

**Green Party of California
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Saturday Morning Session

Facilitators: Sanda Everette, Jim Stauffer
Note Taker: Adrienne Prince
Timekeeper: Merrily Davies
Vibes Watchers: KCM Curry, Michael McCue

Opening quorum established with seven regions present.

Facilitators approved.

Delegate Orientation: Consensus-Seeking Process – Jim Stauffer

Approval of Agenda: Amendments

Two elections were scheduled, neither will be held today.

GPUS report by Sanda Everette at 10:30

Dorothy Kemeny presents Leonard Peltier resolution (last minute inclusion) 9:45

Questions and Comments:

Michael Rubin – Alameda County: Item for Appropriations for Candidates (campaign support fund)?

A: Yes, Kendra Gonzales will use “Polling Items” time for that item.

Schedule approved by consensus with stated changes.

Announcement:

Michael Feinstein – Nancy Broyles, of Santa Barbara, has recently passed away.

Moment of Silence

Proposal – Approval of Previous Plenary Minutes

Approved by consensus

Proposal – Leonard Peltier

Presenter – Dorothy Kemeny. Item added after agenda packet release. Presentation and comments only. Coordinating Committee will review and approve.

Was Deacon Alexander’s idea. To petition President Obama for clemency for Leonard Peltier. No political party has ever asked for his release, though numerous organizations have, without success.

9:35 Proposal – Bylaws Committee

Michael Borenstein

Committee membership rules to be simplified to make it easier for Greens to serve.

Standing committees with 8 members each had staggered term renewals, which has been confusing and hard to track. Proposed that all new committee members serve for a simple 2-year term from the date when appointed.

Clarifying Question:

Don Manro, Tulare County: What is an SC?

A: Standing Committee: Bylaws, Finance. Members are appointed by the CC

Concerns/Affirmations:

Mike Feinstein, Los Angeles County: This is a simple proposal, yet a helpful move.

Approved by consensus

9:40 GPUS Delegation

Sanda Everett, Craig Thorsen

Report on National Meeting in Detroit, June 24-27.

An event called the US Social Forum was happening in Detroit the preceding week, there was an opportunity for Greens to meet progressives from other groups, from around the country.

Barry Hermanson – It was great to be with 20,000 progressives from around the country. There was interest shown in the literature and messages from the Green Party. Thousands of workshops

Laura Wells, Alameda County – As someone who graduated college in Detroit – also where Nader got his start, going up against the Big 3 Automakers. I was completely inspired by the World Social Forum : Another World is Possible, and this year’s National Social Forum – Another World is Possible, Another US is Necessary, and Another Detroit is Happening. The People’s Revolution will obviously *not* be televised! A People’s Movement *is* happening!

Craig Thorsen, Los Angeles County – Pre-registration of 12,000, final registration of 20,000. Both he and Sanda volunteered for registration.

At GPUS National Meeting, work included considerations of Mission Statement, Budget priorities, elections for Steering Committee. Alaska, Idaho, Vermont and Wyoming may become un-accredited due to lack of activity. Georgia, Maine, Minnesota, California all are being considered for the next national meeting. We currently have 32 ballot lines around the country, only a little down from the high of 37.

Candidates and Campaigns Committee is being reorganized. To emphasize stronger candidate training, assist with the bureaucratic steps of running a campaign. Current issues concern apportionment – a survey is being sent to the CC’s of each state.

Mike Feinstein On Friday night, each state party had candidate presentation. Laura Wells gave a great presentation. Met Vilma Ortiz, there, a “powerhouse” Berkeley Green, who is working on the exploratory work for seeking presidential candidates. A questionnaire vetting approach, outreach to former nominees for President (Nader, LaDuke, Cobb, LaMarche, McKinney, Clemente) Second step – consider people who have been on ballots in the past. Reaching out to existing well-known candidates and officeholders from now and the past. May consider approaching famous progressives.

Questions:

Michael McCue, Los Angeles – please clarify the sort of recommendations that are being made for number of delegates; what about outreach to other famous people, are you leaning strongly toward that?

175, 150, 120 are all being considered – a smaller committee than 425 possible.

SKCM Curry – 1. Science shows that smaller groups work best. 2. Leadership of the search committee should not be limited several Euro-American males. 3. We should consider consistently coordinate the timing/locations of our meetings with the Social Forum in future. 4. How can we get broader participation as a state, in the presidential approach process?

Michael Feinstein: PCSC can have as many members as there are national committee delegates. Membership is wide open. We acknowledge this need, and actively do outreach for women and people of color on the committee. We are considering a focus committee solely devoted to 2012 goals.

