



California Native Plant Society

Kern Chapter

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Subject: Request Chapter Name “Kern County Chapter” Be Changed to “Kern Chapter”

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To: California Native Plant Society

Chapter Council (per email recommendation, Judy Fenerty, Feb 22, 2024)

Via email attachment

February 23, 2024

The California Native Plant Society (CNPS) Directory of Board Members indicates the Kern County Chapter was the name given to one of its chapters geographically defined elsewhere as covering Kern County except the "Northeast Corner" and includes "Northeast Los Angeles County." The chapter boundaries are shown on a "[CNPS Chapter Map](#)" dated December 20, 2023, stating the name “Kern.” This is also seen on another map of "[CNPS Chapters](#).” Thus, there are two names for the chapter at the State level.

Newsletters (*Mimulus Memo*) digitized on the Biodiversity Heritage Library (BHL) pertaining to subject show [Kern County Chapter from winter 2005 to September 2011](#). As I recall, the *Mimulus Memo* was not published during 2012, although our president Dorie Giragosian had asked me to be Vice President and to contribute to the newsletter. During that year (2012), I have photos of chapter field trips to Tejon Ranch in March, Tehachapi in April, Breckenridge Mountain in May, Bear Valley Springs in June, and Tejon Ranch in June. The website [Habitat Conservation Assistance Network](#) reports Dorie Giragosian as president of the **Kern Chapter**. This most likely is before 2013. Thus, chapter was active in field trips despite no newsletters for that year. Beginning in 2013, the chapter name published in the *Mimulus Memo* became **Kern Chapter**.

A Google Search on CNPS Kern County Chapter (without quotes) returns pages only with the name **Kern Chapter**. With quotations, the County name appears with [Instagram](#) photos, Facebook, and other websites that reference the chapter.

Chapter mailing address, checking account, plant sales, and various other documents all use the name Kern Chapter. Therefore, I respectfully request the CNPS Chapter Council to approve the name change as requested in subject.

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