American River Democrats

Monthly Club Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 21, 2015, 6:30 Social time, 7 – 8 pm meeting

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1. Review and approve agenda

2. Introductions.

3. Recording Secretary’s report: Andrea Targos (Sept. minutes per Ken), review and approve minutes

4. Treasurer’s report: Betty DiRegolo, monthly report.

5. Communications Secretary’s report: Ken Kiunke

6. President’s Report: Barbara Leary – requests for endorsements-please read!

 a. Chris Yatooma, Sac Ride Human – Support for campaign to have Sac RT stop negotiating for security with G4S, a company that is involved in worldwide Human Rights violations. <http://samidoun.net/2015/09/sacramento-campaign-calls-on-transit-authority-to-dump-g4s/>

 b. Environmental Caucus request for endorsement of 2016 CADEM platform change. Text:

 **Add to platform preamble**

*We believe that the health, safety, and well-being of the people are the highest priorities for government.*

**Add to platform provisions**

*Urge state legislature to enact, governor to sign legislation, and agencies to implement and enforce rules that*

1. *Guarantee each Californian sufficient safe, clean water for basic needs*
2. *Motivate all users to support efficient, sustainable, safe use of available water*
3. *Fully protect all water sources from contamination*
4. *Ensure allocation and management of sufficient water for environmental purposes as determined scientifically, since we depend on the environment for our prosperity and life itself*
5. *Require all end use to be metered*
6. *Regulate groundwater use in a fair and sustainable manner*

**Rationale for change to Party Platform**

*Water affects everyone on many levels, from simple survival to social equality, economic prosperity, recreation, fish and wildlife, and fiscal responsibility. How to manage water is one of the core issues of the century. Water deserves to be recognized as such in the platform.*

*Water is a complex issue in California. Because current policy is not sustainable, it will require comprehensive reform. But the proposed points are not revolutionary; they are just common sense. The party is already committed to fairness and sustainability. We simply want to make this commitment explicit with respect to water.*

 c. Christmas party volunteers for hosting

7. Guest – Robert Longer, CWA;

8. Next meeting – November meeting – debate watch party at the DiRegolo’s, Saturday, November 14 time TBA