Michael Rubin, Alameda County: Cindy Sheehan, though registered currently as Peace/Freedom, could be approached for a presidential run. What is the status of DAC apportionment? A revived Black Caucus is hopeful and likely. Obamamania is fading.

Craig Thorsen – Nominations are under purview of national committee and not the DAC

Michael Borenstein, Eldorado County: How can states help support the locals? How do we develop the grassroots element of presidential campaigns?

Michael Feinstein: A “cookbook” manual exists, as well as individualized support services. Regarding apportionment, the balance between keeping GPUS small, and having proper representation is tricky. We are considering a 21% cap.

Craig Thorsen: The local-support handbook is actually a kit, which is being assembled. The current GPUS apportionment is as good as anything we have currently proposed.

Michael Feinstein: Fundraising is a consideration. Canadian Greens use a phone bank which shares the proceeds between the national and provincial groups. The script was written by Jim Harris and he stood by to talk with interested people on request. Calls can be forwarded to candidates in real-time, based on this model. Phone banking can be used to reinforce mailings and emails. Perhaps we should consider a national approach too, a coordinated effort.

Pat LaMarche: former Vice President candidate – you don't have to be a GPUS delegate to be on the Presidential search committee. The dialogue regarding presidential candidates is important enough to get wide participation.

Craig T: GPUS could have a virtual office, as a brick/mortar office in DC isn't really necessary. A virtual office for 3 years might enable us to have a physical one eventually.

Michael Feinstein: The Cindy Sheehan possibility – for us to outreach to people like her, we need to make sure that the committee prioritizes approaching candidates outside the traditional Green Party structure proper. Having open strategy sessions at this meeting was more dynamic than in the past. We are doing many things in GPUS that are new.

Conclusion – Sanda E: Please consider being involved with the GPUS, though not at the expense of participation in your State or Local groups and committees!

10:35 Breakout Sessions:

Campaigns and Candidates, Platform, Finance, poss. Black/People of Color Caucus (SKCM Curry).

Saturday Afternoon Session

1:15 Use Green Focus as an outreach tool by tucking a voter registration form in each. They cost \$35 for 100. And tell one person you know to register Green!

Candidates Forum

Kit Crittenden, Candidate for State Treasurer – Professor of Philosophy at Cal State Northridge. Corporations are spared from paying many taxes, including oil extraction. A State Bank would be useful. “What is the role of the Green Party in American Politics?” Our refusal of corporate contributions gives us freedom. The Dems and Republicans have accepted a limited matrix in which to function. The both support wars abroad, US imperialism and expansionism, military presences and domination; bailouts of banks but not of people.

Lisa Green, State Assembly #53 – We are positioning the Green Party to be a key player in US and in the world. This race had 6 primaries, winnowing down. I expect to be supported by those who lost their non-machine candidates to this process. I am preparing to be elected November 2! Homeless by choice, I believe no one is homeless on Planet Earth, only houseless. Social justice is my priority.

Jack Lindblad, State Assembly #39 – As candidates, Lisa and I both share the priority of “trying to save the world.” Society doesn't know how close we are to the environmental “cliff” – 4 times the carrying ability of the planet! Our lifestyles and agricultural practices are not sustainable. The oil addicted society has to stop, and that's why I'm going to Sacramento. There is no Republican running in this race - my unique incumbent opponent works harder than most... to let lobbyists write legislation. We in the Green Party accept no lobbyist's money at all – and that's what makes us distinctive.

Linda Piera-Avila, State Assembly #41 – I have been a Green for 20 years, registered at a pow-wow in 1990. Most recently, I have been involved with the South-Central Farm. It is incumbent upon us to support local food solutions – community based agriculture. Environmental stewardship is valued just as highly as economic indicators. Balance the budget, increase needed public services by taxing petroleum production, fair taxes on corporations and marijuana production via Proposition 19. Ecological wisdom and nonviolence are related: De-fund US wars and redirect money for alternative energy production. Bring information to attention about human trafficking. “Revolution of Solutions”

Jane Rands, State Assembly #72 – I can't wait to serve in the Assembly with Linda and Lisa! The things we're advocating are nothing new. Campaign Finance Reform is already a reality for us – we have values! Single Payer Healthcare is still on the table – when Laura Wells is in office, it will pass. Supports water policies that are locally based. Regions should live within their water means. Marriage Equality has been a priority for us all along. Renewable Energy is finally catching on.

Duane Roberts, US Senate – BA degree in criminology from UC Irvine; Published a newspaper called the Orange Voice; have been active on social justice issues throughout my life. Repeal all federal laws prohibiting marijuana. Put the private health insurance industry out of business. Health care is a human right! Immediately withdraw all US troops from Iraq and Afghanistan. Take the war money and put it into free education through University. Oppose nuclear power, in favor of clean and renewable energy. Same-sex marriage, Pro-Immigrant rights.

