Redwood Needles


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Election 2016:  The Challenge

There’s no way to minimize the shock, horror and disbelief Donald Trump’s victory has brought to all of us who care about the environment. But in the words of Sierra Club Executive Director Michael Brune, “This is our moment to refuse to give up. Our resolve is not diminished by the momentary victory of cynicism over hope, hope over compassion, and lies over truth. We have no intention of standing down or succumbing to hopelessness.”

Here in Redwood Chapter the results are far more encouraging. All three of our endorsed members of Congress won very handily, as did two out of three endorsed state legislators. Locally, although both endorsed supremacist candidates lost, 13 of our 17 picks in municipal races won., and except for two sales tax measures that failed to reach the necessary two-thirds supermajority the Club position prevailed on all four statewide Propositions and local ballot measures.

Meanwhile, our friends in Sacramento celebrated victories in 22 of 35 races where the Club endorsed candidates. No doubt, that’s the “momentum” the President-elect is talking about.

President of the United States  Hillary Clinton  lost

US Senate  Kamala Harris  won

CD02  Jared Huffman  won

CD03  John Garamendi  won

CD05  Mike Thompson  won

Assembly District 02  Jim Wood  won

Assembly District 10  Marc Levine  won

Assembly District 14  Mac TOlakson  lost

Solano County Supervisor, District 2  Mike Inskoembeds  lost

Benicia Mayor  Elizabeth Patterson  won*

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Windsor Town Council  Laurie Gallian  lost

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Statewide Propositions

Prop 56, Cigarette tax  Support won

Prop 58, Bilingual education  Support won

Prop 59, oppose Citizens United  Support won

Prop 67, plastic bag referendum  Support won

Local ballot measures

Mendocino County Measure AE; marijuana regulations  oppose lost

Napa County Measure Z, 1/4 cent sales tax for parks  support lost

Sonoma County Measure J, 1/2 sales tax for parks  support lost

Sonoma County Measure K, community separator  support won

Sonoma County Measure M, genetically engineered crop ban  support won

Sonoma County Measure Y, 1/18 cent sales tax for libraries  support won

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Another Step Forward for Klamath Dam Removal

As reported in a previous edition of the Redwood Needles, a multi-partner agreement to remove four antiquated dams on the Klamath River was signed in April. Now another essential step has been taken towards what would be the largest dam removal project in United States history.

On October 17 Department of the Interior Secretary Sally Jewell sent a letter to federal dam regulators, signaling formal approval of the April agreement. “The recommendation and determination I am making today are not entered into lightly,” Interior Secretary Jewell wrote. “Rather, I do so in reliance on the most comprehensive and robust analysis of dam removal ever undertaken.”

Under the agreement, PacificCorp, which owns the dams, will transfer them to a third-party organization that will assume legal liability, with electricity rate payers and California and Oregon tax payers assuming the estimated $292 million costs.

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The Chapter took a big step recently. In order to strengthen the dialogue with our members and raise the profile of the Club among the general public, early in November, after searching for several months and evaluating more than 75 candidates, we hired Shoshana Hebsi to serve as Communications Coordinator.

A graduate of Cal Poly and the University of Iowa, Shoshana is a fine writer, skilled editor, and social media expert. She’s going to work with volunteer leaders to create a regular email newsletter to supplement the bimonthly Redwood Needles (expect the first issue in mid-December) get the Chapter and Sonoma Group up and running on Twitter and Instagram, strengthen our Facebook presence, and organize a series of presentations on environmental topics of public interest.

We are eagerly looking forward to the next stage of the journey!

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Redwood Chapter

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Determined, Not Defeated

BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MICHAEL BRUNE

This is a slightly edited version of remarks I gave at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

This was a deeply disappointing election for the United States—and the world. For people all over the country, the pain, anger, and fear at the prospect of a Trump presidency are very real.

As we reflect on what this means for our country and our planet, it’s most important that we stand in solidarity with all those who have been targeted by Trump during his campaign. People of color, Muslims, immigrants, women, the disabled—millions of Americans have been singled out and attacked by Donald Trump before he has even taken office.

We clear-eyed about the fact that those attacks could continue once he is inaugurated. That is why, as the saying goes, we will not mourn (for too long, anyway)—we will organize.

