Delta-Sierra Group, Executive Committee Meeting Notes

Monday, October 21, 2019    6:00 pm

First Unitarian Universalist Church at 2737 Pacific Avenue, Stockton

Meeting called to order by Paul Plathe

Attendance: Paul Plathe, Mary Elizabeth, Knute Momberg, Steve Harvath and Margo Praus. Guest: Jim Marsh

E-mail Vote 10.3.2019: The San Joaquin County’s Integrated Water Management Plan is being updated with the approving authority being shifted from the Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Basin Authority to a new, more diverse group called the Greater San Joaquin County Coordinating Committee.

This motion is for D-S G to sign on to participate with this GSJC Coordinating Committee with Mary Elizabeth serving as our representative.   Approved: 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Committee Reports:

Secretary: Steve Harvath- Approved as corrected, Paul Plate moved, Mary Elizabeth 2nd, 4 ayes, 0 nays

Treasurer- Dick Abood –Accepted. Paul Plathe moved, Steve Harvath 2nd, 4 ayes, 0 nays

Membership: Paul Plathe – Discussion of Sierra Club e-mail policy. Discussed ways to send out information on conservation issues in addition to the few opportunities we have to do it via e-mail. Ideas included using a program similar to Ecosgroup, Facebook, SalesForce or a list.serv. All would require someone to operate. [Copy of existing Email Policy](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pWuNGTqH7MArZ28APVLrEa9V88rNhjMqa_jxvhEcoCQ/edit?usp=sharing)

Meetup: Paul Plathe – Described meet-up to Bay Area bike trails. Reported price increase for program: now $197.88.

Peatduster: Robert Evans - Peatduster deadline December 14 for January and February 2020

Webmaster: Mary Elizabeth - Implementing new SC website format. Includes sections on calendar, archive, conservation and Campfire events.

Chapter Delegate – Dick Abood – Mary Elizabeth noted that the temporary transfer of ground water to Roseville from SMUD might be a precedent to make it permanent. Defer to Mother Lode Chapter [report](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1poycktjJUlLO1e17-eG8RF7v5UtS_9OyJf-9lD4VFig/edit?usp=sharing)

Conservation: Mary Elizabeth – A letter had been drafted in support of a grant application re sustainability by ESJWSA Motion to approve by Paul Plathe, 2nd Margo Praus 4 ayes. 0 nays. [report](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rFUVSIWQUoF3kV7pAL-2QPrdNUvJWwJbiaIYi4BOP0A/edit?usp=sharing)

Coal Organizer: Steve Harvath – Reported on next steps to be taken by Coal Organizer. Margo Praus and Steve Harvath to meet with Terylin Chen to discuss strategy going forward. We need to see the quarterly reports in order to judge progress.

Friends of the Calaveras: Jim Marsh – Gave thanks for publicity on Friends of Calaveras in Peatduster. Described on-going work and support of students at Kohl School in monitoring the river. Described progress in finishing out the grant funds [steering committee report](https://docs.google.com/document/d/11fSdhzfGd1F3-kDD6-FykoxPbQnGBI-5lhP9QMvIvVM/edit?usp=sharing)

Groundwater Sustainability: Mary Elizabeth – Reported on DWR’s conclusions regarding Woodward and Kern report. Not all public comments were included. Nature Conservancy should be happy with the report. W & K recommends that drilling be allowed too close to the surface water and that demand-size reductions not to be implemented locally.

SJCOG-CAC: Paul Plathe – At the recent meeting re Valley Link Paul Plathe spoke in favor of the “Hot Lane” idea for buses and HOV’s over Altamont Pass. Discussed use of Transportation Plan funds. Some small communities are using these funds for roads and streets not public transportation. [CAC report](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_5VBPTt6HYgRvWkaXZxnLXzbEn6WlngRuKh7gOFEtes/edit?usp=sharing),

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SJCCAC: Margo Praus – [Reported on stop idling campaign. Aim is to involve PTA’s and other stakeholders as teacher too occupied. Report](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cGsoHReFsHmoXM9gOW1vJTw-XM3Ie6VfxmbUgttVKpc/edit?usp=sharing)

Stockton CCA: Paul Plathe and Margo Praus – Re: Clean Power initiative. The City of Stockton is hoping that San Joaquin County will pick up the project. The Port of Stockton is interested in participating as a power generating entity.

Outings: Mary Elizabeth - (See MeetUp report above)

Mailbox:  Paul Plate and Margo Praus. Not much in mail box recently.

Old Business:

Election Committee: Paul Plathe reports that Margo Praus and Steve Harvath will be on the ExCom election ballot.

New Business;

Should we continue with having Newsletters on the main banner along with Home, Calendar, Outings & Events, etc.?: Robert Evans – Consensus of ExCom was to do this.

Discuss purchase of VGA adapters for use by presenters at Monday night programs: Dick Abood – Mary Elizabeth moved and Margo Praus seconded to spend between $50 and $100 on this equipment. 5 ayes and 0 nays

Inclusion of $1.9 billion for the [Altamont Corridor](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jB0er1ZFAvijlVDQnkI9qaW-Tk16LpbEG6mWx7fvMrA/edit?usp=sharing) Vison Phase 1 Improvements Program as part of FASTER Bay Area: Paul Plathe – Discussion about the idea for Hot Lanes and “no new lanes” over Altamont Pass. This option is the best fit to Sierra Club policy. Some participants in the Bay Area Transit Forum favor new ‘managed lane’ idea.

I-205 managed lanes – [SC Transportation Policy](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1T82Ru4M9uniE6Zu-_iC_DDGgH122AbcL21jNQW-6YXw/edit?usp=sharing): The ExCom acted by consensus to ask Paul Plathe to develop a position statement on Hot Lanes v. HOV Diamond lanes.

Ice on Fire movie program: Paul Plathe moved, Knute Momberg seconded to allocate up to $250 toward the license to show the movie for a D-S Group program. 5 ayes, 0 nays

December D-S Group party: Paul Plathe moved and Mary Elizabeth seconded to fund the party up to $250. 5 ayes, 0 nays

Mail election ballots: Paul Plathe moved, Mary Elizabeth seconded to allocate up to $300 for mailing of ballots. 5 ayes, 0 nays

Endorsement of Jerry McNerny for congress. Political action committee of D-S Group recommends the Group endorse Congressman McNerny for re-election. Paul Plathe moved, Mary Elizabeth seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays

Next Meeting: November 18, 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Harvath, Secretary