Laura Wells, California Governor – An upcoming debate in San Rafael is called “The Green Debate.” But they left out one important thing – the Green candidate! Supports a State Bank, property tax reform in the legislature. I am going to run until WE win! Another Green Party is happening... We already run clean campaigns, we already have the values and know how all of the solutions work together!

Announcement:

Sandy Stiassni, Orange County – On behalf of the host committee – Who would be crazy enough to be a Green Party candidate? Hard-working people with values! Presents Laura Wells with the first Green Party Geek award. Presents Pat LaMarche with a copy of North Star – Peter Camejo's autobiography.

1:30 Discussion – How can we help our candidates?

Michael McCue, Los Angeles: Each local group and county council should have a voter outreach program in action 52 weeks a year. The information/literature draws comments. I bring stamps with me to get new Greens to mail their registration immediately. In LA county we are less than 1% registered Greens. Getting out there and registering and communicating. The neighborhood council system of LA is the perfect grassroots unit – get Greens on each of them. These are elected official posts!

Michael Borenstein, Eldorado: Ben is running in our district, built his campaign from scratch. Refused state Green Party money. Prop 14 will move election cycles up by a year next session. Those who are running, perhaps consider keeping on running for this next race. Or help someone else in your district run for an office! Water boards – one Green on each board is a good way to go.

Michael Feinstein, Los Angeles: We strove to fill the slate with candidates for State Assembly. We practiced our stump speeches and even now we could polish our presentations. As a party, we need to pay attention to strategy, and conduct strategy sessions. Common graphics for our signage, etc. could be cost-sharing.

Kendra Gonzales, Ventura: Let's get used to being in front of cameras. Does each candidate have a downloadable pamphlet on their website? Put “Donate” buttons on your websites! Do you need help with websites or phone banking? What do YOU need assistance with?

SKCM Curry: What are candidates doing together to get into debates, get media attention, get momentum for next cycle?

Jack Lindblad: The media is helping me in this race.

Lisa Green: All our websites should be inter-linked, and linked to the State sites. Having the money contributions bumped up to right after the primary would be useful – before the primary I was invited to many debates, but in the final race, early money would be best. I am evaluating other promising Greens as future candidates. Let's build a women's caucus again.

Michael Rubin, Alameda: More synergy between our candidates. Brainstorming early on for ways to magnify our efforts without increasing the work. Expand the Party by bringing it into areas in which there is no Green Party organization.

Jack L.: I've had a website that highlights issues

Lisa Taylor: I was Linda's campaign manager since 2008. State Assembly is actually an easier race than when she ran for City Council. We know the guy who was president of League of Women Voters, about when the debate was coming up. They said there would be no debate because with no Democrat running. “Empty chair debate.”

Michael Feinstein: We'd like to get Laura into the Gubernatorial debate this session. If Laura or someone else pens a solid op-ed about debate exclusion, it would be sure to run in the smaller papers, and build consciousness. We still don't have a single database for the state voters. Marnie Glickman had sent an email letter that can be re-sent through a special server to local papers and/or legislators.

Deacon Alexander: We need to have a protest on October 12, San Rafael should be censured for exclusion. There's no way we should let this opportunity pass us by. That's what builds the Green Party! On Monday, Pat LaMarche is going to meet us at Skid Row to play chess with members of the homeless community.

Kendra Gonzales: I'm hearing 3 ideas that are action plans. (Can we get the video linked to every candidate's website ASAP? Video is paramount in organizing.) Facebook and social networks, Letters to the editor, Showing up in San Rafael. Tabling and registering new voters.

Matt Leslie: Showing up when you haven't been invited someplace. Jane Rands originally ran when the previous state assemblyman resigned in a small scandal and a special election had to be held. A private Republican group had an event and we showed up anyway. Jane ended up on KCAL News because they shoved their way in and got interviewed by the cameraperson.

Duane Roberts: Maximize the use of the internet. We don't have to rely on the mainstream media. If you access your friends and acquaintances and ask them to pass it on, you can contact hundreds of thousands of people. KPCC, a public radio station, is having a debate between Boxer and Fiorina but have not included him. Anyone who wants to help me convince them to open their debate.

Laura Wells: Candidates can benefit from Toastmasters involvement. Good practice for giving your speeches and present your Green Party values. I love the idea of gatherings. We should have one every year for skill-sharing. It's a fun time, too. My daughter, a graduate from film school and are putting together a "Pre-Emptive Debate" video, in which they will use clips of my opponents on certain issues, along with me speaking.

