do one district at a time, or individual delivery. There is a district meeting at the end of the month.
    - a. At County Superintendants- Brett can deliver the books in Simi with the boxes.
    - b. Should we pick them up and deliver them ourselves- If the books can't be distributed at the district meeting, we can deliver them individually. I will call tomorrow.
  4. Extra boxes. There are two maybe three boxes left.
    - a. Silent Auction sales- Ventura sold theirs for \$25 and Conejo sold theirs for \$30. Oxnard sold theirs for \$40 and 3 individual trays for \$10 apiece.
  5. Updating Information Sheets- New Pictures- Corrections---Rob is working on this. We have enough on hand for the 35 sets of boxes in production.
  6. Teacher Guide- It needs to be looked at. We need a CD in the teacher's manual.
    - a. On Hand—17 total—Need a new set printed and put together for the next boxes. We need to check the changes before we get a reprint. Thin paper has its drawbacks. School will begin again in 6 months.
    - b. It was suggested to put our teacher manual on the website. It was pointed out that was bad idea because we would lose control. Instead we will put laminated sheets inside.
  7. Books for Schools
    - a. 2010 Program
      - I. Books Selected and collected- Count report- We have 211 "Earth" books, we have 210 "Rock and Gem" books, and we have 140 "Fossil" books. We are awaiting reimbursement. The cost for the three books is \$21.48.
      - II. Financing- There will be no money coming from API this year. The amount needed is \$4389. It is being planned to talk to large groups like the Elks, the Kiwanis, and the Rotary about donations. It is important that we come up with a new Presentation Letter. It is also important that we show potential donors the need for these books in the school libraries. These books will replace old-outdated books.
    - b. Ventura Show gearing up. Donna sent out 327 newsletters.
  8. Report on Supplementary Boxes
    - a. Ventura County Fossil Box progress- The boxes are coming along-3 for libraries.
    - b. Mineral Boxes- Nothing has been done on these.
    - c. The Hands On Network was discussed. It needs to be discussed at club meetings. Brett will check and get the information on Hubs.
  9. Next Meeting- The next meeting will be April 27, 2010

### Field Trips Upcoming

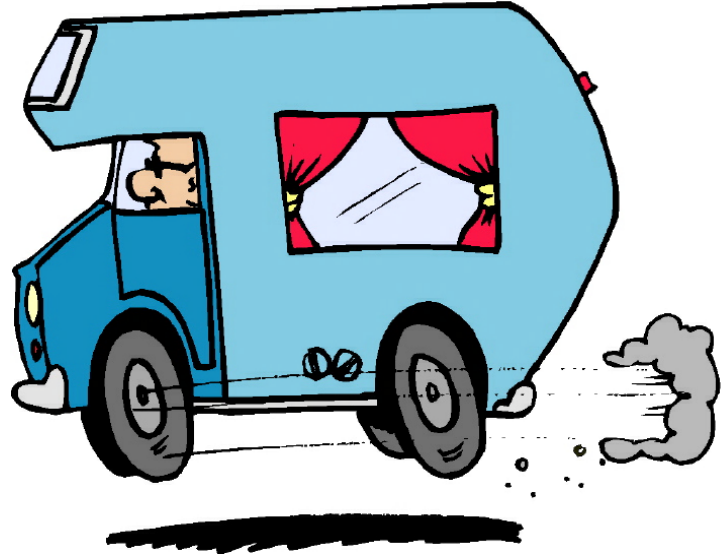
Please let us know if you are going to go on the field trip. The weather can change, if we don't know you're going we won't be able to contact you if the field trip is cancelled. There will be maps and flyers at the club meetings.

There are still people who show up for the field trip without notifying Mike or I, you can still be part of the field trip, but it is important that you let us know your going to attend. **Please let us know if you're going to attend, e-mail or call us.** I have new truck; it's a white Ford F250 four wheel drive, crew cab, if you're looking for me, look for my truck.

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## August 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, Fri. – Sunday - Greenhorn Mountains - rose quartz, garnets, epidote.

This trip is to be a weekend field trip, but I know that many can only do a Day Trip. Friday will be the "Drive to the campsite and Set Up" day. Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> around 6pm into the evening, when it gets dark we will try our luck at getting the Tungsten Ore. If you have a short wave ultraviolet light bring it. I have one, but it would be great if others brought theirs. Saturday morning, we will head out to the Rose Quartz at about 10am. This is to accommodate those driving up that morning. It should take about 3.5 to 4 hours to drive to the campsite from Ventura, so get up early and drive safe. Saturday late afternoon, we will head out for the Epidote and Garnet source. There will be some hiking on this trip, but mostly on dirt forest roads. We can try the Tungsten again on Saturday evening, and that will be up to how many want to go. Sunday morning, we will hit the Rose Quartz again and will start early, about 9am, as we need to pack up and head for home that afternoon. Sunday, Deb and I will be stopping at Ant Hill if there is time; we'll be digging for shark teeth fossils.



