

A COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING THE LONG-TERM STEWARDSHIP OF CLAREMONT CANYON

President's Message

by L. Tim Wallace

ALTHOUGH ALL MAY SEEM PEACEFUL AND CALM, your board has been very active since the last newsletter. There have been many considerations of stewardship in the canyon, and many projects undertaken. Under the leadership of Shelagh Brodersen in Garber Park and Jon Kaufman elsewhere in the canyon, trails have been kept open and well marked, broom and other brush pulled or pruned back, and repairs made, as needed. As always, Conservancy members are encouraged to participate in our events. They are fun and the camaraderie is always rewarding. Events are announced in monthly emails so send us your email address, if we don't have it already, or check out the event schedule on our website.

This year's drought has made all of us increasingly aware of the need to be watchful for anything that might spark a fire. In January, we had a small fire in the upper canyon. Fortunately the day was nearly windless and the fire was put out quickly, its source never determined (see page 5). Trash pick-up continues as people persist in ignoring basic courtesies. The railing we installed at signpost 29, however, has helped tremendously in deterring dumping. It also provides a little bit of automobile parking for would-be hikers.

The Conservancy continues to enjoy excellent working relations with the canyon's major landowners. However, both the East Bay Regional Park District and

the University of California are under-going significant personnel changes as people retire, shift job responsibilities, or are promoted. This means we all have to pitch in to maintain good lines of communications and "get to know" each other and understand the objectives of each other's programs. The Conservancy's "Advocate Plan" has been very helpful in this regard, and, thanks to its two authors, Joe Engbeck and Jerry Kent, it's been well received.

Personnel shifts have also occurred within the federal and state agencies that are leading the studies concerning wildfire hazard mitigation grants for the East Bay hills. So there are gaps in communication when "catch-up" is necessary and delays are understandable, though frustrating. We're making progress, however, and possibly this year, 2014, might be decision time for FEMA to release the grants.

Jerry Kent's thoughtful articles on the history of eucalyptus plantings in the East Bay are well worth reading—and re-reading. You can find them on our website. Jerry's articles provide a good foundation for understanding the Conservancy's position that taxpayer costs will be far greater for maintaining eucalyptus groves in parks and adjacent lands than for removing eucalyptus trees and preventing their re-sprouting. Even without the cost of thinning and downfall removal permits, the environmental damage caused by repeated re-entry onto marginal and fragile lands would have an adverse impact on native habitat. Far

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CAL ROTARACT STUDENTS, plus some of Garber Park's veteran weed warriors, made great progress last February in removing invasive weeds from Garber Park's newest restoration site at Fern Grove as well as along the Loop Trail. (See garberparkstewards.org.)



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East Bay Hikers! Try Panoramic Hill

by Dick White

PANORAMIC HILL IS WELL NAMED as it offers great views of San Francisco and the Bay. Claremont Canyon is just to the south of the hill and Strawberry Canyon is just to the north. Both of those areas are forested and scenic. In between, hikers who find themselves on Panoramic Hill sometimes yearn to leave its charming houses and woods to visit the University of California and the offerings of the City of Berkeley. Fortunately, to help you find your way downhill there's now a series of small blue and gold signs-Cal's colors-attached to trees, fences, utility poles and even a garage.

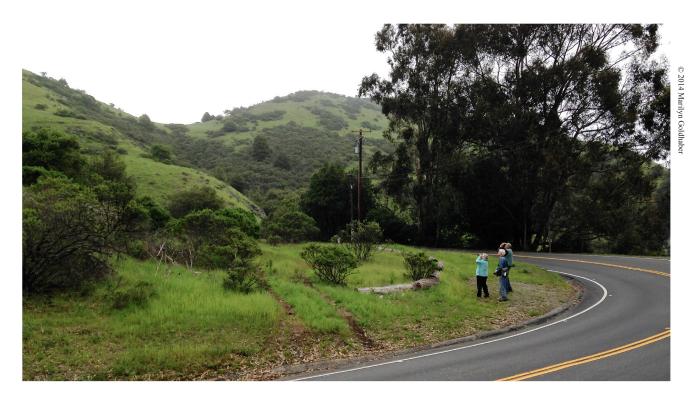
The signs, designed and installed by residents, start at the top of the hill where the paved Panoramic Way joins UC's Upper Jordan Trail, a broad, limited-access dirt road that heads north, to connect 2.5 miles away to Grizzly Peak Boulevard (right, top). This sign also points down a path on what many call Misery Hill and the start of the limited-access unpaved Lower Jordan Trail. You can hike 1.2 miles down to the newly renovated Cal Memorial Stadium and the UC campus.