Richard Gomez, Fresno: Buttons! Also, there's another debate at 11am on Oct. 2 (Gandhi's b-day) in Fresno. It's a *private* one, only for "Friends" of the University. (A public university?!) I know one of the emeritus' there, so I'll have some fun before they drag me out! The setting is the 20th anniversary of our peace garden, also ironic. Laura will be calling in KFCF for an on-air interview on Oct. 6.

Sanda Everett: Green Change.org is an amazing website started by Marnie Glickman, her husband and others. It's a social networking site that is about Green values though doesn't affiliate directly as a part of the Green Party. I'm creating a website with news and videos connected to Laura Wells. A little bit of Laura's daughter's film has shown up online already. Rumor has it that it's posted on Sarah Palin's website?

Barry Hermanson: When people say there's not enough money to fund the things that people need, I show them my postcard of US Budget Priorities. They are addressed to President and Legislators. Candidates should carry a supply of these!

3: 15pm – Proposal: Ballot Initiatives

[See Appendix on page 14 for polling details]

First time in couple of years, 20 counties reported with their recommendations. Phone outreach made a big difference, though it was a pain!

Richard Gomez – He, Kendra Gonzales, Bert Heuer worked hard to persistently contact the counties. 80% threshold for yes or no

Proposition 19 - 94% yes
21 yes 23 no
24 yes
25 yes 26 no

All others were not definitive

Prop 18 has been pushed back to 2012

Between Wednesday night and Friday night, the results were able to be printed in the Green Focus

3:20 Announcement

Sandy Stiassni

Tonight's Gathering

Pat LaMarche: The Green Party, Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow

Previewing a documentary on homelessness

Boogie later

3:22 Proposal -Platform Items, Revisions

Shane Que Hee

Human Rights/Civil Liberties planks (p.11 of Agenda Packet)

Refers to the HealthCare plank, corrects a typo.

Informed Consent replacement

Concerns:

Michael McCue: I couldn't access the website to print a packet.

Sanda Everette: We didn't get to study and present this in my local, so I don't feel confident with voting on their behalf.

Peggy Koteen: We have discussed these items in good detail in the previous plenary, it doesn't require much study to vote on.

Mike Feinstein: I will have to abstain, as I didn't get a chance to do the due research either.

Sanda Everette: Having read the first two items, I will be able to vote yes on them. We don't always have time at our county council meetings to discuss platform.

Mike Feinstein I don't feel we should handle platform planks at every plenary. It would be more strategic to handle groups of planks in 2 year cycles.

Michael Borenstein: We decided about 6 years ago that if we handled 3 planks every plenary, we could gradually get the work done.

Affirmations: Craig Thorson, Jan Arnold, Dorothy Kemeny.

Approved by Consensus

3:40 Proposal – Platform Items, Revisions

Shane Que Hee

Elections and Budget plank

Concerns:

Richard? Refer to Fair Elections instead of Clean Elections

Sanda Everette: Avoid date-specific references to propositions, as they come and go.

Michael Rubin: Define what the threshold of support, Avoid reference to Proposition 11, which is in my opinion a step away from accountability.

Dorothy Kemeny: a concern that was addressed elsewhere

Greg Jan: Opposing Prop 14 needs more articulation

Laura Wells: Third/minor parties – call us Independent Parties and define it as non-corporate funded

Peggy Koteen: Some sort of criteria should be used to specify eligibility for public funding. We might research some sort of Clean Money definition/threshold.

Sanda Everette: Arizona's situation: Republicans are recruiting people to run as Greens, under a law that allows someone to run with only one signature. Specify "showing support according to Party's Internal Process"

Jim Stauffer: I specified threshold language. In state language, there is a lengthy language about threshold.

Greg Jan: How about terminology specifying "roughly equivalent" standards with those in other "clean money" states?

Shane Que Hee: How about referring to Fair/Clean Money Elections with non-corporate funded in parenthesis?

Michael R: We might wind up discriminating against ourselves.

Approved by Consensus, as Amended

4:06 Proposal – Platform Items, Revisions

Shane Que Hee

Tax plank

Concerns:

Jan Arnold: I don't understand it, especially in certain parts. I'm concerned that this will be hard to read for most people. This plank is twice as long as the Health Care Plank, though it's not really as wide-ranging as health care.

Sanda Everette: I feel the same though I have trouble identifying every part. The landlord/tenant section is inaccurate, to my experience.

Jack Lindblad: I'm not sure that tax policy is as important as other parts of our agenda for sustainability. I favor a steady-state economic model.

Barry Hermanson: I feel this entire plank should be discarded and made much more brief. We should say that we're willing to pay our fair share, in a significantly progressive tax structure. And so should the corporations.

