

Minutes

Marin chapter SRF meeting held Thursday March 12, 2009

Recorded by David McGuire

Loren and Scott presented an update on the Marin Desalinization plant proposal. This plant is proposed near the Rod and Gun club site in S Marin.

Surfider concerns are about water quality and energy use. We discussed the concern for a greater analysis and implementation of County wide water conservation efforts before such a costly and extreme measure as desalinization is considered. Additional concerns include land filling of solids and the impacts of a hyper brine solution discharge impacting the Bay habitat and marine life. Scott and Loren will monitor the hearings and progress of this proposal and SRF Marin can make a statement based on their consideration.

The water sampling program was discussed. A couple of high levels were recorded this winter. It was suggested we increase the sampling program, but we should prioritize locations as well as evaluate the last year's testing.

It was suggested we invite the Branson School students to display their water sampling results to the chapter in a graphic or power point form, and so we can better scope the water testing program.

The beach clean up and Rusty's Surfboard demo at Stinson beach and party - sponsored by Livewater- drew a good response despite the small surf. Livewater is interested in holding another such event and the possibility of a surf contest was raised.

Scot added that the Paddle Board race at Stinson Beach will also be supported by SRFM.

A general meet and greet membership party was proposed for the May meeting at the Wipe Out Bar and grill. It would be a good opportunity to meet, increase membership and define our Chapter's programs and goals. It was suggested we place sign up sheets with the major goals consistent with the chapter and the national programs, define coordinators who will champion that campaign and select the ones we most favor.

The schedule of events will be discussed at the April meeting.

Scott also appeared at the Board of Supervisors meeting after a one year anniversary of our appeal in support of the plastics ban. Plastics is one of the SR National programs and the Rise Up Against Plastics campaign is a part of our outreach and commitment to reducing plastics in the ocean.