

Sierra Club Guadalupe Group Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
July 3rd, 2019

Attendees: Gary Latshaw – ExComm Chair, Molly Cox – Secretary/Vice Chair, Charles Schafer – Treasurer

Meeting Started – 7:14PM

Notes on Loma Prieta ExComm:

Used Google Hangouts to call in for meeting: worked pretty well. Barbara will publish a link in the minutes for those that want to call in.

John Cordes and Gary Latshaw on PolComm

Dash is an activist working part time for the Loma Prieta Chapter. He is helping with the twice monthly newsletters.

Bruce and James attended Chapter Assembly in Philadelphia.

Bequest: No new activity. Chapter needs to come up with a plan of action for the property in the bequest. Purpose of the bequest is to protect the bay. Money might be used to stop: oil trains, Oakland coal terminal, dredging the bay from Martinez to Stockton, Cargill salt ponds development. We need to leverage money from the bequest to bring in more donations for bay related causes. Hiring of additional staff for the chapter may be required.

Fundraising: \$20,000 more for Guardians of Nature sponsors. Headline speaker TBD.

Conservation Committee: Sustainable Land Use Committee – map of San Mateo County parks to see which areas need more green space.

Cons. Committee passed a resolution on public banking

California Legislation: Ten bills passed in initial house sponsored by gas industry to limit CCA influence

Wildfire summit in September

Reach Codes: PCE and SVCE have published templates on website for model reach codes.

Shani Kleinhaus – Glass buildings are not energy efficient: 40% glass is recommended. Also better for birds.

CCL (Council of Club Leaders) – resolutions proposed by Charles and passed by ExComm

1. Outings: remove from Conservation function and make it a separate

function with its own chair.

2. Bequests made to local chapter must go through Arbitration

Committee Activation. Affected parties have the right to speak and the

Arbitration committee's ruling must be explained.

Political Committee: Needs to have standing rules.

General Meetings:

July: Ro Khanna's video presentation on Green New Deal

Gary will talk about climate change
August: Tom Kabat – Moving from gas to electric in homes

Guadalupe Group will pay 1st year's membership fee for any that want to sign up at our general meetings.

Volunteer help: Ask for volunteers to help setup room for general meeting, provide and set up snacks, work at our table for October 6th fall festival

Wildlife Festival in San Jose Sunday October 6th: John Cordes to table at the event. Other volunteers are welcome.

Ideas for future meetings:
Adria Arko – Carbon Farming with San Mateo County Resource Conservation District (Article link: Carbon farming bears different fruit)

The San Mateo Resource Conservation District is employing a new strategy in its efforts to combat climate change...
https://www.hmbreview.com/news/carbon-farming-bears-different-fruit/article_a2ad074c-ccb4-11e8-b38f-c758f39a112f.html

Peter Drekmeier
Bea Johnson – Zero waste lifestyle talk (\$2000 fee)
Movie: Climate Ocean
Movie: Microcosmos
Katie Cantrell – Benefits of a vegetarian diet
Sea Level rise

Local issue update:
Lehigh Cement Plant in the foothills near Cupertino and Los Altos wants to open another pit. Plants must have a reclamation plan for site. Lehigh has 2500 page plan which includes 2 sites for new mines, one near Rancho San Antonio. Stevens Quarry wants to lease land from Lehigh to develop aggregate.

Vallco: Lawsuit whether developers can build according to rules of SB35. Plan is to have a green roof. Developers are going ahead with construction to build 6 towers. 1.8 million sq. feet of office space. Development will also include below market rate housing. Cupertino City Council may change general plan to limit development in future.

Flint Center: Is being torn down and rebuilt to meet earthquake safety standards.

Outings:
July 20th – Shawn will lead a hike

Environmental Stewardship Program:

6th year of program starts in October and run for 8 sessions. Plan to start a campaign against Cargill Salt Pond Development.

Meeting adjourned - 9:36PM