Mike Feinstein We have tried to set up a tax platform plank for some time. It's possible that we might need to section out individual tax items into their appropriate areas.

Michael Borenstein: This may be too detailed for a document, so I'm sorry to those who have put significant work into this, but it's more useful if it simply shows the public our basic orientation.

A: Shane Que Hee: I withdraw this plank for the moment and welcome any specific comments, especially as I received none before and during the General Assembly up until this session. We had no time to discuss this plank in the Platform Committee session too. Every delegate or County should be responsible enough to provide specific comments if he/she or County Council disagree with platform content.

Mike Feinstein Can we create a blog format where we can comment online instead of dealing with text files?

Shane Que Hee: We will start a Wiki and will send out the address on the County Contacts list.

Proposal withdrawn.

4:22 Presentation

Paul Gipe: Renewable Energy Tariffs www.wind-works.org

Tulare County and Green Issues Working Group present Paul Gipe, a registered Green from Bakersfield. Begins a 2-week tour of US and Canada.

Worldwide, wind energy has been growing exponentially: Germany a big leader at 3800 Megawatts per year. USA installs appx 400 Megawatts per year, half of this in California. We need a massive reconstruction of our infrastructure.

Small-scale electricity generation by individuals and organizations. Renewable Energy Tariffs ensure equal, wide distributorship of energy availability. Feed-in Tariffs are the policy that has fueled 50% of the world's wind energy development. Solar photovoltaic panels are mostly on the roofs of residence, commercial and rental properties.

Feed-in Tariffs are a market mechanism to incentivize aggressive targets. In Germany, renewable energy targets are being exceeded. A new cash crop for individuals, farmers and co-ops.

In places as far-flung as China, Mongolia and Slovenia. “Stromrebelln” or Electricity Rebels are local investors who democratize the generation of energy, giving opportunity and hope. A village struggled to take over the electric lines in their area, when the big utility wanted to build nuclear plants. Joblessness was addressed in France through building locally –owned wind farms.

Solar farms owned, designed and built locally. Advanced Renewable (Feed-in) Tariffs pay in a differentiated way. Farms, homes and businesses are becoming entrepreneurs. Ontario, Canada is closing their coal plants by 2014 and has already closed some, delaying the building of a planned nuclear plant. Requires changes in industrial and energy policy to give renewables the priority. Encourages participation by Native/Indigenous communities. Costs are borne by consumers, not taxpayers. Implementation has to be open for all, to all.

Greens involved in Renewable Energy development: Hans-Josef Fell, the co-author of Germany’s law, who actively calls for 100% renewables for Germany. Christine Milne, in Tasmania. In Germany, the policy was implemented almost overnight when a Conservative did an end-run with the idea proposed by his Green colleague. Very important that we support ONLY robust proposals for alternative energy generation.

Moving from a Culture of Consumption to a Culture of Conservation, going from consumers to producers. Renewables as “Technology for Life.”

Questions/Comments:

Michael McCue: I took some heat in opposing proposition B, a bill that was supposedly a Green Jobs bill, because it used all PG&E infrastructure building. Even Ed Begley disagreed with me!

Paul: You were correct. And Ed isn’t right about everything!

Kendra Gonzales: Wave or current energy – what are you seeing happening on that front?

Paul: In Ireland and Britain, they had some programs for that, but not much activity. I feel it is a long shot at this point.

Kendra Gonzales: Is there a figure in your mind of a California target?

Paul: 50% by 2025 is a good target.

Michael Rubin: The term Tariff usually refers to trade. Can you clarify? I am also concerned about affordability. Our society is so class-ridden and incomes vary so much, will people’s ability to pay keep this in the hands of the few?

Paul: This system is much more egalitarian than our current system. They are also the least expensive ways to secure new energy development. Also allow for stable pricing, as prices are fixed for a 20 year period. This is not a subsidy. Tariff is a term used in the electric utility industry.

Peggy Koteen: There are some objections to solar and wind farms on aesthetic grounds.

Paul: You can learn more on my website. I have my recommendations on how to make these farms aesthetically pleasing. Citizens who own their own facilities find a way to make them more acceptable, too.

Greg Jan: Ratepayers, not taxpayers pay the costs. What changes would we see in our utility bills?

Paul: In Germany there was a 5% rate increase. Now there is more cost but that’s because it is highly taxed. We fall into the trap of believing it has to be more expensive. But in France, ratepayers *saved* money because the price of natural gas became very high.

Douglas Barnett: Two of my great grandfathers started a renewable power company in Merced, in 1920’s.

