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NEXT MEETING, THURSDAY APRIL 21, 7:30 PM

Fremont Refuge Headquarters, East end, Dumbarton Bridge.

With the deepest sadness, we tell you of the death of Edie Wilkie. She was the wife of Congressman Don Edwards for thirty years, and devoted much of her life as an advocate for peace. She supported our work with warmth and enthusiasm. She loved the marshes and wildlife that live on land named in Don's honor.

The Don Edwards Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan is now ready for public discussion. You are invited to attend the next meeting on Tuesday, April 19th, 5:30--7 pm, at the auditorium in Alviso EEC.

Non-attendees can send comments to [sfbaynwrc@fws.gov](mailto:sfbaynwrc@fws.gov), or for questions call Winnie Chan at 510-792-0222.

Our heartfelt thanks to Rich Radigonda of the California Waterfowl Association, who is planning a fundraising event for us. Plan is for a gala event on the USS Hornet, docked at Alameda. The date is Sunday, August 7, from 2 pm to 5 pm for tours of the ship and review of raffle and auction items. A 5 pm dinner precedes the raffle and auction. Should be all done by approximately 7 pm.

In our efforts to protect wetlands, just at this time we have been forced to employ legal services. Rich's event gives us hope of carrying out our work on a thorny problem to a successful conclusion.

Mark your calendars! Buy dinner tickets! Invite your friends! More information coming.

The Bay Conservation and Development Commission has been considering the new policy regarding the continuing rise in sea level. Our members have been prominent in these discussions. More information on this issue next month.

See you the 21st,

*Florence*

Florence LaRiviere

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Baylands Conservation Committee

California Hawking Club, Inc.

California Waterfowl Association

California Wildlife Federation

Citizens for Alameda's Last Marshlands

Citizens for Open Space in Alvarado

Friends of Foster City

Save our South Bay Wetlands

Save Wetlands in Mayhews

Whistling Winds/Pintail Duck Clubs

Committee for Green Foothills

Communities for a Better Environment

Defenders of Wildlife

East Bay Green Alliance

Federation of Fly Fishers

Friends of Charleston Slough

Friends of Redwood City

Golden Gate Audubon Society

Green Belt Alliance

League of Women Voters of the Eden Area

League of Women Voters of the Fremont Area

League of Women Voters of Palo Alto

League of Women Voters of South San Mateo County

Mission Creek Conservancy

Loma Prieta Chapter, Sierra Club

Madrone Audubon Society

Marin Audubon Society

Mission Creek Conservancy

Mono Lake Committee

Mount Diablo Audubon Society

Napa-Solano Audubon Society

Native Plant Society, Santa Clara Valley Chapter

Ohlone Audubon Society

Planning and Conservation League

San Francisco Chapter, Sierra Club

Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society

Save San Francisco Bay Association

Sequoia Audubon Society

Sportsmen for Equal Access

Trout Unlimited

United Anglers of California

Urban Creeks Council

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## **CCCR Minutes, March 17, 2011**

**Attendees:** Carin High, Margaret Lewis, Libby Lucas, Evelyn Cormier, Wayne Miller, Gail Raabe, Matt Leddy, Florence LaRiviere.

**Fundraising:** Discussion on fundraiser on the USS Hornet by Rich Radigonda of the California Waterfowl Association tentatively planned for July 23.

**CCP:** Update on the Comprehensive Conservation Plan; public meetings planned for April 13 and 19 at the Refuge and EEC, Alviso.

**South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project:** Bair Island soon to be tops in tourist destinations for migrating waterfowl and shorebirds.

The Bay Water Trail is still receiving money for a conceptual plan on how to bring boaters to the edges of the mudflats and not get stuck.

**BCDC Bay Plan:** Discussion on efforts to change the Bay Plan to include seawater rise.

Development interests would like to weaken environmental regulations.

**Newsnotes:** Bison Range Funding Agreement: Back to the drawing board for the Bison Range and the Confederated Tribes...EPA under attack but not like the gulls who are moving from Newby Island to other sites in the Bay...Call or write legislators about Land and Water Conservation Funds for Refuges Nationwide... BayKeeper filed a successful suit against East Bay cities for discharge of untreated sewage into the Bay...Another letter to Dr. Darnal with pictures of his land under water--no response...Skagg's Island is transferred to the Refuge...Eden Landing working group meeting March 24...Nationwide COE permits comments coming up...River Network "Webinar" held...Carrizo Plain plan for solar farm.

### **Local Groups**

**Friends of Redwood City:** March 31 scoping comments due. Further discussion on Cargill plans.

**Citizens for Alameda's Last Marshlands:** Update on Alameda.

**Save Wetlands in Mayhews:** My turtle is out of hibernation.

**Baylands Conservation Committee:** Workshop on digester coming up.

**Friends of Charleston Slough:** No vegetation--but wait, we have a skimmer in adjoining Pond A-1.

**Fremont:** Update on CalTrans attack on trees in Niles Canyon. Did CalTrans think no one would notice? Is that why CalTrans did not do an EIR? Proposal to fill the quarry pit with 200 feet of soil, water the rest of the way, and make a fishing park. Sounds fishy to me. Poster Contest coming up.

**Save Our South Bay Wetlands:** Nothing on Newby Island except the gulls from the Island are now hanging out around the south bay. Upcoming meetings on the pollution control plant. Discussion on the Port of Alviso proposals, including an entertainment venue on top of the levees. No, I am not making that up.

Respectfully submitted,

*Margaret*