We aren’t defeated. We are determined. What is important to remember is that millions upon millions of Americans—a majority of voters, in fact—stood up to Donald Trump’s ignorance, his misogyny, and his racism. Those same millions will stand up every day to ensure that he can’t roll back the progress we’ve made in recent years.

Make no mistake—the election of Donald Trump could be devastating for our climate and our future. Donald Trump now has the unflattering distinction of being the only head of state in the entire world to reject the scientific consensus that mankind has the unflattering distinction of being the only head of state in the entire world to reject the scientific consensus that mankind has the unflattering distinction of being the only head of state in the entire world to reject the scientific consensus that mankind

He should choose wisely. Otherwise, we can guarantee President Trump the hardest fight of his life every step of the way.

The new president will also soon learn that there are some things he cannot change.

He can’t change the fact that the world is heating up, and that we are reaching a tipping point. He can’t change the fact that clean energy sources are outcompeting dirty fuels like coal, gas, and nuclear power all over the country. He can’t change the fact that both the market and the climate movement are aligned to replace coal plants with clean energy—nearly 250 plants to date, with many more to come. Scientists, students, business leaders, and activists are moving this nation beyond dirty fuels to clean energy, and Donald Trump can’t reverse that tide.

We see no reason to stop leading on climate and clean energy. We defeated most of the new coal plants proposed during the George W. Bush administration—184 to be exact—with grassroots power, and we can and will win the same kinds of victories under the Trump administration. We’re also going to bring that focus to growing the clean energy economy on a state and local level, helping grow the blossoming number of cities committed to 100 percent clean energy. That is progress Trump cannot stop.

And it may not have gotten the attention it deserved during the election, but both public opinion and the market strongly favor clean energy over fossil fuels. In fact, there is a consensus among Clinton supporters and Trump supporters that supporting clean energy jobs should be a priority—just look at the defeat of the anti-solar Amendment 1 in Florida for one example of bipartisan popular support for solar and wind.

All of those factors will keep our progress moving ahead regardless of who is in the White House. We’ve been winning important victories in state houses, on public utility commissions, on ballot initiatives, and in corporate boardrooms—and we will keep winning.

One more thing needs to be addressed: Trump’s threat to “cancel” the Paris agreement.

Whether he could is the first question. What we do know is that it would be extraordinarily difficult for Trump to remove the U.S. from the Paris Agreement. Already, his position is causing international blowback in very pointed and, in some respects, unprecedented ways.

If Trump does try to undermine climate action, he will run headlong into an organized mass of people who will fight him in the courts, in the states, in the marketplace, and in the streets.

Meanwhile, you can be absolutely sure that environmental advocates will continue to speak out and defend essential clean air, clean water, and other environmental protections when they come under attack by a Trump administration, as they most certainly will—and we will be louder than ever before.

Finally, it bears repeating that this loss hurts for reasons that extend far beyond the immediate consequences for federal environmental policy. We stand in total solidarity with communities of color, Muslims, women, and all those who may be threatened under a Trump administration. They have an ally in the environmental movement. In the meantime, we will not be licking our wounds but preparing for the fights to come.

This article first appeared in the blog “Coming Clean” by Sierra Club Executive Director Michael Brune on November 10, 2016 on the Sierra Club website.

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Call 707-544-7651.

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Non-Sierra Club Outings & Events

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Fri., Feb. 10 - Mojave National Preserve Restoration Event
Join the California/Nevada Desert Committee and The National Park Service for a restoration project in the Mojave National Preserve (MNP) on February 10, one day before the Desert Committee meeting on Saturday and Sunday. We will gather on Friday at 9 a.m., work through the afternoon, and adjourn in time to reach Shoshone for the dinner hour. Our primary task will be to remove “culturally planted species” (tamarisk, fan palm, sunflowers) along Zzyzx Road and at the Desert Studies Center. Bring water, sun screen, a hat, gloves, and lunch. Tools will be provided. Contact Sid Stillman for project details, directions, camping options, and to RSVP (psstillman@juno.com). Don’t miss this annual, pre-Shoshone service opportunity. The work will be rigorous yet rewarding.

