

WELL CC - Meeting Minutes – Sept. 23, 2013

Attendees: CC members Holly, Madge, Kimbal, and Tim; guests Beth Riedel, Peter & Pat Norris
Facilitator: Tim; Notes: Madge.

1. Minutes of 8-26-13 are approved. To Do list reviewed. Holly will deal with admin on Facebook.
2. **NCMFC (Mushroom Coop):** Peter reported on some changes and delays, but that there are several active volunteers who keeping it moving. This effort should eventually bear positive results. Of an original 30 members, probably about 20 still involved.
3. **Caltrans Bypass:** We approved endorsing a letter to Caltrans, subject to Madge's review, that basically asks about water usage, sources, and impacts on valley wells related to bypass construction. We also agreed to inform our members about but not to endorse the Oct. 12th SOLLV-sponsored gathering (healing ceremony-rally-potential civil disobedience). Holly reported the latest news that the contractors have destroyed an ancient Pomo site. Still no word from the judge on the federal lawsuit.
4. **Oct. 6 Local Investing Event:** Madge has done PR; Holly has contacted businesses from previous event and some new ones. Madge will follow-up with Wowser. Kimbal will help with postering and the event day.
5. **Community Rights Training:** Peter reports there are enough attendees signed up for Paul Cienfuegos' Oct. 19-20 all day sessions, with a few more still possible. Future plans include weekend showings of a series of 16 ½-hour videos from CELDF. We briefly discussed how CR ordinances might be implemented, for example incrementally or county-wide via an initiative measure. Peter also hopes to bring Shannon Biggs of Global Exchange as a guest speaker, which WELL might wish to help sponsor.
6. **Office Phone:** We affirmed our previous decision to cancel phone service, as it is expensive and virtually not used. Be sure website has other contact info!
7. **November WELL Event:** After reviewing calendars, we decided to have our annual year-end potluck-brainstorm session Nov. 10th. Kimbal & Madge will begin planning and bring suggestions for the format to our next CC meeting. We could show an updated power point about WELL. (Anyone available to help on the power point?)
8. **Website:** Tim will again try to convene the website committee to work on redoing and updating our website, which is desperately needed.
9. **Membership Renewals:** We will plan to send renewal letter(s) to current and past members a few weeks before the Nov. 10 potluck (which will also be just before our Nov-Dec newsletter). The mailing might include a "state of WELL" update. We could do a second mailing in Jan. plus doing follow-up calls – timing yet to be decided. Pat is willing to help on calling.
10. **CC Membership:** It would be great to have at least one new CC member on board for the Nov. 10 election. A few others may become eligible in early 2014. Keep looking for other candidates for the vacancies.
11. **Next Meeting Oct. 21.** Holly will facilitate next meeting.

P.S. Nor-Cal Transition Workshop will be Oct. 11-13 at Solar Living in Hopland. WELL should have a representative there.