**Information:** The campsite is a dry site. No Water, No Hook-ups. If you are camping over, you will need to bring water for drinking and cleaning. I recommend filling a five gallon water cooler jug with your tap water and bottled water for the hiking and stuff. This is a Pack In / Pack Out trip. We are responsible for our own trash and we need to set an example as Rockhounds.

**Fire permits will be required:** I will be getting one; we will need at least one more permit for the group. They can be bought in Bakersfield on the way up to the campsite. Campfire Permit BLM office in Bakersfield at: 3801 Pegasus Drive. They will be open from 7:30 am - 4:15 pm on Friday. Telephone: 661-391-6000 and Kernville Office at 105 Whitney Road, Kernville, Telephone: 760-376-3781.

**Directions:** Panorama Dry Camp, 7 miles north of Greenhorn Mountain County Park off Highway 155 in the Sequoia National Forest. Lat. N35d 48.51', Long. W118d 34.34' There will be a map at the August club meeting.

**What to Bring:** bug spray, warm clothes for the cool nights, light clothes for the sunny afternoons, hiking shoes, sunscreen, large brim hat, shovel, rock hammer or pick, gad or chisel, sledges, collecting bags, buckets, day pack, eye protection, sturdy shoes, drinking water, trash bags, fire wood, and the usual stuff you bring when you camp.

**What to find: Rose Quartz,** a semi-translucent quartz colored pink to lavender by small amounts of Titanium atoms. This variety of rose is reported to have an asterism or six-ray star when polished properly. The quartz is in the cliff face that you will be walking down. You will need to bring heavy sledges and chisels to break away large pieces of quartz although there is lots of small stuff. The quartz is somewhat fractured but well healed. There are lots of small gemmy pieces down the hillside.

GPS=35d 51m 22s North, 118d 31m 46s West, Elevation 7244'

[http://www.caltelephone.com/lamps/rose\\_quartz.htm](http://www.caltelephone.com/lamps/rose_quartz.htm)

This is a private mine claim, we will have permission from the mine owner to dig there for the field trip.

**Epidote,** a Yellowish green to Brownish green to Black crystal that is long and transparent to translucent. The crystals are shaped like Slender Prisms (e.g. tourmaline)

**Garnet,** of the Grossular variety. These well formed crystals, are Brown to Orange in color and transparent to sub translucent.

**Tungsten Ore,** of the Scheelite variety. A fluorescence mineral has been found in many of the mountains and road-cuts. We will venture out for this collecting after dark, as the use of a Black light is vital.

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Please let us know if you are going to go on the field trip.

### Upcoming Field Trips 2010:

**These dates are fixed and are the days we will be going:**

The field trips listed below are tentative, they might change. All are Tri Club field trip with either: Conejo, Oxnard or Ventura leading. Each month there will be information in the bulletin, and a flyer/map at the club meeting.

**September** - Acton-agate, small nodules, and geodes

**October** - Independence/Bishop-Ammonites fossil, garnets, other minerals

**Nov** - Wiley's Well, nodules, geodes, agate, petrified wood

**Dec** - Ant Hill, shark teeth fossils

### Ventura County Fair

**135th Annual Ventura County Fair Wednesday, August 4 - Sunday, August 15, 2010**

2010 Ventura County Fair Info: <http://www.venturacountyfair.org/pages/3455/>

2010 Ventura County Fair, Gem & Mineral entry guide online:

<http://www.venturacountyfair.org/tools/software/original/public/fileforward.php?id=8189>

**WHEN TO PICK-UP ENTRIES**

Monday, August 16, 2010

9:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Exhibits must remain in place for the duration of the Fair. All entries not claimed on Monday, August 16, 2010 become the property of the Ventura County Fair. ~Laura Grayson, Superintendent (805) 483-0673

