



CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO COMPLETE THE REFUGE

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NEXT MEETING THURSDAY SEPT 15, 2011, 7:30 PM

Fremont Refuge Headquarters, E end Dumbarton Bridge

ENDORSERS

Acterra

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

At this meeting

FRANK DELFIINO

will present:

The historic, exciting and often appealing story of

SALT

on San Francisco Bay

Salt was important to Native Americans and to early miners, but have you ever wondered how and why we allowed 50,000 acres of lush tidal marsh to be diked off from the waters of San Francisco Bay? Come and find out. Some surprises are guaranteed by the speaker. This is a topic of special interest to those of us who have spent much of our lives working to undue the damage done the marshes and bring about restoration.

See you the 15th,

Florence
Florence LaRiviere

ps: THANK YOU to The Bay Institute for naming the Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge for its Bay Heroes of the Year Award!. Festivities will be held at the Maritime Museum in San Francisco on October 20. I plan to attend and hope others will too. More information later, F.

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CCCR Minutes, August 18, 2011

Attendees: Wayne Miller, Gail Raabe, Matt Leddy, Virgil Patterson, Evelyn Cormier, Eileen McLaughlin, Frank Delfino, Libby Lucas, Carin High, Florence LaRiviere.

Comprehensive Conservation Plan--draft document will be available soon.

Salt Pond Restoration--Meeting of Alviso Study Group on August 17 centered mainly on Corps of Engineers levee projects. Sources of funding are not identified.

We discussed our financial report due this fall to The Rose Foundation.

NEWS NOTES.

Kudos to Evelyn Cormier for her richly deserved Volunteer of the Year award presented to her by the City of Hayward...Congressional bills emasculating the EPA and CWA have passed committees...BCDC will air its Bay Plan Amendment regarding climate change on September 1...State of the Estuary Conference will be held in Oakland on September 20 and 21.

Great excitement was expressed over SF Muni buses with endangered species messages--one is covered with beautiful marsh vegetation with a little salt marsh harvest mouse peaking through...Ogilvie Island dedication not yet scheduled...

Refuge funding in dire straights out of House Committee to the floor, where it is likely to be wrapped into an omnibus bill...We have responded with a note acknowledging Edie Wilkie's mentioning of us in her will...

Scientist Jim Cloern gave the monthly talk, How is the Bay Doing? at the USGS in Menlo Park and ended with the statement of what gives him hope for the future is the fact that restoration is going on! We felt a little pride for our part in that!...

Cimarron Grasslands has put out a charming little booklet picturing and describing its reptiles, amphibians and turtles. Could we do something similar with our species? We have the experts on our Refuge staff. Next month--"Salt Making in SF

Bay", by Frank Delfino...AB 1178 due at the State Senate soon. Bill would remove the cap on tonnage of garbage that can be imported into any given county; current cap is 95,000 tons. Inform your senator if you disapprove of removing limits.

LOCAL GROUPS

Baylands Conservation Committee Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society is on record in opposition to the November 8 Ballot Initiative to remove 10 acres in Byxbee Park from park dedication.

Friends Of Charleston Slough. Much use by wildlife, but no significant vegetation

Fremont. We submitted comments on Phase 2 of the road widening project in Niles Canyon. Viable alternatives exist and there are concerns that the current proposal may increase reckless driving in this scenic corridor. The lawsuit on Phase 1 goes to court in Sept. Contributions may be made to Alameda Creek Alliance to support the lawsuit. No news on Patterson Ranch or the bottomless quarry pit.

Save our South Bay Wetlands. Too bad Margaret is off to Alaska--she missed both sewage and garbage, her favorite subjects. Newby Island EIR due in about 3 months.

We are running in place regarding the 9-Par landfill Draft Closure Plan.

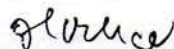
Friends of Redwood City. Scoping report on the Saltworks project to be released by the end of August. There is to be a second NOP and scoping comment period after the revised project is out later this year.

Citizens for Alameda's Last Marshlands. So-so year for the terns. Much predation.

Save Wetlands in Mayhews. Gone fishing.

The chairperson and her husband are compiling lists of their duties for CCCR with an eye toward the younger members taking over.

Respectfully submitted,



Florence for the Group