Paul: Multi-dwelling owners/renters would be some of the biggest beneficiaries of this program

Craig Thorsen: We want to put 4 turbines on our farm in Minnesota. Law there requires the utility companies to buy our electricity, but we are still only seeing 25 – 30 year payoff for this program. Rare earth elements, imported from China, may be the reason. What about “turbine fatigue?” Does it really exist?

Paul: Minnesota has 7% of its energy comes from wind turbines, much of it owned by farmers. Big windmills don’t use rare earth minerals. Little ones do.

Jack Lindblad: Europe has a frugality that we don't.

Paul: Californians take pride in being energy-conscious but we still consume a great deal. A European home consumes a fraction of what Californians do, about 3000KWH per year.

Bruce Campbell: Biofuels, as not only ethanol from GMO crops. What sources of bio-gas do you have in mind? What information do you have about China's implementation?

Paul: Farm waste, municipal waste, sewage gases can benefit from feed-in tariffs. An anaerobic process of making fuel from methane for electricity/natural gas production.

Mike Feinstein I was the Green Mayor when Santa Monica decided to run all our city facilities from renewable sources. As a side note: Proportional representation would enable Green participation in government even without a parliament system.

Paul: Renewable portfolio systems allow for the concentration of "power" in corporate hands.

Alan White: Is there enough privately owned land to make this viable?

Paul: Yes, residential rooftops are one example of an easy way to do this. Existing environmental laws will still apply.

Maxine Daniel: How would you distribute the power using PG&E infrastructure?

Paul: Create a Green Field site then bring the wire to it. There is a "Right to Connect."

Michael B: Using our imagination, this could be a fundraiser for the Green Party.

5:33 pm Saturday Session Concludes

Sunday Session

Confirm Facilitators:

Adrienne Prince and (new) Marilee Davies

Notetaker: Kendra Gonzales

Time Keeper:

Vibes:

Adrienne Prince proposed we eliminate the morning break-out session – Approved by consensus.

County Polling

Request from floor to give more detail on County Polling results than done yesterday.

Richard Gomez presented the percentage results of Green Party county.

See Appendix on page 14 for polling details.

In the Appendix table, approval for taking a position of Y (yes), N (no), or NP (no position) on each proposition requires an 80% vote by these formulas:

$$\frac{Y}{Y+N+NP}$$

$$\frac{N}{Y+N+NP}$$

$$\frac{NP}{Y+N+NP}$$

Strategy – 2011 & Beyond

Mike Rubin, Alameda County: concerned that Strategy Session should include Prop 14.

Jim Stauffer, Santa Clara: concern that we cannot have meaningful strategy session in 60 mins, we need to decide what it should be composed of but not from top-down, wants from counties up. Many locals are looking weak, we don't have a party if we don't have strong locals. Our committees are moribund because we don't have locals coming in. Wants to create strategy to create strategic plan.

Adrienne as Facilitator: Hopes & dreams for strategy along with fears for 15 mins.

Mike F: Public Citizen has offered to do the independent party lawsuit on behalf of the 4 independent parties – 2012 candidate – congressional. Federal law is what would be violated by Prop 14. Who is our most attractive potential candidate to do this?

State Party could pre-sell some T-shirts / sweatshirts

Bea Tiritilli, Orange: We should develop a financial plan, wants to offer fundraising efforts.

Dave Keulen, Orange: concerned with declining membership. We need to address infrastructure. Voter lists for each county. Check with GPUS on what they have, we share between local, state, and National.

Craig Thorsen: LA County: Clear plans on state and county levels. Mission Statements. Keep on focus – The National doesn't have a strategic plan. Nothing is prioritized. We need a 1 year, 3 year and 4 year plan.

Laura Wells, Alameda: need to review our state meetings, finding a balance in meetings between administrative / infrastructure and activism / movement

Michael Borenstein, El Dorado: has fear that ideas are great, but getting things done is different, and plans may not ever actualize. Wants to see strategy up to elections and then up to 2012, and even a 5 or 10 year strategy. Represents 32 counties – is tremendous time to do this, careful notes and come back to make sure these things are happening. Gathering in January has to include real strategy, real action plans. Fear is we all go home without follow-through.

Peggy Koteen: SLO: Agrees with fear about actually doing things instead of just talking about.

Statewide list – why isn't that automatic? It's reasonable to get the county list. Just do it! Send it to the IT experts.

Sandy Stiassni, Orange: The action is not within the state party, its within each council. Low numbers and low activity not really the case.

Barry Hermanson, San Francisco: Double membership within next 2 years. People are really fed-up with Repubs & Dems. He is trying to begin building by contacting locals, hired someone part-time 10 hours a week to make outreach. She is paying for herself to do the job. Uses canvas bag as a tool to get donations. Are getting responses. We have to contact our members.

