

GREEN PARTY OF CALIFORNIA
November 2017 General Assembly, Ventura, California
November 11-12, 2017

MEETING MINUTES – [Approved by SGA vote March 2019, ID#179](#)

Location: Bell Arts Factory, 432 N Ventura Ave, Ventura, CA.

Saturday, November 11th

8:00 am - **Breakfast, registration**

9:00 am - **Opening**

9:04 am - **Welcome from Ventura County Green Party**, new delegate orientation, quorum count
We have delegates from EVERY REGION. (Attendees listed in Appendix A.)
51 out of 53 delegates — who have registered and are in attendance — are present.
QUORUM is reached as of 9:10 am.

Facilitators: June Brashares, Greg Jan

9:11 am - **Announcement of Standing Committee vacancies.**

Bylaws - there is one opening on the Bylaws Committee

Clearinghouse - there are three openings on the Clearinghouse Committee

Finance - there is 1 opening on the Finance Committee

IT - there are 2 openings on the IT Committee

Media - there are 2 openings on the Media Committee

Platform - there are 4 openings on the Platform Committee

9:20 am - **Agenda approval**

- One Item (the fiscal report) was inserted onto the Sunday morning agenda after 9:50, a Discussion/
Brainstorming on the Platform & strategic plan.

- Colt Gonzales is replacing Eric Brooks on the NationBuilder workshop at 1:10 pm on Saturday.

No outstanding questions or concerns.

Approved by consensus.

9:35 am - **Presentation: Armistice Day Presentation By Ventura County Veterans for Peace.**
(Coordinating Committee).

Steven Longfellow Fisk's song to star spangled banner music is a HUGE HIT!!!

Armistice Day is an appropriate name for the Holiday.

10:35 am - **Break**

10:40 am - **Decision: Resolution Endorsing SB 562 (The Healthy California Act) (CCWG).**

The Healthy California Act would create the Healthy California program to provide comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage and a health care cost control system for the benefit of all residents of the state. Details here:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB562

Proposal from CCWG: The GPCA unambiguously and enthusiastically supports and endorses SB 562 (The Healthy California Act). We encourage county parties and individual Greens to lobby members of the CA Legislature to support this legislation, and urge all GPCA candidates to campaign on this issue.

Concerns or Affirmations:

- Rachel Bruhnke from Los Angeles County - CONCERN - Requests a restatement and has concerns that this bill will not advance nonprofit health insurance or get rid of the insurance industry's spending, largely related to for-profit insurance.
- Michael Rubin from Alameda County - CONCERN - has been opposed to SB 562 because it has no funding mechanism, the assumption is that money will be coming from Washington and Michael does not think that is going to happen. He believes that the energy of the Party should be devoted to statewide initiatives that actually have a funding mechanism. Michael sees SB 562 as a fig leaf on which so-called "poverty Dems" will campaign.
- Nicole Raglin from Nevada County - AFFIRMATION - has SB 562 training; the Nurses Association hired an economist to write a report and Speaker Rendon stopped the bill just days before the report was released; 43 percent of adults with insurance can't afford their deductibles. And, of people who struggle with medical bills, 73 percent cut spending on household items, and 61 percent have used up all or most of their savings.
- Any concerns that will not stand aside? No. We do have consensus. **SB 562 is endorsed.**

11:00 am - **Discussion: Election 2018 (CCWG)**

Trying to find a diverse slate of candidates (race, gender, geography) for the statewide offices.

Statewide offices:

U.S. SENATOR (Dianne Feinstein) GOVERNOR
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE CONTROLLER
STATE TREASURER
ATTORNEY GENERAL
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Here is a helpful url for "Key Dates and Deadlines" associated with the Statewide Primary Election on June 5, 2018.