From Panoramic Hill you could instead follow the signs down on paved streets-Panoramic Way, Arden or Mosswood (right, bottom), the Orchard Steps, and finally, at the bottom of the hill, Prospect Street where the City of Berkeley begins and you'll find the campus, student housing, and shops selling the refreshments vou've earned.

If you want to learn more, check out "Panoramic Hill, Oakland/Berkeley, California" on Wikipedia.







ON OUR APRIL 13 BIRDWALK, led by Dave Quady and Kay Loughman, we had a surprise visit at about 9:30 AM from a coyote (opposite page), which crossed Grizzly Peak Boulevard right behind our group (above) then trotted down to the Skyline Trail, pausing long enough for Jon to take a close-up with his telephoto lens. We also encountered a gartersnake and of course many birds, both year around residents and Neotropical migrants. For the list of birds we saw and/or heard, and more about the walk, view Kay's blog on the Conservancy website under Nature and Culture.

Conservancy Presses FEMA on Euc Removal

by Jon Kaufman

At the Conservancy's annual meeting we reported that the Federal Emergency Management Agency was considering requiring UC to use the pending FEMA grant to thin only, rather than remove the eucalyptus trees from UC lands in upper Claremont Canyon. Since then, the Conservancy has been working to persuade FEMA to accept the draft EIS as originally written which would enable UC to use the grant to remove the hazardous trees completely.

In addition to speaking out on its own behalf, the Conservancy has circulated a letter among local elected officials. To date, Senator Loni Hancock, Mayors Jean Quan and Tom Bates, Berkeley Council members Jesse Arreguin, Laurie Capitelli, Susan Wengraf and Gordon Wozniak and Oakland Council member Larry Reid have written to FEMA.

Their letters say, "Simply thinning the trees will continue to block the sunlight, consume the limited amount of ground water and not enable the less flammable species to regenerate. Furthermore, thinning will enable the Diablo Winds to blow through the eucalyptus thus enhancing the fire danger and increasing the threat to homes. Thinning also obligates the property owners to years of additional maintenance expense."

The letter concludes by asking FEMA to approve the EIS as originally submitted, which would enable the University of California—a major land owner in Claremont Canyon—to remove trees and allow the other two agencies that have applied to use their funds in the ways they see fit.

STEWARDSHIP EVENTS IN THE CANYON

PLEASE JOIN US for stewardship events in Claremont Canyon throughout the spring and summer months: twice a month (first Tuesday and third Saturday) in Garber Park led by Shelagh Brodersen of the Garber Park Stewards and once a month in the main canyon (fourth Saturday) led by Jon Kaufman. All levels of fitness are welcome. Watch for the monthly emails or check the Conservancy website for added events and to see where to meet. We usually meet at signpost 29 for main canyon events and at the Evergreen entrance to the park when working in Garber Park. Events are 10 AM till noon.

When venturing into the canyon, please wear long sleeves, long pants, sturdy shoes and a hat. If you have gloves, please bring those too but we'll have extras. Please contact GarberParkStewards@gmail.com for Garber Park events and info@ClaremontCanyon.org for all other events.

Counting the Trees

by Fred Booker

THERE HAS BEEN MUCH ADO over UC's proposal to remove fire prone invasive eucalyptus, pine and acacia from the slopes of Claremont Canyon. UC's plan has often been described by opposition forces as a "clear cut," evoking images of the denuded hillslopes following old fashioned logging operations in the Northwest. As is often the case when making an argument not backed by facts, it is easier to persuade people to your side by creating an emotional response through negative imagery. To those of us who have worked in the canyon, this seemed an odd characterization of a diverse forest filled with a wide variety of other plants.

On two Saturday mornings volunteers for the Conservancy met in the upper canyon to survey tree density in sample plots within the eucalyptus groves growing on the south-facing slopes in the upper canyon from signpost 28 to signpost 26. The slopes here are often quite steep but by using the trail system we were able to travel through the grove looking for representative areas to sample, though, most could be characterized as areas where there is an open canopy. Five plots (50 feet by 50 feet) were measured and roped off. Volunteers then braved the spring flush of poison oak to count each tree species found within the plot. Numbers were then extrapolated to give a count per acre.

