

# **Marin Conservation League**

## **North Marin Unit**

Final Meeting Notes (approved 4/21/2011)  
March 16, 2011

The meeting was called to order at the home of Don & Gail Wilhelm. Attending were Bernie Meyers, Edith Piltch, Eleanor Sluis, Dorothy Thomas, Carole Dillon Knutson, Pat U'Ren, Frank U'Ren, Don Wilhelm, Gail Wilhelm and Susan Stompe.

**Announcements:** The next Novato Housing Working Group meeting is March 23 at Hamilton. Clean & Green Day is April 9 and help is needed both with sign ins and at Scottsdale Marsh invasive weed removal.

**Minutes:** The notes of the January 31 meeting were approved as distributed.

**Stafford Lake Bike Park:** Don reported that he is following the progress of the planning for the bike park.

He will advise the group when a CEQA process gets started.

**North Coast Rail Authority:** Bernie said that he will have an OpEd in the paper soon.

**Transportation issues:** Don reported on the reductions SMART is looking at to reduce costs, since revenues from the sales tax have not been up to expectations: reducing the multi-use path by 1/3, defer two stations, including the North Novato station., silent zones, etc. The ridership estimates are down with a reduced service area. More will probably go north than south. There will be a workshop on the Regional Transportation Plan in San Rafael on March 26.

Ellie said she attended a Marin Transit workshop in Novato the previous night. They were looking for feedback on service.

Don advised everyone that the Novato Narrows maps were in the other room for everyone to examine.

**Novato Sanitary District:** Susan reported that the contract for the waste hauling was scheduled for extension at NSD. The contract was extended from 2015 to 2025 with the inclusion of food waste in the green waste container.

The next meeting will be April 21 at Edith Piltch's home.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45.

Notes by S. Stompe