<http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/statewide-direct-primary-june-5-2018/key-dates-deadlines-june-5-2018/>

Here is a helpful url for "Candidate Resources"

<http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/>

Here are the number of petition signatures needed in lieu of filing fee:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB469

All statewide offices: 7,000, State Senate: 2,000, US House: 2,000, State Assembly: 1,000

Here is a list of all 2018 Green candidates we are currently tracking:

Governor - Josh Jones (Davis)

Secretary of State - Mike Feinstein (LA)

US Congress (by District)

1 (Redding/Chico), Lewis Elbinger

5 (Napa), Jason Kishineff

7 (Sacramento), Chris Richardson

12 (San Francisco), Barry Hermanson

29 (Los Angeles), Angelica Duenas

34 (Los Angeles), Kenneth Mejia

43 (Los Angeles), Miguel Zuniga

State Senate (by District) - 6 (Sacramento) Eric Frame

State Assembly (by District) - 42 (San Bernardino) Carol Bouldin

11:20 am - Discussion: Brainstorming session on 2017-2018 electoral strategy for updating of the 2017-2018 Two-Year Strategic Plan (CCWG)

Discussion included the following ideas:

- For our GA in November of 2018, Armistice Day 2018 will be right after 2018 election and advocacy against WAR should be a big focus.

- Candidates identifying as Green should be clear and unambiguous. Candidate signature page-era should be posted for all to see.

- The State Party should provide a list or email of important dates to be aware of, such as dates by which candidates must have signatures, etc., that are easy to find and improve internal Party communications

- We need to focus on the coming climate catastrophe after a decade of inaction and a century of disasters.

11:55 am - Announcements.

- Coordinating Committee Vacancies: Candidates - 1 Male Candidate, 1 Female Candidate

- Minutes from Kern County General Assembly

12:00 pm - Lunch, Women's Caucus meeting during lunch

1:00 pm - Reconvene

Facilitators: Erik Rydberg and Sadie Fulton

1:10 pm - Workshops focused on training and skill building sponsored by the Campaigns and Candidates Working Group (CCWG).

- Workshop I: FPPC filings - *Ruscal Cayangyang*
- Workshop II: Nationbuilder - *Colt Gonzales*
- Workshop III: Social Media - *Sadie Fulton and Nicole Raglin*

- Announced combo of Finance/FUNDRAISING BREAKOUT SESSIONS AT 3:30 pm

2:40 pm - **Discussion: Brainstorming session on party organizing and party building for updating of 2017-2018 Two-Year Strategic Plan (GROW)**

According to GPCA Bylaws Section 11.2

3:25 pm - **Announcement of Standing Committee vacancies**

3:30 pm **Breakout sessions for committees and working groups (CCWG, Platform, Fundraising, GROW)**

According to GPCA Bylaws Section 11.2

4:30 pm **Reconvene and quorum count**

59 people are registered as delegates and present from all the Regions. 57/59 Delegates are present. All Regions are represented.

4:35 - **Confirmation: Standing Committee and Working Group Co-ordinators (CCWG, Platform, Fundraising, GROW)**

Platform - Peggy Koteen was reappointed to Platform (Affirmations)

There were no CoCos appointed to these groups who might need GA affirmation.

4:50 pm - **Decision: Resolution regarding the Salton Sea (Coordinating Committee on behalf of Riverside County) (Appendix D)**

Text of Resolution

Salton Sea resolution

Whereas the 2003 Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA) allows water that would otherwise flow to the Salton Sea to be diverted elsewhere; and

Whereas the State of California has agreed to mitigate any damage caused by this water transfer as key stipulation of this agreement; and

Whereas the State of California has not fulfilled its agreement to mitigate said damage yet has allowed the water and financial transfers to go unimpeded; and

Whereas the state of California has only now stated a temporary stop gap plan (Ten Year Plan) that at best addresses half of projected exposed playa; and

Whereas Colorado River water, as part of QSA agreement has been flowing to the Salton Sea to mitigate damage from said water transfers; and said mitigation water is to be shut off on December 31, 2017, causing the Salton Sea to deteriorate at an accelerated rate; and

Whereas the nearby communities to the Salton Sea already have the highest asthma rates of the state as well as the lowest per capita income; and

Whereas the Salton Sea is the last available stopover for over 400 species of birds during annual migration; and

Whereas the 100 years of farm chemicals already drained into the Salton Sea can best be contained by keeping them under water; and

Whereas studies from acclaimed Pacific Institute have projected financial costs for allowing the Salton Sea to dry range from \$29-\$65 Billion.

Now therefore be it resolved that the California Green Party will fight for restoration of the Salton Sea. To that end we advocate for engineering studies with aim towards channeling in salt water from the Sea of Cortez, to commence at the earliest possible date. To that end we advocate using part of the 10 year plan's funding so that engineering can commence.

We advocate a long term plan that includes detoxification and desalination to restore a level of water purity and salinity that can sustain marine life.

The California Green party will support the passage of SB 5, water bond, which will be on the ballot in 2018. \$200 million of this bond money, if approved by voters, will go to fund Salton Sea dust control projects included in the state's 10 year plan.

The California Green Party advocates extending the delivery of mitigation waters for up to 5 years, to help recover lost time so that restoration efforts can catch up to the sea's drying.

Jewell Santana from Riverside County asks question about whether Imperial County Greens can help find farmers to take responsibility in cleaning a contaminated river.

We will continue with more discussion on this matter at 9:50 am on Sunday but we will check for consensus now on the proposal.

No outstanding concerns.

Approved by consensus.

5:15 - pm **Decision: Proposal: Approval Next General Assembly Meeting Date and Place (Coordinating Committee)**

- San Joaquin County proposing to host the General Assembly on about June 16 & 17, 2018 in Stockton or Tracy.

- There is a question about whether a Budget Meeting needs to occur before the General Assembly.

Check for any outstanding concerns -

- There is a request that we avoid a meeting on Father's Day.

- A friendly amendment is to have the General Assembly in San Joaquin County on about June 9 & 10 with the specific location to be announced.

- Lee McKusick from San Mateo County, has a concern about the school year interfering with these dates

- June 16th is more convenient for those for whom the summer vacation has not yet begun. He is willing to stand aside.

No outstanding concerns.

Approved by consensus.

5:25 pm - **Announcements**

Peggy GPUS Delegations dinner will be at Nature's Grill 566 E Main Street.

5:30 pm - Dinner on your own, GPUS Delegation meeting during dinner.

7:30 pm - Evening Program at Bell Arts Factory Sunday, November 12th

Sunday, November 12th

8:00 am - **Breakfast, registration**

9:00 am - **Morning welcome**

Facilitators: Nassim Nouri and David Cobb

David Curtis - Timekeeper Vibes Watcher - Susan Chunco

9:05 am - **Quorum count**

Number of Delegates registered and checking in on day two: 38

Present during quorum check: 37/38.

And, we have regional representation necessary for quorum.

9:10 am - **Decision: Proposed Platform Planks (Platform Committee)**

Proposal: Platform Plank: Workplace Safety and Health

Platform Committee's proposed changes are in Appendix B, below.

In the Proposal, in the part after paragraph 5 that provides anonymous means for undocumented workers to report safety & health issues, a definition has been added Psychosocial (workplace mental stress).

No questions or concerns.

Approved by Consensus.

Proposal: Platform Plank: Wildlife.

The Platform Committee's Proposal is at Appendix C.

Questions? Any concerns?

- Steve Breedlove, from Butte County - the proposal seems incomplete but he is willing to stand aside.

- Gloria Purcell (San Mateo) and Peggy Koteen (San Luis Obispo) agree with Steve's concerns.

No other concerns.

Approved by Consensus.

9:15 am - **Decision: Resolution regarding the Salton Sea (Coordinating Committee on behalf of Riverside County)**

Text of resolution.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY PROPOSAL: Statement about the Salton Sea.

Discussion.

- Two major concerns emerge, the bond and the pipeline.