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### CFMS PLAC South

#### **Future of Rockhounding Belongs to You**

**By John Martin**

The annual convention and show is in the can for this year. It seemed to be a very successful event with very active meetings held during the convention and over 50 display exhibits of all facets of lapidary arts. Not much has changed in Washington DC or Sacramento with respect to Public Lands affecting Rockhounds across California and the country. The bills that were reported on during the convention are still in committees and going through the legislative process, so there is no or little change to report here. Collecting sites on public land across the country remain in danger of being removed from access or access may be limited to foot traffic only. This may make it difficult to gain access to some of our long established educational collecting sites now and for future generations of rockhounds and pebble pups. This mainly affects the public lands in the 13 western states where the largest amount of public lands exists. More and more of this land is being withdrawn from public access by legislation created and pushed through the process by environmental activist's special interest groups. On the surface some of these proposals appear to contain conservation language that addresses the preservation of the land, flora and fauna for future generations to enjoy. What is actually happening through this legislation is the creation of vast amounts of wilderness, monuments, and parks. While collecting of rocks, minerals and fossils are allowed in most wilderness areas, it is not allowed in most monuments and parks. Most of the non paved roads and trails across these millions of acres of public lands leading to our long cherished collecting sites will be closed to vehicular traffic. This will make collecting almost impossible to all but the most rugged of rockhounds thus removing reasonable access to the collecting sites from any Future Generations of American Rockhounds. As members of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, and members of local Gem and Mineral Societies and Clubs, we all need to take a proactive approach to preserve our collecting sites all across our country. As rockhounds and Federation members we need to identify our collecting areas and the roads and trails leading to these collecting sites. When legislation is proposed that

may put those sites in jeopardy of being closed, we all need to contact our elected officials and communicate in a unified voice our opinion and opposition and ask that the site and site access be excluded from the closure legislation. As conditions change the CFMS PLAC committee will try to keep the membership informed to the changes that are taking place. The committee can not accomplish this task alone; it needs the help of each and every federation member. If there are any questions, concerns or of even more importance, when you become aware of any changes to collecting sites or collecting rules and regulations please contact any federation land use representative or this committee [plac-south@antelecom.net](mailto:plac-south@antelecom.net). Another good source of current legislative information is the American Lands Access Association (ALAA) website [www.amlands.org](http://www.amlands.org) which has current information and links to Congressional Representatives and other land use activists. ~John



### CFMS Tax Advisor

#### **New California Exempt Organization Filing Requirement**

By Mike Kokinos

We are just getting use to filing the IRS Form 990N if gross receipts are \$25,000 or less. Beginning January 1 2011, these same organizations will also have to file electronically an annual information notice to California. The information to be filed will be similar to the Form 990N. Due dates will also coincide with the IRS. Once the process is established, we will keep you informed.

I recommend visiting the IRS website listed herein. We sometimes lose sight of expectations and responsibilities for charitable and educational tax exempt organizations.

#### **4. StayExempt.irs.gov**

Want to brush up on your knowledge of exempt organization compliance requirements and ensure that your organization maintains its tax-exempt status? The IRS provides on-line training for tax-exempt organizations at [www.StayExempt.irs.gov](http://www.StayExempt.irs.gov). The site includes a virtual workshop - web-based version of the popular Exempt Organization workshops - and a number of mini-courses on topics of interest to tax-exempt organizations.

~Mike

### **Rockhound Alert! Serpentine may lose status as California's state rock**

By Fred Ott

State Senator Gloria Romero, D-Los Angeles, has proposed legislation to strip **serpentine** of its title as **California's State Rock** because (as she says) of exposure to chrysotile asbestos, a cancer-causing mineral inside it, which can increase risk of lung disease.

Read more at: <http://www.sacbee.com/2010/06/21/2836149/the-buzz-offical-state-rock-is.html#rss=The%20Buzz#ixzzOrcYgFzPr> (You will have to "manually" enter this URL to review the Sacramento Bee article).

I sent the good Senator an email as follows:

Dear Senator Romero,

As President of the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, I am very disappointed that you have introduced AB 624 with the intent of removing serpentine as the California State Rock. In its natural state, serpentine poses absolutely no health risk whatsoever. To change 45 years of tradition based upon the potential health rick of a rock in an ALTERED state does not justify this action. I urge you to withdraw your proposed legislation.

### **Website(s) of the Month Serpentine**

If you haven't heard, Gloria Romero, Democratic State Senator from Los Angeles, has submitted Senate Bill 624

that would remove Serpentine as the state rock because "California should not designate a rock known to be toxic to the health of its residents as the state's official rock." The website totalcapitol.com runs down the progress of the bill and the specific website to check out its progress is:

[http://totalcapitol.com/?bill\\_id=200920100SB624](http://totalcapitol.com/?bill_id=200920100SB624).

Another website, The-Vug.com, provides a complete rundown of links to news articles on this bill and gives an overview of each of the steps it has gone through, including the information that one group of backers of this bill are lawyers who specialize in asbestos litigation. Follow the progression of the bill at:

<http://www.the-vug.com/vug/article284.html>

If you want to read a few blogs that deal with this issue, try going to

<http://geology.about.com/b/2010/07/06/theserpentine-conflict-grows.htm>. Here there are links to a half dozen blogs from such sources as mindat.org, the AFMS, and similar sources. **Via Rockhound Rambling 7/10**

**\*\*\* Hope you read the article in the Star dated July 18<sup>th</sup> on this subject. ~ Editor**

## 2010 Mid-Year Public Lands Advisory Committee Report

By John Martin

Listed below is the latest status on Proposed Legislation that will have an unfavorable affect on Rockhounding when passed. Getting involved with the process can help to keep our collecting locations open and accessible to all Rockhounds.

