

Delta-Sierra Group, Executive Committee Meeting Notes

Monday August 19, 2019

Members present: Knute Momberg (via phone), Mary Elizabeth, Paul Plathe, Richard Abood, Margo Praus, Steve Harvath

Meeting called to order by chair – Margo Praus at 6:10

Committee Reports;

Secretary - Minutes of the March 18 meeting – Paul Plathe Motion, Mary Elizabeth 2nd, 6 yeas, 0 nay. Approved.

Treasurer- Dick Abood.

Earth Day – Margo Praus. Reported on the Stockton and Tracy Earth Day events and shared the certificate presented to the D-S Group by Jerry McNerny.

Membership: Paul Plathe. Reported that HELEN is scheduled for retirement. Eric P. to be added to the ExCom listserve. Membership is more than 800. Updated MailChimp with 42 new members.

Meetup: Margo/Paul

Peatduster: Robert Evans. Peatduster deadline September 15 for Oct, Nov and Dec.

Webmaster; Mary Elizabeth. Updating with information of Tesla Carnegie site, Site 300 and Cadiz

Chapter Delegate – Dick Abood. Will attend next Sunday's meeting

Chapter Delegate Alt – Steve Harvath

Conservation – Mary Elizabeth. Sent letter to Ground Water Authority regarding lack of reporting on nitrates in ground water. Elizabeth attended the Port of Stockton Board meeting and got them to acknowledge that meeting notes were not publically available. She is following reports of a proposed 10 M capacity sulfuric acid tank that has not had a CEQA. Wrote a Connections article about Cal Water. Reported that the Forward Landfill is on hold because of protests about out-of-county garbage that would be placed there.

Coal Organizer – Steve Harvath. Reported on meeting he and Terilyn Chen had with Port of Stockton officials -- Jeff Wingfield and Jason Katindoy. Discussed with them the Port's relationship to Metro Ports and the handling of coal at the port. Margo suggested that we organize the next Coal Webinar. Harvath to follow up with Terilyn Chen. Mary suggested that Terilyn Chen could do a day of biology

classes at Stagg HS re coal. Harvath will follow up with TC as a way to engage young people.

Friends of the Calaveras – Jim - 01.26.2019 - steering committee report

Groundwater Sustainability – Mary Elizabeth (see Conservation report)

SJCOG-CAC – Paul Plathe. Reported on the Valley Link study project and the alternatives for connecting the Central Valley to BART in Dublin. One would be a rail link over the Altamont and one would be adding lanes to the interstate. Plathe said he suggested that they consider the alternative of adding “hot” lanes for buses over the pass.

SJVAPCD-CAC –Ned Leiba

SJCCAC – Margo Praus. Reported on the Climate Action Coalition’s Idle Free Zone activities at Venture Academy and tree planting.

Stockton CCA – Margo Praus. Reported that an application for a Community Choice grant is in process

Outings; Mary Elizabeth. Reported on outings to Big Time and Round Valley

Mailbox: Paul Plathe.

Old Business: None

New Business;

Election Committee Appointments – Paul Plathe. Reported that Margo Praus and Steve Harvath nominated for new terms.

Discussion items

Margo Praus reported on request from Sierra Club re: organization of a young people’s climate strike in Stockton. Motion made by Mary Elizabeth, 2nd by Dick Abood to authorize up to \$250 to support the climate strike activities should group(s) be identified to lead the effort. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Approved.

Next Meeting: October 21, 2019

Respectfully submitted by Steve Harvath