- The bond is taken out of the proposal by the proposer.

- The Pipeline issue is a bigger concern. June Brashares, Sonoma County, has a blocking concern.
- An amendment is offered regarding language relating to exploration of option of channeling salt water from the sea of Cortez instead.

Are there any Outstanding Concerns?

- Fernando Serrano from Tulare County - there needs to be an EIS on the Mexican side of border
- Another amendment is offered, to say we are interested the Sea of Cortez option, including the performance of an EIS on both sides of the border.

The proposed amendment is accepted and the proposal is reread in full as amended.

There are no outstanding concerns.

Approved by consensus. (See Appendix D).

9:50 am - **FISCAL REPORT AND BUDGET**

Ruscal Cayangyang presents his Fiscal Report.

Questions:

- Does GPCA have any significant outstanding liabilities? Ruscal provides update on FPPC fine.
- Is there a Monthly recurring donation option on the GPCA website? Yes.
- Does the Treasurer's report address concerns about Fund sharing with the national party? No
- How much in donations was Collected yesterday? \$500.

10:35 am - **Breakout sessions for committees and working groups (ERWG, Green Issues, Bylaws, IT)**

11:40 am Confirmation: Standing Committee and Working Group Co-Coordinators (ERWG, Green Issues, Bylaws, IT)

The Bylaws Committee reports that it will work toward a complete revision to GPCA Bylaws in 2018.

The IT Committee reports that it is moving in the direction of going away from Drupal toward Nationbuilder.

ERWG/Green Issues - these working groups are focusing on a federal proposal introducing rank choice voting and proportional representation.

11:50 am - **Announcements**

12:00 pm - **Lunch, Optional Caucus meeting during lunch**

1:00 pm - **Reconvene and quorum count**

49 delegates are registered for today.

HERE - 43/49 delegates are present.

All Regions are represented.

Facilitators: Angelika Duenas Shane Que Hee & Anthony Krzywicki.

1:10 pm - **Workshops focused on training and skill building sponsored by the Campaigns and Candidates Working Group (CCWG).**

- **Workshop I: Movement School for Revolutionaries-*David Cobb and Mel Figueroa***
- **Workshop II: Progressive Alliances -*Laura Wells***
- **Workshop III: Public Speaking -- Fundamentals - *Alex Smith***
- **Workshop IV: Using a Candidate Campaign to Build the Green Party-*Barry Hermanson and Angelica Duenas***

2:40 pm - Discussion: Stop Top Two. (CCWG)

Petitions are now available to place a citizens initiative on the ballot that would repeal the "Top Two" Open Primary. Their website has a link to order petitions for your county, as well as a list of County Coordinators. (Note: In many/most cases these seem to be Republican Party and/or Tea Party leaders).

Additional information can be requested by contacting www.stoptop2.com

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Name of speaker: Jean Llewelyn

3:00 pm - Breakout sessions for committees and working groups (Finance, Media, Clearinghouse)

4:00 pm - Confirmation: Standing Committee and Working Group Co-Coordinator (for Finance, Media, Clearinghouse and any other Committees or Working Groups not confirmed earlier)

- Clearinghouse - Mica Daniel (liaison to CC) and Nassim Nouri were selected as Co-Co's to the Clearinghouse Committee.

No concerns or questions.

Confirmed as Co-CO's to Clearinghouse Committee by acclamation.

4:10 pm - Closing session

Shout out to Ventura!