On March 8, seven volunteers measured three plots accessed from signpost 28. Here, the average tree count for eucalyptus was 353 trees per acre whereas the average bay and oak count was 387 trees per acre. The eucalyptus were mostly coppice trees, that is multiple stems growing from the stump of what was previously a single tree. article continues on page 5

You never know what you will find on a nature walk in Claremont Canyon. This handsome coyote, discovered on our April 13 birdwalk, appeared to be in good health. Coyotes are known to be nocturnal so it was a surprise to see this animal so late in the morning.

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better to remove the exotic trees that result in increased wildfire risk and allow native vegetation to achieve its potential unmolested.

Driving through the canyon on Claremont Avenue you can see the difference. On the right side (the south side) the eucs were removed about ten years ago. Today, native oaks and bay trees abound. Trails have been established and open vistas stretch to the bay. On the left side (the north side) of Claremont Avenue, however, blue gum eucalyptus continues to grow rapidly and block access for everyone, including fire fighters. Native vegetation has been literally crowded out and scenic vistas are blocked by tall, dense stands of eucalyptus.

Another wildfire risk reduction project was carried out during the last few years by Dr. Bob Sieben, a resident of Hiller Highlands. He and other volunteer crew members removed eucalyptus, pine, and French broom from the steep south-facing slope below Hiller. The area where the work was done is visible from Highway 24 as you travel east-bound toward the Caldecott Tunnel. The project has been widely praised. On the other hand, vegetation on the south side of Highway 24 has been managed by Caltrans without significantly reducing the fire hazard. Caltrans relies on goats to control broom in the bottom of the canyon, but is allowing eucalyptus to continue growing up-slope, depositing eucalyptus debris (leaves, twigs, branches, bark, etc.) all of which is rich in resin. Right now, we urge each of you to refresh your estimates of your own "fire safe" zones around your own homes. The fire season will begin early this year. In fact, it's already here. So, please, keep a watch out for yourselves and your families, and for your community.

Fire in the Canyon

by Joe Engbeck

The Alarm Sounded at 11:21 AM. A fire of unknown size and origin was burning in Claremont Canyon. The cellphone caller who was first to alert the Oakland Fire Department, reported a lot of smoke in the upper canyon not far from the intersection of Claremont Avenue, Grizzly Peak Boulevard and Fish Ranch Road. It was Tuesday, January 21, 2014—well into the driest winter ever recorded in the East Bay.

Fire fighters and engines from at least four Oakland fire stations plus Oakland Police officers, CalFire personnel, and East Bay Regional Park District fire fighters dropped everything and headed for the fire. The first engines arrived on site at 11:28, six and a half minutes after the alarm was first sounded.

Ironically, they had trouble locating the fire at first. The smoke was misleading. It had drifted up-canyon and away from the original ignition. One battalion chief took his company up to Four Corners and then hiked down the Summit House Trail to the fire. Another company drove down to signpost 29 and then hiked up Summit House Trail to the fire. The first fire fighters to reach the fire didn't use any part of the trail system. They stayed on the paved road, Claremont Avenue, until they spotted the fire and then plunged straight down the embankment and broke through the brush to reach the fire.

What they found was a ground fire burning slowly through low-growing grass and shrubs beneath a forest canopy made up of young redwoods, oaks, and bay trees. They used hand tools, including Pulaskis, the traditional tool of the wildland firefighter, to clear a trail through the brush between the fire and the paved road where a tanker truck



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loaded with water was waiting for them. Finally, they laid out a 1.5-inch hose and started dousing the flames with water.

Thirty minutes after fire fighters first arrived and started working, the fire was out and a fire line was in place all around the scorched fire area. It was five minutes before high noon. Mysteries remain. Who started the fire and why? And exactly where did the fire start? How did a small grass fire manage to scorch nearby trees as much as 40 feet above the ground?

These and other questions remain unanswered, but one thing we can be sure of: the damage would have been far more extensive if the fire had occurred under similar conditions ten years ago when a dense stand of eucalyptus trees dominated the area.

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These trees had originally been logged following a hard freeze in the 1970s. At that time, however, the stumps were not treated with herbicides and the trees were allowed to regrow. Most of the bay and oak trees were less than four inches in diameter with only 11 percent measuring greater than five inches, the largest being eight inches.

