

CNPS SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 4, 2018

Audubon Offices, 4010 Morena Blvd. Suite 100 San Diego, CA

AGENDA

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m. (Quorum = Six Board Members)

Known absences: None

- I. **Welcome visitors** (6:30 – 6:45)
 - 1.
- II. **Additions or Changes to the Agenda** – 1 min (6:45-6:47)
 - A. Vote to approve.
- III. **Review of Minutes** – (Mike) min (7:05-7:10)
 - A. Date of minutes – vote to approve.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** – (Connie) 15 min (7:10-7:25)
 - A. Approval of the 2018/2019 CNPS, SD Budget. I will send a copy of my proposal and request additional input
 - B. Year End Report – vote to approve.
 - C. Vacant Board Member. Ideally we can identify someone in our community who can take on either Outreach or Membership Activities. I would like to turn over my Chapter Meeting greeting activities to someone else
 - D. Special Events: I suggest that we adopt a Chapter policy that restricts activities on the weekend of the Plant Sale and the Plant Tour. These are weekends set aside for the Chapter to fundraise. Let's not plan other activities that compete with volunteer/chapter involvement.
 - E.
- V. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Programs** (Torrey) Time Management of our Chapter Meetings
 1. do we need to shorten up any part of the program for the evening?
 2. Do we need a timekeeper? How do we coordinate with speaker?
 3. Can we review any written instructions given to our speakers?
 - B. **Field Trips** (Justin) 7:30-7:35
 - C. **Conservation Committee** (Frank) 30 min 7:35 – 8:05
 1. **Otay Ranch Village 14 DEIR due April 16.** Endangered Habitats League will spend \$50k on this EIR for comment letters from lawyers and biologists and is looking for donations. We may want to contribute. Depending on what we find in terms of CNPS-relevant impacts, we may want to join the coalition lawsuit that is almost certain to come from this (this will be in a few months). Attempts to get the deadline moved back have so far proved fruitless.
 2. **Southern California CNPS Conservation Retreat:** Good meeting. Greg Suba chastised me for not advocating to have CNPSSD join the litigation over the County Climate Action Plan. He and I disagree about the limits of what CNPS is allowed to litigate on, and I am more conservative than he is. We might want to formulate CNPSSD litigation strategy, as we are far more active in commenting on CEQA documents than most other chapters, but less litigious than other active chapters. Is this a retreat topic
 3. **Harmony Grove Village SDEIR**—comments on new greenhouse gases due April 9
 4. **Lilac Hills Ranch SDEIR**—comments on new greenhouse gases due April 9

5. **Pure Water EIR/Geothallus**—met with city staff, agency people and consultants in the field on 3/23. It looks like Geothallus will be avoided on the SANDER site, and that we can work together elsewhere. Legal action shouldn't be necessary, hopefully.
 6. **Merge 56 and Rhodes Crossing.** Construction started on Rhodes Crossing on 3/29, using the 2008 original permit. Construction goes up to the edge of the USFWS and CDFW preserve lands on the mesa, and destroyed my favorite trail, at least until the apartment buildings get built next to these preserves... Merge 56 goes to the City Council in May (23?)
 7. **Other big developments (Safari Highlands, Newland Sierra)** are hanging fire right now, but may get scheduled at any time.
 8. **SOS Initiative:** I will gather signatures at meetings, including the Garden Tour and General meeting
- D. Frank's Non-conservation items 8:05-8:15 Chapter Council Meeting March 9-11, 2018.**
1. Thanks to Kye Ok, Tom, Justin, Joe, Bob, Cindy, and Torrey for helping pull that all off. We collectively spent ~120-130 hours on the meeting (most of that was Kye Ok baking). Council delegates called it the best meeting they'd had in years, and Kye Ok and I broke even financially on hosting it. Given the amount of effort everyone put into it, I'd gently suggest we refuse to host this meeting again for a few years. --Next meeting is up in Groveland, June 8-10, in a chapter that has never hosted a chapter council and was volunteered to do it (as were we).
 - 2.
- E. Mini-grant Guidelines** (Tom, Torrey, Mike and Bobbie are the committee). Table to next meeting so committee can review guidelines distributed December 27, 2017.
- F. Garden Tour Update** from Judie Lincer
- G. Garden Committee** – (Al) (8:15-8:20)
- H. Personnel Committee** (Bobbie) 8:20-8:25
- I. Habitat Restoration** (Arne and Bob)
- J. Newsletter** (Bobbie)
- VI. New Business**
- A. A River Runs Through It Attachment 1. (8:25-8:30)
 - B. Greg Suba Desert Defense Update Attachment 2
- VII. Old Business**
- A. (8:30 – 8:35)
South Bay Earth Day
N-Gen biocultural BioBlitz
Earth Day Balboa Park
Fiesta Botanica
San Diego Citizen Science Expo April 14 in a library North Community
 - B. **Ideas for our money** (Tom/Al) (8:35-8:45)
 1. Grant Program for Students
 2. Big Ticket Project
 3. Brochures Patricia Vasquez
- VIII. Chapter Meeting Welcoming Table Assignments (????) - 1 min**
- IX. Next Meeting Date: May 2, 2018**
Important agenda items?
Tasks to accomplish prior?
- X. Wrap up and conclusions** (8:55-9:00)

ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT 1:

From: Squarespace <no-reply@squarespace.info>

Subject: Form Submission - New Form - A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT: 7 Gardens + 5 Speakers = A New Landscape Paradigm

Date: March 23, 2018 at 2:50:08 PM PDT

To: info@cnpssd.org

Reply-To: catherine@rodsatt.com

Form Submission - New Form - A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT: 7 Gardens + 5 Speakers = A New Landscape Paradigm

Name: Catherine McLaughlin

Email Address: catherine@rodsatt.com

Subject: A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT: 7 Gardens + 5 Speakers = A New Landscape Paradigm

Message: Hello!

I am reaching out to make sure you all over at CNPS-San Diego have heard about the APLD event we're co-hosting up in the LA area with your San Diego APLD chapter on 4/7 & 4/8 at Descanso Gardens and around the SFV / Pasadena area.

We have some incredible speakers / thinkers / writers (Thomas Ranier, Benjamin Vogt, Pamela Berstler, Rosalind Creasy & Frank McDonough) coming to the table and will be touring gorgeous, watershed gardens, utilizing natives by our APLD members.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-river-runs-through-it-a-new-landscape-paradigm-tickets-39000422313>

Please pass along to those you think may find of interest!

Many thanks,
Catherine McLaughlin, APLD

(Sent via [CNPS-San Diego](#))

ATTACHMENT 2 –



CALIFORNIA
NATIVE PLANT SOC

Dear CNPS members and supporters,

I wanted to send a short CNPS Desert Defense update and a tall glass of *Thank You!* for your help letting the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) know we want to leave the DRECP as is. Your voices joined with thousands of others, including our fellow conservation organizations, several State of California agencies, Congressional representatives, Supervisors from California desert Counties, tribes, labor unions, rock-hounders, recreationalists, and more.

On behalf of CNPS, you sent the message loud and clear that we value our desert's habitats and want current protections to remain. You did it by mailing hundreds of our *Leave the DRECP Alone* postcards and emailing messages to BLM California Director Jerry Perez, and taking the time to show up in person to BLM public meeting in Bakersfield, Lone Pine, Hesperia, Joshua Tree, Palm Desert, and Sacramento. We represented across the state on behalf of our desert and for native plant protection.

Thursday was BLM's deadline for receiving comments on their proposal to re-open and amend the desert plan. CNPS Southern California Conservation Analyst Nick Jensen and I have submitted a comment letter ([read here](#)). Our comments reference two previous letters which are longer and more detailed. If you want to read those too, send me a note and I'll provide them.

What happens next? Now BLM considers all comments and determines their next step, which will likely be to propose specific amendments and alternatives – something we stress is neither needed nor warranted. So if and when they do proceed, the desert will need your help once more!

Already our Conservation and Communications Program staff are teaming up to prepare the tools and messages we will use to maintain and defend desert conservation actions we've gained through the DRECP.

Thank you for your strong voices this past month. I believe there is more to come from the Trump administration in our desert, and hope you will be ready the next call to action.

For the desert and for California,

Greg Suba
Conservation Program Director, CNPS

ATTACHMENT 3 – ***