APPENDIX A

ATTENDEES: Delegates and Alternates at the November 2017 General Assembly, Ventura, California

First	Last	County	Ventura Delegate?	Present/Absent
Adam	Siegel	Yolo	Not Delegate	P
Aleece	DePuey	Riverside	Delegate	P
Alex	Smith	Yolo	Not Delegate	P
Alex	Walker	Los Angeles	Delegate	P
Andrea	Houtman	Los Angeles	Not Delegate	P
Angelica	Dueñas	Los Angeles	Delegate	P
Angelina	Saucedo	Los Angeles	Not Delegate	P
Anthony	Fuentes	Kern	Delegate	P
Anthony	Krzywicki	Ventura	Delegate	P
Barry	Hermanson	San Francisco	Delegate	P
Bob	Terry	Riverside	Delegate	P
Brian	Snyder	Nevada	Delegate	P
Carol	Bouldin	San Bernardino	Delegate	P
Christine	Pepin	Santa Clara	Delegate	P
Colt	Gonzales	San Joaquin	ALT Delegate	P
David	Cobb	Humboldt	Delegate	P
David	Curtis	Marin	Delegate	P
David	Keeler	Orange	Delegate	P
Deatra	Cohen	Yolo	Not Delegate	P
Doug	Johannes	Ventura	Delegate	P
Efren	Moreno	Los Angeles	Not Delegate	P
Ember	Hendershot	Humboldt	Delegate	P
Emmanuel	Estrada	Los Angeles	Not Delegate	P
Erik	Rydberg	Butte	Delegate	P
Fernando	Serrano	Tulare	Not Delegate	P
Frank	Lambert	Monterey	Delegate	P
Gloria	Bram	Orange	Delegate	P
Gloria	Purcell	San Mateo	Delegate	P
Greg	Jan	Alameda	Delegate	P
Greg	Varra	Riverside	Delegate	P
Hank	Mollet	Los Angeles	Not Delegate	P
Heather	Walker	Marin	Delegate	P
Hebard	Olsen	Monterey	Delegate	P
James	Lauderdale	Los Angeles	Not Delegate	P
Jan	Arnold	Alameda	Delegate	P
Jane	Jarlsberg	San Bernardino	Delegate	P
Jennifer	Hall	San Joaquin	Delegate	P
Jessica	Callahan	Tulare	Not Delegate	P
Jewel	Santana	Ventura	Delegate	P
Jiana	Choi	Yolo	Not Delegate	P
Jimmy	Rivera	Los Angeles	Not Delegate	P
John	Schmit	Stanislaus	Delegate	P
Josh	Jones	Yolo	Delegate	P
June	Brashares	Sonoma	Delegate	P
Kat	Swift	Santa Barbara	Delegate	P
Kenneth	Mejia	Los Angeles	Delegate	P
Kristen	Cox	Los Angeles	Delegate	P
Kyle	Dust	Humboldt	Delegate	P
Larry	Chin	Los Angeles	Not Delegate	P
Laura	Wells	Alameda	Delegate	P
Lauren	Mauricio	Tulare	Delegate	P
Lee	McKusick	San Mateo	Delegate	P
Lewis	Elbinger	Siskiyou	Not Delegate	P
Mariza	Serrano	Tulare	Not Delegate	P
Mark	Miller	San Joaquin	Delegate	P
Matt	Leslie	Orange	Delegate	P
Matthew	Wheeler	Los Angeles	Not Delegate	P
Maxine	Daniel	Alameda	Delegate	P
Meleiza	Figueroa	Contra Costa	Not Delegate	P
Melissa	Guevara	Los Angeles	Not Delegate	P
Michael	Cervantes	Ventura	Not Delegate	P
Michael	Gaboury	Nevada	Delegate	P
Michael	Rubin	Alameda	Delegate	P
Miguel	Zuniga	Los Angeles	Delegate	P
Mimi	Newton	Marin	Delegate	P
Nassim	Nouri	Santa Clara	Delegate	P
Nicole	Raglin	Nevada	Not Delegate	P
Paul	Rea	Alameda	Delegate	P
Peggy	Koteen	San Luis Obispo	Delegate	P
Penny	Sheppard	Kern	Delegate	P
Pepper	Moore	Alameda	Delegate	P
Phoebe	Sorgen	Alameda	Delegate	P
Rachel	Bruhne	Los Angeles	Delegate	P
Reed	Heisley-Shellaby	Los Angeles	Not Delegate	P
Richard	Gomez	Fresno	Delegate	P
Rick	Greenblatt	San Diego	Delegate	P
Robert	Torres	Los Angeles	Not Delegate	P
Rohan	Sabnis	Los Angeles	Delegate	P
Ron	Rodarte	Orange	Delegate	P
Rose Mary	Puentes Terry	Riverside	Not Delegate	P
Ruscal	Cayangyang	Solano	Delegate	P
Sadie	Fulton	Yolo	Not Delegate	P
Samuel Sera	Rodriguez	San Bernardino	Delegate	P
Sanda	Everette	San Mateo	Not Delegate	P
Shane	Que Hee	Los Angeles	Not Delegate	P
Shannel	Pittman	Los Angeles	Not Delegate	P
Steve	Breedlove	Butte	Delegate	P
Susan	Chunco	Sonoma	Delegate	P
Valerie	Ryden	Ventura	Not Delegate	P
Walter	England	Yolo	Delegate	P
Ajay	Rai	Los Angeles	Delegate	A
Angel	Orellana	Los Angeles	Delegate	A
Audra	Walton	Monterey	ALT Delegate	A
Christopher	Carlson	Sacramento	Delegate	A
Daniel	Alvarado	Los Angeles	Delegate	A
Doug	Barnett	Los Angeles	Delegate	A
Eric	Luna	San Joaquin	ALT Delegate	A
Julia	Russell	Los Angeles	Delegate	A
Justin	Richardson	Alameda	Delegate	A
Marla	Bernstein	Los Angeles	Delegate	A
Mike	Feinstein	Los Angeles	Delegate	A
Mike	Murphy	San Francisco	Delegate	A
Mike	Yasmer	Riverside	Delegate	A
Renic	Gunderson	Stanislaus	Delegate	A
Timeka	Drew	Los Angeles	Delegate	A