On April 12th, four volunteers measured two plots accessed from signpost 26. Here, several large single-stem eucalypts were seen, though the coppice trees were still the norm. The first plot of the day had a much higher density of eucalyptus, 1380 trees per acre, but we still found 400 bay and oak trees per acre, a significant number. The last plot had as many of the smaller eucalyptus as the previous plot but significantly more of the large trees (greater than 20 inches in diameter) for a total of 720 trees per acre. Though the bays and oaks were relatively small, they totaled out at 900 trees per acre.

Several interesting observations were made during our two days of counting trees. When we averaged the totals for all sites, we discovered that there were almost as many bay and oaks as there were eucalyptus, 528 to 652, so the removal of the eucs could hardly be called a clear cut. The eucalypts were being attacked by a beetle (eucalyptus leaf beetle or tortoise beetle) that was eating the margins of the leaves. This was seen throughout the forest as we traversed the hillslope, resulting in reduced canopy cover and more light hitting the forest floor. Under the eucalypts, a tangle of broken branches, bark strips and poison oak made it hard to walk through. In contrast, we saw one small grove of old growth bay trees along the trail near signpost 26, which featured a closed canopy and little understory vegetation, meaning no poison oak and no large buildup of flammable fuels. Equally important, that same grove is considered habitat for the endangered Alameda whipsnake. In time, with the removal of the eucalyptus, the south-facing slopes of Claremont Canyon could look more like this.



The January 21 fire burned an area roughly 100 feet in diameter. Fire fighters used chain saws to cut eucalyptus logs that were on the ground into smaller sizes (picture on opposite page) so they could more easily be rolled over and the last smoldering embers put out. A few days later Conservancy volunteers (above), led by Bob Strayer, made fascines from locally native plant materials and placed them along the hose line that fire fighters had cleared while fighting the fire.

Claremont Canyon is the largest relatively undeveloped canyon on the western slope of the Oakland/Berkeley Hills. Most of the canyon's watershed is owned by the East Bay Regional Park District, the University of California, the East Bay Municipal Utility District and the City of Oakland, with about one-fifth in private hands.

The Claremont Canyon Conservancy promotes the long-term stewardship of the entire watershed, coordinated among the stakeholders to preserve or restore a healthy native ecosystem, reduce wildfire hazards, and foster education and research.

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Volunteers attending last January's winter workshop in Garber Park learn to use natural erosion control techniques, including the use of fascines (living branches bound together in long bundles) and spiles (wooden stakes pounded into the ground). While one group gathers branches on-site and bundles the fascines (right), another group assembles the spiles (opposite page). The result is a natural retaining wall designed to hold and slowly release water and, with enough rain, send out roots to become a living structure.



Conservancy Membership

by Marilyn Goldhaber

Honoring our members: From our founding in 2001, we have encouraged nearby residents and community organizations to support the Conservancy by becoming Founding Sponsors with a commitment to contribute \$1,000, either all at once or over ten years. Many of our Founding Spon-

sors have pledged to continue their support into the future with another \$1,000 to cover the next ten years. Thank you!

We are pleased to list on the opposite page our Founding Sponsors (anonymous not listed). Below, we also honor an additional 148 current members from other categories of membership, who have supported the Conservancy in our most recent membership drives.

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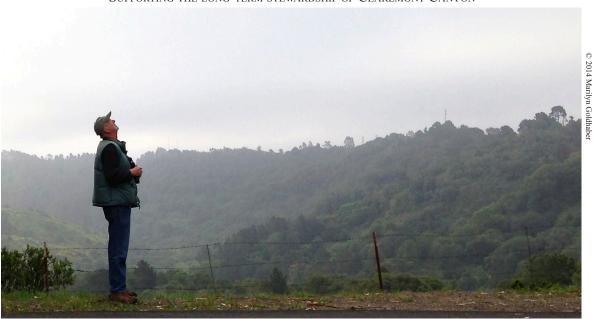
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Birdwalk leader Dave Quady scans the foliage of a large eucalyptus tree along Grizzly Peak Boulevard. Behind Dave is EBMUD's Siesta Valley just over Claremont Canyon's eastern ridge. See pages 2-3 inside to find out about a surprising visitor on April's early morning birdwalk.