

Sierra Club Delta-Sierra Group ExComm Meeting

03.18.2019 6:00 PM

1st Unitarian Church Stockton CA

Present: Margo Praus, Mary Elizabeth, Dick Abood, Steve Harvath, Paul Plathe

Guests: Ned Leiba and Jim Marsh

Meeting called to order by Margo Praus, Chair @ 6:00 pm

Secretary - Steve Meeting notes approved as amended. Aye 5, Nay 0

Treasurer- Dick Abood

Announcements: Margo Praus -- Stockton Earth Day is April 14, Tracy is April 27. Discussion of sources for tables, pop-up tent and banner. Jim Marsh offered donation of a table from Friends of CR.

Membership: Paul Plathe – No changes. CampFire will be retained in some form allowing access to MailChimp. Discussion of earlier deadline for dispersal of agenda and attachments.

Meetup: Margo/Paul – nothing new to report

Peatduster: Robert Evans, Peatduster deadline July 15 for August and September

Webmaster: Mary Elizabeth -- Will update with Earth day activities and Friends of the Calaveras

Chapter Delegate: Dick Abood – MLC ExComm election of officers and committee assignments. Discussion at MLC focused on recruitment of young people. Banquet limited to 100 guests. Discussion of silent auction items. Paul Plathe moved and Richard Abood 2nd'd that the D-S Group nominate Mary Elizabeth for the MLC chapter award. Aye 5, Nay 0. MLC Conservation Comm. –Discussion of how SC will approach Green New Deal. Discussion of legal issues surrounding LAFCO, Oroville Dam and Shasta Dam. New city to be developed between Lincoln and Placerville.

Chapter Delegate Alt: Steve Harvath

Conservation: Mary Elizabeth – Discussion of TriValley Cares, Site 300, and SB 1000 meeting. Mary Elizabeth proposed sending a letter of concern regarding the proposal to combine Dixon with Stockton so water utility can manipulate water quality issues. Discussion of Cal Water functioning as a water wholesaler.

Coal Organizer: Steve Harvath – Discussion of Terilyn Chen's activities. She is already representing THE SC with local organizations including a new group called Asthma and Air Pollution that is planning a summit in June and meeting with

Fathers and Families. Discussion of how to organize a local group for the No Coal Alliance.

Friends of the Calaveras: Jim March – Discussion of Friends of the Calaveras. Their focus is on the idea of “One Watershed” and how to involve Toulumne as they cover the upper part of the basin.

Groundwater Sustainability: Mary Elizabeth – Reports from GSA’s on ground water budget reductions are due in May or June.

SJCOG-CAC: Paul Plathe – The “One Voice” lobbying effort is pushing for funding for improvements at the Stockton airport, railroad grade separation and ways to improve air quality. Discussion of safe routes to schools and state route 4 widening plan.

SJVAPCD-CAC: Ned Leiba – Discussion of how air quality mitigation funds are allocated including how urban trees have a beneficial impact on air quality. Discussion of Site 300 impact on air quality. Recommendation that Ned Leiba and Terilyn Chen connect on the idea for an asthma and air quality summit.

SJCCAC: Margo Praus – Discussion of coalition forming to address urban tree canopy and grant application that is in the works to support tree planting and maintenance in Stockton. Discussion of “Idle Free Schools” initiative and advocacy with local politicians regarding 100% renewable energy for local area.

Stockton CCA: Paul and Margo – Discussion of upcoming study session by Stockton City Council regarding Community Choice Energy.

Outings: Mary Elizabeth – Discussion of plans for outings to Crocker Hills, April 7 and Table Mountain, April 30th.

Mailbox: Paul and Margo – nothing of concern to report

Old Business:

New Business: Margo Praus reports that Sierra Club national is exploring ways to help SC groups.

Discussion items:

Muir Movie: Steve Harvath – Discussion on plans for Muir movie program/tabling

Programs and Tabling events: 2019 – Mary Elizabeth reported on SJCCOG Technical Committee’s Habitat Conservation Plan program.