APPENDIX B

Proposal: Platform Plank: Workplace Safety and Health.

Workplace Safety and Health

(Underlined=new; struckthrough=deleted) 09/28/17; 09/30/17; 01/01/17 SPONSOR: Platform Standing Group

PRESENTERS/CONTACTS: Shane Que Hee, XXXXX

SUBJECT: Workplace Safety and Health in the Social Justice and Liveable Communities Section. Ecological Wisdom, Social Justice, Personal & Global Responsibility, Respect For Diversity, and Sustainability are the involved 10 Key Values of the GP.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

All workers have a right to a safe and humane working environment.

A lack of adequate enforcement of California's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) laws and/or insufficient standards put many workers at risk.

Anticipation/identification, evaluation, control, and prevention of all workplace hazards is necessary.

PROPOSAL

The Green Party proposes to supports workplace safety:

Protect and enforce California's OSHA laws. We insist on adequate testing of equipment and workplaces. and wWe should adequately fund and implement enforcement procedures.

Inform workers of workplace hazards and train them to prevent accidents and adverse exposures. .

Employers have a responsibility to protect workers from those hazards through the appropriate engineering, administrative and personal protective equipment controls. Anticipation /identification, evaluation, control, and prevention of all workplace hazards is necessary.

Legislate full funding for worker safety programs passed at both the local, state and federal levels.

Insist on agricultural practices that don't endanger farm workers. Put agricultural practices under the jurisdiction of OSHA.

Provide a computerized data base of all chemicals and their amounts used in workplaces and in working environments including in vehicles as well as accurate and up to date material safety sheets. Establish similar computerized data bases for physical, biological, ergonomic, mechanical, and psychosocial hazards.

Establish control charts that depict the number of adverse safety and health incidents and also CALOSHA reportable incidents through time and review them at least annually to assess if improvements should be made

Use the global harmonized system of labels, placards, and signs to warn of hazards, and the United Nations classification of hazardous materials

Increase worker's compensation for serious injuries and consequences that cause absenteeism

Provide consulting services for workers who display work mental stress Diversify the workforce as much as possible.