Kendra Gonzales: commitment

Lisa Green, Los Angeles: Walked around, did door to door. Do something, get out on the streets, wear a shirt, plaster your vehicle, farmers markets, mobile “tabling”, as long as you are moving its not impeding traffic and legal. We do need to work on Prop 14. Would run for Congress.

Dawn ???? Riverside: Calling meetings, wants to register at mall, used to be really good at it. Needs help with details.

Jim Stauffer: We can collect things that work in various counties, but all counties are different and not everything works across the board. We have different needs in different locals. Wants to form a structure, not just a quick list

Eugene Hernandez, LA: Wants accountability. Deliver a list of # of registered voters from each county, and from each candidate between Plenary. This is an indication of how strong we are, especially in light of Prop 14. Going to Jr. College – political science, asking for professors for 5 or 10 minutes. He got the political science dept to change their policy – because so many people. Goes to an open mike at a Sylmar coffee shop – makes an announcement on what party is doing. Also lobby their congressmen. Will also be organizing a counter-militarism

Michael Borenstein, El Dorado: Regardless of what one thinks of this strategy. We should have 58 county parties, have 32 now. Start Green Clubs. We do need a more concise strategy

Craig Thorsen: 11 counties have increased registered since March 2010. LA 1st, Orange, Ventura.

14 minutes to break-out in “affinity groups” to set 3 goals for next month and ½.

Greg Jan, Alameda: 80 members in State Assembly, get a majority of 41% Greens. Run for 2/3rds of Assembly seats in Bay area.

Richard Gomez, Fresno: Gathering after election, have a place. To do 1 thing at a time.

Michael Feinstein: Should do bi-lingual like Brazil. Is an issue with the “leafy G” translating. Use sunflower? Who makes the decision?

Lisa Green, LA: Worked on a shared database, email blast on exclusion of the debates on behalf of the debates. Fundraising, joint-messages, leveraging county council, working with locals. Potlucks, events, gatherings.

Kendra Gonzales, Ventura:

Michael Borenstein: Get any type of meeting together in some of the locals. If we want to take over the State Assembly, we have to build our locals. State Party Clearinghouse should design some shirts, hats. Need help with billing and collecting funds for Clearinghouse. We need to pay back materials from the State. There are ways to get voter reg database. Old databases are valuable. Need more Greens to join working groups.

Eugene Hernandez, LA: We should do letters to the editor. Need to barrage the newspapers.

As to why Laura / Green Party is not being included in the debates. Do similar to what Marnie with Green Change.

Laura Wells: The Green debate in San Raphael, Tuesday Oct 12, and Dave Keulen. There will be a lottery for an audience. We could go in “undercover” and create a sea of Green T-shirts outside – create very visible for TV. Helps to kick-start and energize us.

Dave Keulen: Get list for voter registration. Update mailing lists. Develop schedules of tabling in advance. Training on how to talk to public, tech training, use of a paid phone outreach. Combine events with other counties. Bi-lingual es muy importante.

Pat LaMarche: Need to push back on the Times. As being honored by “homeless” candidates. Got 10 volunteers to give a week of every night. Went through Voter lists, asked them if they would ever run for office. Got lots of candidates in Maine this way. We need to be open to “real” republicans who need to ...

Craig Thorsen: Need volunteers to media watch.

Kendra Gonzales: State Working Groups and locals, need to get together more, we need locals to join our work.

Michael Feinstein: We need to have more aggressive spokespeople.

Michael Borenstein: We do have active working groups. GROW for example tried the project of phone calls.

Eugene Hernandez, LA: We need to be careful about running candidates. There are skills involved that we have to be selective on. We need to “comment” on issues such as the Arizona immigration.

Lisa Green, LA: We need to share the information on local issues. We should create synergy.

Adrienne Prince: Need more specific smaller action plans – commit

Craig Thorsen: Have made very little commitment to GPCA in last 4 years. Is doing national work. Will commit to 10 hours a week for week making phone calls. Get phone #s from County Chairs / CC - willing to ask for donations.

Michael Borenstein: Help our own local and Sacramento to get re-vitalized. Richard to help with other counties Use election as a catalyst.

Schedule Next Meeting

Winter gathering proposed in LATE January - no opposition.

Jan 2nd – Laura Wells BDAY in Oakland – Green Party Event too

Jan 8th / 9th Jan 16 – MLK Jan 22 & 23rd:

Early Feb?

Stack forms:

Michael Borenstein: venues are more expensive, and it really is up to the county that is affordable.

Michael Feinstein: It wont be a largely attended if “internal” so. If Monday is “off” then it does afford another travel day. We could have 2 full days.