First Friday of the Month 9am – noon
Garden Volunteer Days.
Laguna Environmental Center, 900 Sanford Road, Santa Rosa
Enjoy the glory of autumn in our native plant garden! Volunteers are essential in beautifying our site. Share your expertise or learn new skills by getting involved today! http://lagunafoundation.org/volunteer-garden.html

Mon. Dec. 5 - Solano Group ExCom
Come join us for our monthly meetings which rotate between Vallejo, Fairfield and Vacaville. We are making a positive impact on our county and need a few more people to help carry the load. Call Jane for information. (707)319-6398.

Mon. Dec. 5 - Solona Group ExCom
Conservation Committee 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm. Info: Suzanne Doyle carorte@gmail.com Solona Group Executive Committee at 6:30 pm. Info: Suzanne Doyle carorte@gmail.com

The public is invited to attend the monthly meeting of our governing committee. Join us for a discussion of local conservation issues between 7:45 and 8:45 p.m., following the ExCom business meeting from 6:45-7:45 p.m. Meet at Adorni Center Conference Room on Eureka Waterfront. For more info, call Gregg at 707-826-3740.

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7 p.m. Our location varies; it is generally at a member’s home. Anyone wishing to attend the meeting should contact the chair, Nancy Tamarisk at napaquail@gmail.com.

Sat., Jan. 28 - Redwood Chapter ExCom and ConCom.
Location Santa Rosa Environmental Center Conservation Committee meets at 10 a.m., ExCom meets 1-3 p.m. Info: Victoria vbrandon@lakelive.info Mon. Feb. 6 – Solano Group ExCom.
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Mon. Jan. 2 - Sonoma Group.
Conservation Committee at 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm. Info: Suzanne Doyle carorte@gmail.com Sonoma Group Executive Committee at 6:30 pm. Info: Suzanne Doyle carorte@gmail.com

Mon. Jan. 9 - Solona Group ExCom.
Come join us for our monthly meetings which rotate between Vallejo, Fairfield and Vacaville. We are making a positive impact on our county and need a few more people to help carry the load. Call Jane for information. (707)319-6398.

Mon. Jan. 23 – North Group ExCom.
The public is invited to attend the monthly meeting of our governing committee. Join us for a discussion of local conservation issues between 7:45 and 8:45 p.m., following the ExCom business meeting from 6:45-7:45 p.m. Meet at Adorni Center Conference Room on Eureka Waterfront. For more info, call Gregg at 707-826-3740.

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Sat., March 11 - Redwood Chapter ExCom and ConCom.
Location Willits Super-8 Conference Center on Main Street. Conservation Committee meets at 10 a.m., ExCom meets 1-3 p.m. Info: Victoria vbrandon@lakelive.info

Mon. Dec. 5
Stewardship Days.
Help care for the Laguna and restore critical wildlife habitat! A fun and meaningful way to volunteer while enjoying outdoors. 900 Sanford Road, Santa Rosa http://lagunafoundation.org/volunteer-lagunastewarddays.html Sonoma County Regional Parks trail work days.
On the day of the project you can call 707-548-4434 for an update or if you get lost coming to the park. Your support and dedication to our County’s trails really makes a big difference. To RSVP for any of these projects please call John at 707-565-3356 ParksVolunteer@sonoma-county.org

Volunteer Days: Riverkeeper Stewardship Park in Guerneville Every Wednesday, 9am-Noon, for all or part of the time. Park is located on the north bank of Russian River directly upstream Guerneville pedestrian bridge. Access entrance from the driveway in front of Armstrong Nesting Co. (16132 Main Street, just east of Armstrong Woods Rd. At bottom of driveway look for blue & white “Russian Riverkeeper Stewardship Park” sign. Bring drinking water & wear sturdy footwear. Light refreshments provided. Info: Victoria Wikle 865-2474 Victoria.Wikle@usa.net

With your help we can protect the wolf
Wolves are vitally important to maintaining nature’s balance, controlling wild and sick animals to keep populations of elk and deer healthy and in check. The Sierra Club is working to defend wolf populations from continued threats from politicians.

The Marshall House Project (pictured here at an earlier concert) was one of several musical groups and numerous visual and literary artists who performed together people from various backgrounds to celebrate cultural diversity and gain understanding of our common cause to promote social justice and an environmental ethic.

The Redwood Chapter of the Sierra Club joined with Sonoma County Conservation Action, the Framers’ Guild, the North Bay Riverkeepers, and the Armstrong Nature Conservancy to sponsor the event. The group plans future events, including a multi-cultural Earth Day celebration in April.