Provide real living wages for workers

Harness the expertise of the state's occupational and environmental health professionals (for example, academics, safety engineers, government scientists, certified industrial hygienists, certified safety professionals, professional ergonomists, etc) to solve the state's occupational safety and health problems

COMMITTEE DECISION: Versions were posted on the Platform Committee listserv on Sep 28 and Sep 30 2017. . The three official Committee members approved in consensus.
TIMELINE: This is the first Standing General Assembly consideration of the revised platform plank.
RESOURCES: This is a revision of the current Workplace Safety GPCA platform plank.

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APPENDIX C

Proposal: Platform Plank: Wildlife

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SPONSOR: Platform Standing Group

PRESENTERS/CONTACTS: Shane Que Hee, XXXXX

SUBJECT: Wildlife in the Ecology Section. Ecological Wisdom, Personal & Global Responsibility, and Sustainability are the involved 10 Key Values of the GP.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

As Greens, we believe that humanity should share the planet with all its other species.

Our continuing destruction of habitats threatens an ever-growing number of species with extinction. This not only deprives these species of their existence, but will deprive future human generations of the enrichment of having these species on the Earth.

For this reason, we emphasize the importance of protecting endangered species and their habitats, All policies concerning human settlement, food, energy, natural resources, water (fresh and saline), coastal development and industrialization should be formulated to prevent further disruption of the non-human ecosystems' ability to maintain themselves from the impacts of the climate crisis (see also Green Science and Green Chemistry).

PROPOSAL

The Green Party advocates the following policies to defend protect and restore wildlife:

Ensure the protection and reproduction of native animals and plants in their natural surroundings when planning economic developments.

Protect and sustain native wildlife and habitats in development and infrastructure projects to establish permaculture based communities, rather than communities that are at odds with nature.

Reintroduce native species and habitats to areas from which they have been eradicated where it is possible to do so (a) without toxic chemicals, logging, and other aggressive eradication of, or damage to, existing wildlife, habitats, forested watersheds, and natural carbon sinks; (b) provided climate and other environmental conditions are substantially to highly conducive to successful reintroduction; and (c) possible interventions have been explored for moderate to substantially conducive reintroduction situations

Work with nature to encourage new wildlife, habitats, and/or permaculture agricultural systems where it is not possible or environmentally practical to reintroduce eradicated species and habitats. These systems should be designed to be stable, biodiverse, and optimize the uptake of atmospheric carbon.

Help wildlife, both native and new to a region, to adjust and thrive flexibly in new conditions under the imperatives of the global climate crisis. The new conditions should foster new ecological interrelationships that are stable and sustainable, and also maximize biodiversity, ecosystem and watershed health, carbon sequestration, and adaptation to climate crisis impacts.

Re-establish habitats for wildlife instead of practising game species management for maximum sustainable yields.

Reintroduce native species to areas from which they have been eradicated.

Eliminate predator control on public lands, and reintroduce native predators where they would contribute to a viable ecosystem.

Stop any further drainage of wetlands and any further development of shore areas in coastal and riparian areas, and work to restore and establish wetland habitats to mitigate sea level rise and other climate crisis impacts.

Strengthen the Endangered Species Act, as has been recommended by the National Academy of Science. Educate ourselves about animal behaviors and plant characteristics to overcome our culture's irrational fear of wildlife, and learn techniques of co-existence with other species.

Ensure our National Parks continuing existence and expansion to preserve unique species and habitats
Ban mining, drilling and oil pipelines from all public lands

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BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

As Greens, we believe that humanity should share the planet with all other species. Our continuing destruction of habitats threatens an ever-growing number of species with extinction. This not only deprives these species of their existence, but will deprive future human generations of the enrichment of having these species on the Earth.

For this reason, we emphasize the importance of protecting endangered species and their habitats, All policies concerning human settlement, food, energy, natural resources, water (fresh and saline), development and industrialization should be formulated to prevent further disruption of the non-human ecosystems' ability to maintain themselves from the impacts of the climate crisis (see also Green Science and Green Chemistry).

