



**Bay Area Council Meeting
Saturday, September 10, 2016**

**Richardson Bay Audubon Center
Tiburon, CA
76 Greenwood Beach Road
Tiburon, CA 94920
<http://www.tiburonaudubon.org/>**

NOTES

Attending:

Bill Hudson, Golden Gate Audubon
Barbara Salzman, Marin Audubon
Wendy Schackwitz, Napa-Solano Audubon/Audubon California
Marshall Dinowitz, Sequoia Audubon
Garrison Frost, Audubon California
Garry George, Audubon California
Mike Lynes, Audubon California (via Skype)
John Takekawa, Audubon California

Mike Lynes called in to review the various bills.

John Takekawa – San Francisco Bay Program and Future Directions, ppt on Audubon CA website:
<https://ca.audubon.org/about/bay-area-council>

Audubon CA Board meeting report – Wendy Schackwitz – Water issues, climate change and drought contributing to tree die off, result lots of fuel and the Kern fire. Water issues like the Salton Sea affect us all.

Garrison – Salton Sea. Understanding that “normally” when the sea would dry up it was because the Colorado River was flowing elsewhere and creating habitat elsewhere. That is no longer the case, so Salton Sea is all we get anymore.

Several questions about how to deal with the rising salt levels. How will this be mitigated in the project so fish can survive? Question for Andrea?

Salton Sea movie – Garry George - lunch and discussion. Encourage chapters to give a Salton Sea program, put Salton Sea pdf and materials onto their websites, visit their reps to discuss the importance, and write OpEd pieces.

Vote and discussion about rotating BAAC meetings again.

Most chapters in favor – NSAS, SCVAS, GGAS, Sequoia, present and in favor, Mt. Diablo, Ohlone – not present and in favor, Marin – present not in favor, Madrone – not present, not in favor.

Dates for upcoming BAAC meetings – Feb 25th SCVAS will host, May 27th Cindy expressed interest in hosting. Sept 23rd maybe back in the North Bay?

Chapter Reports:

Golden Gate – Bill Hudson

- Bird Safe Buildings
- Haul out for seals and BRPE
- Chabot gun club closing – was a source of lead pollution
- Osprey cam – Cindy is trying to get it up, have raised ½ the money, location Richmond?
- Trying to designate part of Lake Mead as a wildlife refuge
- Alameda – protecting plovers, pursuing more projects
- Power Tower – Altamont – work continues
- Vegetation removal – watching East Bay Shoreline Parks to make sure they don't strip
- Bike trails – trying to limit access
- Pt Milouty (sp?) biggest undeveloped part of the Bay left, back with a housing development proposal, Richmond trying to counter, eel grass and coastal scrub, pipevine swallowtail habitat
- Centennial celebration next year – 12 banners to be printed, placed at Tilden, Presidio, City Hall. Will have docent tables at public places.
- Bird collision data – have Noreen participate in Garry's session at upcoming assembly

Sequoia – Marshall Dinowitz (his first BAAC meeting)

- Bird Walks continue
- Fighting drones in local parks
- Fighting development in Redwood Shores and Redwood City
- Watershed issue and open space access – Crystal Springs reservoir
- Big Sit Oct 9th
- Bike-a-thon to partner with CBC
- Request for more sharing among "sister" Audubon Chapters, for example create distribution lists of presidents/conservation chairs

Marin – Barbara Salzman

- New membership chair
- Properties, maintain, newest one working on restoration plan, include 1 acre on neighboring land, WC board to purchase this to add to the property, Corte Madera
- Have Mike Luzo for legal advice on Spotted Owl Open Space issues
- Dollars for trails and cons?? Of trails but not enough info about SPOW
- Anchor outs – Richardson Bay – Moore grant, Barbara would like to have a united front
- Having 60th anniversary celebration, unfortunately conflicts with the National Audubon Board meeting.

Napa-Solano Audubon

- Gave two \$2000 scholarships last year
- School year '15-'16 reached ~800 kids

- Received funding from Napa County Wildlife Conservation Commission (\$7,000) + \$3500 approved from NSAS board for funding educational coordinator for the '16-'17 school year
- Offered internship to Stephen Berylant – Napa Valley Community College student – shadowing our educational coordinator
- Working out agreement with American Canyon Parks and Rec – will give us a donation to cover costs of events held in the city, such as Beginning Birding Workshops, Bluebird Box installations, development of educational flyers, and native plant installations
- Continuing BirdSeasons monitoring at American Canyon Wetlands
- Finished up Heron Rookery monitoring (4 rookeries). Done in coordination with the Heron Egret Project (HEP)
- Tricolored Blackbird monitoring, weekly for the Rush Ranch site, and 2X for the other 3 colonies. The Rush Ranch site nested 2X, with ~1000 adults. High count of birds was ~2000 when parents were nesting for the second time and recent fledglings were foraging nearby
- Habitat restoration and bird monitoring continue at Centennial park (Solano county in partnership with Solano County Resource Conservation District)
- Habitat restoration and bird monitoring continue on the Napa Creek – Jr Audubon project
- New Conservation Chair! Nancy Piotrowski
- Letter of Support for Cleanup and Abatement against Point Buckler developer
- Supported Measure T
- Participated in Advocacy Day
- Visited Bill Dodd's office in American Canyon in August – talked climate bills
- Delivered "Plant Finder" tool to Google