

Sierra Club Guadalupe Group Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
June 5th, 2019

Attendees: Gary Latshaw - ExComm Chair, Molly Cox - Secretary/Vice Chair, Charles Schafer - Treasurer, Shawn Britton - Outings Chair/Membership

Meeting Started - 7:12PM

Climate Action Leadership Forum on May 18th

- Invited 386 total, 87 RSVPs, 51 attendees from city government or environmental influencers.
- Representatives from 13 cities in Santa Clara and Sant Mateo Counties: Atherton, Burlingame, Fremont, Half Moon Bay, Los Gatos, Menlo Park, Milpitas, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Jose, Saratoga, Sunnyvale, and Woodside
- Speakers and their topics were as follows:
 - U.S. Congressman Ro Khanna was a big draw with his talk on A Green New Deal
 - ESP member Laura Brown spoke on Declaring a Climate Emergency
 - Aimee Bailey's from Silicon Valley Clean energy talked about Reach Codes. This was the most actionable, concrete item that cities can take action on.
 - Cory Wolbach, former Palo Alto City Council member spoke on divesting from fossil fuels.
 - ESP and Sierra Club Sustainable Land Use Committee Member Gita Dev spoke on sustainable land use.
 - San Mateo County Supervisor Dave Pine spoke on Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency Agency
- Total Cost: just under \$2,000.
- Gary made a video of all the speakers, and we will post it to the Chapter website.

Report on Loma Prieta ExComm:

- Conservation Committee: 6-7 priority issues (1 is reach codes)
- Early Endorsement - Emily Beach for Burlingame city council.
- Chapter will donate \$500 to California PAC Fundraiser
- Chapter received a large bequest to Chapter for the purpose of protecting the Bay

General Meetings:

June 12: Dirt, with movie producer as guest

July: Ro Khanna's presentation on Green New Deal

John Cordes presents on bills going through California Legislature

August: Tom Kabat - Moving from gas to electric in homes

Ideas for future meetings:

- Bea Johnson - Zero waste lifestyle talk, \$200 fee
- Tom Kabat - Moving from gas to electric in homes
- 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 mine. They have vested rights to the cement plant property and want to open another pit mine. They need to fill old pit, but rock extracted has been contaminated. Cupertino residents have been invited to a community meeting - Gary will find out more from this meeting.

Outings:

June 15th - Wilder Ranch Hike

Meeting adjourned - 8:10PM