**S. 787: Clean Water Restoration Act** A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the U.S. over waters of the U.S.

- April 2, 2009: Introduced
- June 18, 2009: Committee on Environment & Public Works. Ordered to be reported with and amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- April 9, 2010: Still in committee

**S. 796 Hard rock Mining & Reclamation Act of 2009** A bill to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands, and for other purposes.

- April 2, 2009 Introduced
- July 14, 2009: Committee on Energy & Natural Resources. Hearing held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg.111-116
- April 9, 2010 Still in committee.

**H.R. 699: Hard rock Mining & Reclamation Act of 2009** To modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on Public domain lands, consistent with the principles of self-initiation of mining claims, and for other purposes.

- January 27,2009 Introduced
- February 26,2009 the bill has been referred to the following committees: House Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy & Mineral Resources – Hearings held
- April 9, 2010 Still in Committee

**S. 799: America's Red Rock Wilderness Act of 2009** A bill to designate as wilderness certain portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the U.S.

- April 2, 2009 Introduced
- April 2, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy & Natural Resources.
- April 9, 2010 Still in Committee

**S. 2921: California Desert Conservation & Recreation Act** A bill to provide for the conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy in the California Desert Conservation Area, to require the Secretary of the Interior to designate certain offices to serve as Renewable Energy Coordination Offices for coordination of Federal permits for renewable energy projects and transmission lines integrate renewable energy development, and for other purposes.

- December 21, 2009 Introduced – California Desert Protection Act of 2010 – Amends the California Desert Protection Act of 1994.
- December 21, 2009 Senate Energy & Natural Resources
- April 9, 2010 Still in committee with no (0) co-sponsors

**H.R. 2454: American Clean Energy & Security Act of 2009 (CAP and TRADE)** To create clean energy jobs, achieve independence; reduce global warming pollution and transition to a clean energy economy.

1. May 15, 2009 Introduced
2. June 26, 2009 Passed House 219 – 212

- 3. July 7, 2009 Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders Calendar No. 97
- 4. This is the most restrictive and regulating bill to come before congress in U.S. history. If passed and signed into law it will have some controlling effects on each and everyone of use in our daily lives. Even the short summary is to long to place in this article and the full text of the bill is over 1000 pages. To see the full text of the bill go to: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h111-2454>

\*\*\* For more detailed information on these issues go to the American Lands Access Association Website: [www.amlands.org](http://www.amlands.org)

# August 2010

## Monthly Planner

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## Upcoming Shows

### August 6, 7 & 8 2010, Nipomo, CA

Orcutt Mineral Society  
 St. Joseph's Church  
 298 S. Thompson Ave.  
 Hours: 9-5 daily  
 Wes Lingerfelt (805) 929-3788  
 Email: [Rocks4u@prodigy.net](mailto:Rocks4u@prodigy.net)  
 Website: [www.omsinc.org](http://www.omsinc.org)

### August 21-22 2010, Orangevale, CA

Treasure Trove of Gems  
 Orangevale Community Center  
 6826 Hazel Ave.  
 Hours: Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5  
 Admission: \$4 per day or \$6 for weekend -  
 Children under 12 yrs. Free with adult  
 John Moulder (916) 290-3193  
 Email: [info@treasuretroveofgems.com](mailto:info@treasuretroveofgems.com)  
 Website: [www.treasuretroveofgems.com](http://www.treasuretroveofgems.com)

### September 11-12 2010, Downey, CA

Delters Gem & Mineral Society  
 Woman's Club of Downey  
 9813 Paramount Blvd.  
 Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-4  
 Nancy Bird (562) 697-0636  
 Email: [nancyjbird@verizon.net](mailto:nancyjbird@verizon.net)

### September 18-19 2010, Paso Robles, CA

Santa Lucia Rockhounds  
 Pioneer Park  
 2010 Riverside Drive  
 Hours: 10-5 Daily  
 Kim Patrick Noyes (805) 610-0603  
 Email: [kimnoyes@gmail.com](mailto:kimnoyes@gmail.com)  
 Website: <http://slrockounds.org>

### September 18-19 2010, Stockton, CA

Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club  
 Scottish Rite Masonic Center  
 33 W. Alpine Ave.  
 Hours: 10-5 Daily  
 (209) 946-0113  
 Email: [footsey1@yahoo.com](mailto:footsey1@yahoo.com)  
 Website: <http://www.stocktonlapidary.com>

### September 25-26 2010, Monterey, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society  
 Monterey Fairgrounds  
 2004 Fairgrounds Road  
 Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5  
 Susie Harlow  
 Email: [Susie@tghcpa.com](mailto:Susie@tghcpa.com)  
 Website: <http://www.cvgms.org>