

DEMCCO General Meeting

October 28, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Bill Fowler and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved/seconded (Spencer/Slater) to approve the Agenda with an amendment. The motion passed.

Election of Representatives to the District 18 Pre-Endorsement Conference (Bill Fowler)

Candidates for delegate were given 30 seconds to speak on their own behalf.

Voting instructions:

- members will vote for 6 women and 6 men; the next highest vote-getter will be the 13th delegate and the next 2 highest vote-getters will be designated as alternates
- all candidates were vetted through a long, laborious process as we wanted to be fair and transparent
- the ballot box will close at 11:00 a.m. as we are committed to announcing the results by the end of the meeting

Overview of CCA/CCE and What is Happening in Oceanside, Carlsbad, Del Mar and Encinitas (Jim Wang, Vice Chair of the Encinitas Environmental Commission)

Community Choice Energy (CCE) is an alternative to and in competition with SDG&E. CCE buys and builds clean energy. SDG&E continues to deliver the energy to homes and businesses and manages the grid. CCE allows communities to choose lower cost, clean energy such as from wind. Additionally, CCE profits stay in the community while SDG&E profits benefit their leaders and shareholders.

Encinitas, Del Mar and Carlsbad City Councils have approved participating in a feasibility study for CCE. A decision in Oceanside is pending. A request for Proposal for the CCE Technical Study was issued in September. Once the study is done, cities will need to participate in forming a joint powers authority which will administer the CCE. The joint powers authority has the needed information to locate and hire the employees, etc. needed to start and maintain the CCE.

There is opposition to CCE from Sempra Energy. They know how to fight but, like Measure A in Carlsbad, a strong grassroots effort can overcome large companies with money. What can we do? Learn about CCE. Talk to your city council members and don't give up. Remember, you are speaking for 1,000 people. Tell them that CCE profits stay in the community, there is no endangering of city finances and all CCEs have been financially successful.

Nominating Committee Report (Andrea Sanders France)

The following DEMCCO positions will be up for election early next year: 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Fundraising Chair, Communications Chair. Each officer and chair serves a 2-year term. Additionally, 3 members-at-large of the Nominating Committee will be elected for 1-year terms. If interested in running for any of these positions, email Andrea at France72409@yahoo.com to tell her what position you would like to seek and include some information about yourself. The Treasurer position is NOT up for election.

Signature Gathering for the SOAR Petition in Oceanside

It was moved and seconded (Krahel/Spencer) to allow signature gathering at DEMCCO outreach events for a petition to have a vote on SOAR in Oceanside on the June 2018 ballot. The motion passed.

Announcements:

- Donna Rencsak is writing a bill to allow military men to have their sperm saved prior to their deployment.
- Dave Myers is running for San Diego County Sheriff—it’s been a long time since a Democrat ran for this office.
- Marggie Costellano is passionate about social justice and is running for State Senate from District 36 against Pat Bates.
- Matt Brower is challenging Gary Creep for Superior Court Judge. He is currently an assistant District Attorney and a lifelong Democrat.
- Michelle Cassel Gomez is running for Assembly Member from the 76th Assembly District. She is a paralegal and serves as a commissioner on the Commission for Women and Girls where she fights against sex-trafficking. She is a progressive and accepts only corporate-free donations.
- Elizabeth Warren is running for Assembly Member from the 76th Assembly District. She said that we need to talk about what is important in our community. She has been a progressive organizer for more than a decade and is a unifying force.
- Tasha Boerner-Horvath (spoken by Cori Schumacher) is running for Assembly Member from the 76th Assembly District. She has taken a leadership role in AB 805 and CCE.

Announcement of delegate winners:

Carol Law	Donna Rencsak	Kyle Krahel	Bill Fisher
Sheila Kadah	Nadine Scott	Bob Spencer	Victor Roy
Lisa McKethan	Shirley Anderson	Luke Tesluk	Kenneth Dalpe
			Vince Loughney

Alternates: Destiny Savage
 Larry Kornit

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until January 27, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Slater, Secretary