Calendars are available for purchase at the Environmental Center at 55 Ridgway, Santa Rosa. Call for hours: 707-544-7651. If ordering by mail, shipping is $2 per calendar. The mailing address is Sierra Club, PO Box 466, Santa Rosa, CA 95402. If you would like to pay by credit card, please order from the general Sierra Club website: https://store.sierraclub.org/sierra-club-store-c27.aspx Your purchases directly benefit Sierra Club’s conservation work.
am reading Sierra magazine with renewed interest. Available from the Island Press website, among other places.

I am a fiend for a North Group Secretary. Your curiosity and willingness to attend our monthly meetings in Eureka are the main requirements. Outings Chair and Leaders, and other formal and informal jobs are also available. Sierra Club and the natural world can use your unique talents. Do I join you at your earliest convenience? Contact Greg Gregg-gjoldd@aol.com or Ned ea7@humboldt.edu for more details.

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Cannabis regulations: a work in progress

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Valcore Recycling and Paper Shredding updates: The Solano Group will be helping out with paper shredding every 3rd Saturday of the month at the 38 Sheridan Street. Valley from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There is a charge of $10 (CASH or CHECK ONLY) per twenty pounds of paper shredded. (Minimum 100 lbs, no limit on FREE)

Weekly shredding from 10 am to 4 pm, closed 1 pm to 2 pm for lunch (CREDIT OR DEBIT ONLY)

Sierra Club volunteers help tend the money and direct traffic. Once a year it all we ask, and you only need work an hour or Volunteering PER FREE

Contributor: Jane Bogner
Editor: Greg Peterson

Napa Group Report

Napa Group Executive Committee Changes

For the first time in two years, the Napa Group Executive Committee will fill two open seats.

Robert Dwyer and Diane Shopp are Joining us as appointed members, while Annette Kramer has agreed to run for an open seat on the ExCo.

Linda Brown, after years of service, is stepping down to spend more time on climate activism, while retaining her job as the secretary. She has been instrumental in educating the Napa community on the updated science of greenhouse gases. We are glad that we will be able to continue to benefit from her scientific background and wise counsel.

Robert brings a history of years of experience in the wine industry, along with a concern for the proliferation of "event centers" on agricultural land. Dwayne is a founder and owner of the Soda Canyon Road and Protect Rural Napa organizations, which have challenged large wineries in the isolated Soda Canyon area. She has been prominent in Vision 2030, and was a candidate for the Board of Supervisors, endorsed by the Sierra Club.

Annette Kramer, who is our endorsed candidate for the open seat, has been a stalwart in the Circle Oaks community's fight against the expansion of the parcel. It's essential to bring a more balanced viewpoint to the Board of Supervisors. It's also essential to bring a more balanced viewpoint to the Board of Supervisors.
REDWOOD CHAPTER

Rue Furch

My children and grandchildren live in this very special place, and it is my goal to preserve it for all generations. In the 1990’s, I helped establish the Stakeholders’ Consent on Reuse to promote clean water. I also co-founded Citizens for Responsible Water Use, and the Russian River Watershed Council. I have supported local agriculture through the Farmlands Group, helped craft Santa Rosa and Sebastopol’s Urban Growth Boundary initiatives, plus the countywide Community Separators. I serve on the Policy Committee for the Community Alliance for Family Farms, and am a member of the Santa Rosa Groundwater Basin Advisory Panel. I am also on the Board of the Latino Democratic Club and am on the Committee for Immigrants’ Rights. As a county planning commissioner for 18 years, and President of the California County Planning Commissioners Association (CCPCA) I produced a statewide conference on land use and water. I was also instrumental in prioritizing water resources in the Sonoma County’s General Plan which addresses water quality, quantity and sustainability. I was honored by being named Woman of the Year by the State Assembly, the Upstream Swimmer by Sonoma County Conservation Action, Environmentalist of the Year by the Sonoma County Conservation Council, County Planning Commissioner of the Year by the CCPCA and received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Russian Riverkeeper. I hope you will support my continuing work with the Sierra Club, and that you’ll be involved.

