



CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO COMPLETE THE REFUGE

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NEXT MEETING JULY 19, 2012, 730 PM.

Fremont Refuge Headquarters East end, Dumbarton Bridge

ENDORSERS

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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

You will soon be receiving in the mail a request from us for funds. This is because we were forced to file a lawsuit to protect the old Whistling Wings and Pintail Duck Clubs on the Newark shoreline. These lands are not only beautiful, but were marked for inclusion in the Refuge in the original Map. They are worth fighting for!

Board member Arthur Feinstein has responded to the currently circulated Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge. In doing so, he has reminded me of that most exciting day--the day when President Reagan signed the bill doubling the size of the Refuge. I remember how tickled I was to read the words of support from Senator George Mitchell and Senator Pete Wilson. The bipartisan support was deeply touching. Here are Arthur's words:

In the Congressional Record (Congressional Record-Senate, October 14, 1988, S16373) Senator Mitchell stated that, "the development pressures in the vicinity of the refuge continue to increase, threatening valuable wildlife habitat, as well as areas that have served to buffer the human impacts on the wildlife resources within the refuge...**Under this legislation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service should...determine which uplands, marshes, tidal flats, salt ponds, submerged lands, and open water should be added to the Refuge...[and] prepare a map depicting proposed refuge additions...**" and Senator Pete Wilson added, "Land acquisition of the sort that is called for in this bill is the only way to ensure that this sensitive habitat will be protected for tomorrow's wildlife and tomorrow's visitors".

See you the 19th.

Florence LaRiviere

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Attendees-Arthur Feinstein, Ruth Vose, Frank Delfino, Florence LaRiviere, Eileen McLaughlin, Margaret Lewis, Wayne Miller, Gail Raabe, Matt Leddy, Evelyn Cormier.

Salt Pond Restoration: Ponds A-16 and 17 have begun a relationship. They adopted Coyote Creek and look forward to a shoreline study to illuminate compatibility issues.

Comprehensive Conservation Plan is in the federal register on the Most Wanted page. Comments are due in 45 days. cursory glance reveals some issues of great concern.

News Notes: Florence won the Wetland Community Leader award from the Environmental Law Institute...Mendel Stewart has accepted a position with the Service in Washington, D.C. He hopes to restore the Reflection Pool into appropriate salt water wetland habitat. We are going to miss him. Items for our endangered species meeting is June 4 for the June 19 meeting...NWRC training for Friends Groups June 17-20 in Sacramento. Receive training on using the current technology to successfully communicate with wildlife...There is a coalition of watchdogs watching CalTrans...There will be a meeting to study Alviso's shoreline on June 24...The COE has issued a public notice on the America's Cup (and Saucer) event next year. Update on AFA for the Bison Range.

Baylands Conservation Committee asked me to make something up, but the truth is that The Lucy Evans Baylands Nature Interpretive Center may be closing because of city finances.

Fremont: Update and discussion on Ardenwood. The governor appoints Felicia Marcus to the Water Board.

Save Our South Bay Wetlands: The latest on Facebook and Google and the kitties. So sad no garbage report this month.

Friends of Redwood City: Update on the Cargill SaltWorks plan.

Citizens for Alameda's Last Marshlands: Terms are returning to Alameda to great fanfare and jubilation.

Save Wetlands in Mayhews: *Urocyon cinereoargenteus* in my backyard, not far from Mayhews, scouting out apricots.

No meeting in June due to extracurricular activities and meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret