

Minutes Surfrider Meeting Thurs May 14, 2009

Present: Scott Tye, Loren Moore, David McGuire, Michelle Slade, Michelle Buckles, Pete Gubbins, Joanie Levinsohn

AGENDA

1. Membership drive/party Friday May 15
2. Update on Marin de-sal facility
3. International Surfing Day/Paddle event June 20
4. General

DISCUSSION

Membership/WOD Party

- Michelle confirmed that former editor Surfing Magazine Steve Hawke will give a 15 minute presentation on his book “Waves” and do an audience Q&A. Will do this in back room of WBG, start-time 6:30pm. Will need to turn music in this room off for the duration. Agreed that probably not suitable to show slides as Scott suggested.

- Michelle confirmed that Ann Brown, science teacher at Neil Cummins school in Corte Madera will participate in the construction of the giant plastic wave. Michelle to meet with her kids on Tues 19th to go over project. Frame for wave needs to be constructed and taken to school week of June 1st for kids to build out. Will have this brought to WBG for the event, placed outside of backroom for kids to build out with bottles and other plastics that need to be recycled. Will need signage telling what it is we are doing, will need bottles for kids to add to wave, and possibly other art stuff. Will need adult to supervise & communicate why we’re building wave. David provided the following links on plastics that will be useful when putting poster boards together for event:

<http://vimeo.com/4388424>

<http://earth911.com/plastic/plastic-bottle-recycling-facts/>

- Scott to get Supervisors’ WOD proclamation

- Email address on posters is incorrect. Should be marin@surfrider.org. Please make this correction to posters with black felt tipped pen before distributing. If you need posters, contact Michelle Buckles.

- Posters need to be posted at all four high schools in the area – volunteers to cover this?

- Pete from Livewater Surf Shop is going to organize a “Learn to Surf” raffle package.

- Denise & Scott putting together raffle packages and welcome donations of in-kind goodies for such.

- Loren in touch with Branson kids to make sure someone is present to give a quick presentation, probably before Scott Hawk speaks.

- David will not be available so we could do use someone with good public speaking skills to help out as MC – suggestions?

Marin Desal Proposal

Joanie Levinsohn from the Marin Water Coalition provided an update on what the prevailing viewpoints appear to be currently in the community in regard to this issue. She mentioned the recent Blueberry Ridge storage tank victory **in the San Geronimo Valley** and that it would be a good idea to get in contact with that community to inform them about the desal project.

Next MMWD meeting concerning desal might be around July 21. The MMWD has scheduled a Water Conservation Summit meeting on June 10, 8am, at the Embassy Suites in Terra Linda. We will keep our website & membership updated with progress as it occurs.

International Surfing Day June 20

Scott updated on this event, sponsored by both Marin Chapter Surfrider and Livewater Surf Shop. Volunteers will be needed, contact Scott if you can help. A poster should be ready shortly for distribution and posting on chapter website. The paddle board contest starts from Bolinas at 9am, with many different categories, and finishes in front of the main lifeguard tower at Stinson. The beach clean up will get underway about 11am. Those participating in the clean-up will be given a ticket for a free BBQ lunch, held after the clean up and awards presentation. Registration will be available online at www.livewatersurfshop.com. More details to come.

Other

- Discussed other “local” environmental issues that will be posted on website for awareness: birds dying on California beaches, and toxicity of cigarette butts to fish and other marine life.
- New website should be live on Monday May 18th.