

Please Support these Strong Conservationists as Petition Candidates for Sierra Club Board



Maya Khosla

After an in-person meeting of the Redwood Chapter, and inspiring discussions, Maya Khosla joined the Sierra Club with a renewed understanding that voices can speak together, effectively, for environmental justice and for the protection of wild places. Maya is an environmental filmmaker, and a wildlife ecologist who spends time in remote forests monitoring populations of rare species like gray wolves, Pacific fishers, spotted owls, and blackbacked woodpeckers. Working in collaboration with several scientists, she has investigated the abundant post-fire regeneration of giant sequoias in [Nelder Grove](#) and [Redwood Mountain Grove](#). Maya served on the national Sierra Club task force that created the new Prescribed Fire Policy, and currently serves on the national Sierra Club task force formulating a new policy to address the threats to community health, our climate, and biodiversity from the forest biomass energy industry. As a California State Forest Committee member, she has [given presentations](#) for the Forest Forum Series, and has collaborated in efforts to draft a [Forest Biomass Resolution](#) (a version of which was passed by the Council of Club Leaders in 2024). Maya is currently working on a film about the impacts of biomass energy on communities and forests, and on [writing](#). As an active member of the Sonoma community, she served as [Sonoma County's tenth Poet Laureate](#) (2018-2020), bringing students, writers, and audiences together in a series of field walks and writing workshops after the recent wildfires. She is part of an all-volunteer organization, SOCOCAN! ([Sonoma County Climate Activist Network](#), a network of 50 organizations and 300 individuals). Informally, she has led field trips with Sierra Club members in Sonoma and across California, and has spent thousands of hours hiking, backpacking, and researching and filming forests and the wildlife they support, and coastlines where sea turtles nest and estuarine crocodiles live. Realizing that the Sierra Club holds the collective wisdom of decades, Maya is honored to serve as a Sierra Club leader.