Tom Roth

Previously appointed to be an at-large member of the ExCom, I am now enthusiastically running for election to that position. I bring with me years of experience gained working for two Members of Congress - a Republican and a Democrat - and for a state legislator, as well as raising a family in Sonoma County. For 15 years I worked for Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey, where my achievements included negotiating the transfer of the Skaggs Island Naval Station to the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge; co-chairing a task force that cleaned up the Hamilton Field wetlands and allowed its restoration; and coordinating the ultimately successful expansion of two National Marine Sanctuaries (providing a permanent ban against offshore oil drilling). I was the lead on former state Senator Noreen Evans’ legislation that ensured the sustainability of the California crab fishery, and worked on legislation key to keeping 70 state parks open in 2012. I am the Chapter’s newly appointed Conservation Chair, sit on the Advisory Committee of Sonoma County Conservation Action and teach environmental policy at SRJC. If elected, I will bring focus to the relationship of water and climate change issues, and ramp up efforts to recruit youth and minorities for Chapter leadership positions.

NAPA COUNTY GROUP

Nancy Tamarisk

Serving on the Napa Sierra Club’s Executive Committee has been one of the most challenging and fulfilling experiences of my life.

For the last couple of years, my energies have been focused primarily on challenging the Walt Ranch vineyard development. I’ve also submitted Sierra Club comments on the draft Climate Action Plan, and served as our first representative to the newly formed Vision 2050 coalition.

For many years now, the Sierra Club has been a vital element in shaping our county’s environmental protections. I believe that our influence is due to our reputation for integrity and our willingness to work with others, even those with whom we do not always agree. We have taken a balanced approach, speaking and acting with strength, but always with respect for other viewpoints. I believe that this community approach is the only way to achieve our goals.

I am proud to be a member of the executive committee, and hope to continue to play my part for the next two years.

Bill Dyer

I have been a resident of Napa Valley for 42 years, and have worked in the wine industry throughout that time period. I believe that Napa residents can take pride in being unique among Bay Area counties in having kept our agricultural heritage and, yet, we need to be wary that we don’t become victims of our own success, given how attractive it is to visit or reside here. I seek a second term on the Napa Group Executive Committee to continue to pursue bridges between the environmental and agricultural communities, as I believe they should be allies. I resist calls to “chose which side you’re on” because we need to work together to find solutions rather than retire to corners.

I have a Masters in Enology from U.C. Davis that gives me a grounding in science. Previously I received a Bachelor Degree in Philosophy from U.C. Santa Cruz. I feel I have some vision from the liberal arts degree and some rigor from the science degree. I am especially interested in the protection and restoration of our local watersheds. My wife and I make wine from a 2.3 acre vineyard located along Diamond Mountain Creek. We have always farmed without herbicides and our vineyard has received both the Napa Green and Fish Friendly Farming certifications. We are now focused on a goal of dry farming, admittedly a challenge on a rocky hillside bench.

Annette Krammer

Our local environmental and political issues provide us with an opportunity to make changes that will protect our natural resources into the future. I am committed to preserving Napa’s wild lands, our watersheds and our wildlife, and am involved in efforts to keep these from being overrun by development. We face acute environmental problems as a county and I want to work on solving them. We have to do this together, as a community, and I recognize that many different concerns must be taken into account.

As a project manager, I pull lots of different people together to work on complex projects. As a consultant, I managed a data system for Napa County HHG. As a designer, I’ve built websites and have client relationships with Napa RCD, Solano County Water Agency, and LandSmart. I have been a Land Trust volunteer for many years and chaired its Fost Preserves management committee. I worked for the Chicago Botanic Garden and did field research for the Chicago Field Museum. I’ve been a Master Gardener in both Chicago and Napa. My husband Peter and I have lived in Napa for 17 years.

NORTH GROUP

(Humboldt, Del Norte, Trinity, and W. Siskiyou Counties)

Richard Kreis

I would be pleased to continue to serve on the Executive Committee of the Sierra Club North Group. Currently, I serve the North Group by chairing their committee on Climate Change and Energy Use. I also have enjoyed representing the North Group on the board of the Northcoast Environmental Center (NEC). I am concerned that the Sierra Club campaigns effectively to mediate the impacts of global warming, while at the same time continuing to be an active voice in support of preservation and conservation efforts. The North Group should champion these issues within the geographic region it serves.
If you have two members voting, remember to have the Joint member write the “J” and number from the label below onto the ballot above to make your 2nd vote count.