PROPOSAL

The Green Party advocates the following policies to protect and restore wildlife:

Protect and sustain native wildlife and habitats in development and infrastructure projects to establish permaculture based communities, rather than communities that are at odds with nature.

Reintroduce native species and habitats to areas from which they have been eradicated where it is possible to do so (a) without toxic chemicals, logging, and other aggressive eradication of, or damage to, existing wildlife, habitats, forested watersheds, and natural carbon sinks; (b) provided climate and other environmental conditions are substantially to highly conducive to successful reintroduction; and (c) possible interventions have been explored for moderate to substantially conducive reintroduction situations

Work with nature to encourage new wildlife, habitats, and/or permaculture agricultural systems where it is not possible or environmentally practical to reintroduce eradicated species and habitats. These systems should be designed to be stable, biodiverse, and optimize the uptake of atmospheric carbon.

Help wildlife, both native and new to a region, to adjust and thrive flexibly in new conditions under the imperatives of the global climate crisis. The new conditions should foster new ecological

interrelationships that are stable and sustainable, and also maximize biodiversity, ecosystem and watershed health, carbon sequestration, and adaptation to climate crisis impacts.

Re-establish habitats for wildlife instead of practising game species management for maximum sustainable yields.

Eliminate predator control on public lands, and reintroduce native predators where they would contribute to a viable ecosystem.

Stop any further drainage of wetlands and any further development in coastal and riparian areas, and work to restore and establish wetland habitats to mitigate sea level rise and other climate crisis impacts. Strengthen the Endangered Species Act, as has been recommended by the National Academy of Science. Educate ourselves about animal behaviors and plant characteristics to overcome our culture's irrational fear of wildlife, and learn techniques of co-existence with other species.

Ensure our National Parks continuing existence and expansion to preserve unique species and habitats
Ban mining, drilling and oil pipelines from all public lands

COMMITTEE DECISION: Versions were posted on the Platform Committee listserve on Sep 28 , Sep 30 and Oct 1 2017. The three official Committee members approved in consensus..

TIMELINE: This is the first Standing General Assembly consideration of the revised platform plank.

RESOURCES: This is a revision of the current Wildlife GPCA platform plank.

APPENDIX D

Resolution regarding the Salton Sea

Whereas the 2003 Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA) allows water that would otherwise flow to the Salton Sea to be diverted elsewhere; and

Whereas the State of California has agreed to mitigate any damage caused by this water transfer as key stipulation of this agreement; and

Whereas the State of California has not fulfilled its agreement to mitigate said damage yet has allowed the water and financial transfers to go unimpeded; and

Whereas the state of California has only now stated a temporary stop gap plan (Ten Year Plan) that at best addresses half of projected exposed playa; and

Whereas Colorado River water, as part of QSA agreement has been flowing to the Salton Sea to mitigate damage from said water transfers; and said mitigation water is to be shut off on December 31, 2017, causing the Salton Sea to deteriorate at an accelerated rate; and

Whereas the nearby communities to the Salton Sea already have the highest asthma rates of the state as well as the lowest per capita income; and

Whereas the Salton Sea is the last available stopover for hundreds of species of birds during annual migration; and

Whereas the 100 years of farm chemicals already drained into the Salton Sea can best be contained by keeping them under water; and

Whereas studies from acclaimed Pacific Institute have projected financial costs for allowing the Salton Sea to dry range from \$29-\$65 Billion.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Green Party of California will fight for restoration of the Salton Sea. To that end we advocate extending the delivery of mitigation waters for up to five years, until such progress can be shown towards alternative mitigation that the waters are unneeded. We encourage study of channeling in saltwater from the Sea of Cortez. We encourage EIR studies on both sides of the border. We advocate a long term plan that includes detoxification to restore a level of water purity and salinity that can sustain marine life.

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