Sierra Club Guadalupe Group ExComm Meeting Minutes

April 7th, 2021

Attendees: Gary Latshaw – ExComm Chair, Molly Cox - ExComm Co-Chair and Secretary, Charles Schafer - Treasurer, Shawn Britton - Outings Chair, Nathan Chan – New Member Engagement

Meeting Started: 7:06 PM

Loma Prieta Chapter:

Lehigh Cement Plant – due to an accident in April 2020, the kiln is out of operation. If Lehigh must replace the kiln, then they must upgrade to meet current environmental regulations. Rather than process cement, they may mix materials that make cement, which include slag and fly ash (byproducts of steel and coal processing, respectively), and both can be toxic. If they want to continue mining limestone, they need to enlarge the quarry. All operations will impact air quality negatively.

Bay 2030 Committee – Charles – Sea Level Rise Webinars May 13th, 20th, and 27th with speakers that are experts on the S.F. Bay. The intent of the webinar is to inform City Councils and Staff regarding Sea Level Rise and Groundwater rise threats.

Molly – The Sierra Club Bay Advocacy group is following the progress of the Moffett Park Specific Plan. Among the proposals presented are plans for 16,000 housing units (Sunnyvale currently has approximately 60,000 units). The group is concerned about protecting wetlands from development and the threat of sea level rise to residents. Mary Buxton is heading a group in the Chapter to identify areas for conservation for the “30 by 30” campaign, and this may be one of them.

Upcoming Meetings:

April – Nathan to advertise as a new member meeting about all the opportunities to get involved in the club. There is a lot of interest in outings.

May – Dave Poeschel on Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

June - TBD

Future Topics:

- Charles: Bay 2030 Campaign and the importance of SF Bay’s protection for Sea Level Rise
Sea Level Rise

- John: Santa Clara County’s Bike Super Highway Plan
- John: Sierra Club’s efforts at Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Molly: Birds of San Francisco Bay (Matthew Dodder of Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society)

Outings:

Postponed through at least June 2021

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50PM

On Monday, March 22, 2021, 09:56:03 PM PDT, Gary Latshaw <glatshaw@gmail.com> wrote:

Cool. How much time will you want? Hopefully ~ 5 minutes.
Gary

On Mon, Mar 22, 2021 at 9:05 PM Molly Cox <magcox5@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi All,
As part of the Environmental Legislative Action Group, we discussed contacting our state representatives to support Dave Cortese's Decarbonization of Buildings Bills, SB 30, 31, and 32. Gladwyn walked us through commenting on bills to our representatives via their web pages, so I would like to present this at Wednesday's meeting as an action item our audience take. Attached is a .pdf of the info. Please take a look and let me know what you think!
Regards,
Molly

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