Craig Thorsen: Jan is a dead month – good time, don’t go into

Lisa Green: Could bring MLK event into our event,

Richard Gomez: People are already going to be busy on MLK

Bottom-line we need to check with County

Plenary in May / September – Ventura County commits

Jim Stauffer: We need to elect new party officers – Treasurer, Liaison to Secretary of State in 2011.

Mike Seulenas from Orange: Concerned that if only “insiders” going to a meeting....not representative of everyone.

Kendra Gonzales: Invitation is always there, State organizers

Jim Stauffer: attendance is highly dependent on location, need something mid-state and close to Freeway. Fresno might be best for January.

Plenary – Spring - April or May for Budget purposes.

Fall Plenary

2nd Break-out Session

CCWG; Green Issues; People of Color Caucus – Eugene Hernandez is Chair

End Break-out at 1:15.

CCWG: Report on what CCWG will be working on.

Closing ceremony

Appendix

County Polling – Nov. 2010 Ballot Propositions

	PROP 18 Drinking Water Supply Act	PROP 19 Legalize Marijuana				PROP 20 Redistricting				PROP 21 Vehicle Surcharge				PROP 22 State Funding			
		Y	N	NP	AB	Y	N	NP	AB	Y	N	NP	AB	Y	N	NP	AB
ALAMEDA		9				9				9				9			
BUTTE																	
CALAVERAS																	
C. COSTA					3				3				3				3
EL DORADO	R	1				1				1							1
FRESNO	E	2				2					2						2
HUMBOLDT	M	3				3				3							3
KERN	O																
LAKE	V	1					1				1						1
LOS ANGELES	E	20				20				20				18			2
MARIN	D																
MENDOCINO																	
MONTEREY																	
NAPA		1				1						1					1
NEVADA																	
ORANGE		7				5		1	1	6.5	0.5			2		5	
PLACER					1				1				1				1
RIVERSIDE																	
SACRAMENTO		4						4		4				4			
SAN DIEGO		7				1		6		7					2.5	4.5	
SAN FRAN		8				8				8				8			
S. L. OBISPO																	
SAN MATEO		2				2				2						2	
S. BARBARA																	
SANTA CLARA		4				4				4				4			
SANTA CRUZ																	
SHASTA					1				1				1				1
SOLANO																	
SONOMA		4					2	2		4						4	
TULARE		1				1				0.5	0.5			1			
VENTURA		2				2				2				2			
YOLO																	
TOTALS		76			5	50	12	13	6	71	4	1	5	43	27	6.5	5
PERCENT		100%	0%	0%	X	67%	16%	17%	X	93%	5%	1%	X	57%	35%	9%	X

	PROP 23 Suspends Pollution Laws				PROP 24 Repeals Losses, Share Tax				PROP 25 Budget from 2/3 to 1/2				PROP 26 Leg. Vote to 2/3				PROP 27 Eliminates Redistricting Comm.			
	Y	N	NP	AB	Y	N	NP	AB	Y	N	NP	AB	Y	N	NP	AB	Y	N	NP	AB
ALAMEDA		9			9				9					9					9	
BUTTE																				
CALAVERAS																				
CONTRA COSTA				3				3				3				3				3
EL DORADO		1			1				1					1					1	
FRESNO		2			2				2					2					2	
HUMBOLDT		3				3			3					3					3	
KERN																				
LAKE		1				1				1				1					1	
LOS ANGELES		20			20				20					20					20	
MARIN																				
MENDOCINO																				
MONTEREY																				
NAPA		1			1				1					1					1	
NEVADA																				
ORANGE		7			3.5			3.5	5		1	1		6		1		5.5		1.5
PLACER				1				1				1				1				1
RIVERSIDE																				
SACRAMENTO		4			4				4					4					4	
SAN DIEGO		7			7				7					7					7	
SAN FRANCISCO		8			8				8					8					8	
SAN LUIS OBISPO																				
SAN MATEO		2			2					2				2					2	
SANTA BARBARA																				
SANTA CLARA		4			4				3	1				1	3				4	
SANTA CRUZ																				
SHASTA				1				1				1				1				1
SOLANO																				
SONOMA		4			4				3	1				4					4	
TULARE		1			1				1					1					1	
VENTURA		2			2				2					2					2	
YOLO																				
TOTALS	0	76	0	5	68.5	4		8.5	69	3	3	6	1	74	0	6	5.5	56	13	6.5
PERCENTAGE	0%	100%	0%	X	94%	6%	0%	X	92%	4%	4%	X	1%	99%	0%	X	7%	75%	17%	X

Y = yes N = no

NP = no position AB = abstain