

LD4 Democrats of Maricopa County

General Meeting Minutes

Total Wine, 1416 N Litchfield Rd, Goodyear



Tuesday, September 13, 2016

6:30 PM

1. **Call to Order & Welcome** **6:41 PM**

2. **Approval of Agenda/Previous Minutes** **6:35 PM**
Agenda approved; No minutes from August Mtg.

3. **Introductions - Present 22 Attendees** **6:40 PM**

4. **Guest Speakers** **6:50 PM**
 - Ben Graff, candidates for Water Conservation District
 - 1st time running for public office.
 - Five positions open for election – vote for 3 only.
 - 10 candidates for 5 spots –
 - CAPA – Colorado River Project
 - Property tax rate
 - 15 members – 2 represent Maricopa
 - Major changes in water use
 - Structural deficit – overestimated water – system cannot sustain itself under the canal system
 - AZ – Jr right –
 - New Challenges
 - Lake Mead System – theoretical threshold 1079 ft. of water – predicted by 2018 we will be below threshold.
 - 1st cuts to the AZ water system
 - Climate change and other solutions.
 - Pumping water – the #1 use of electric in the state.
 - How can we think about other energy systems?
 - Solar and other diversification
 - Assured water supply attracts businesses.
 - If not, would create an economic disaster
 - Born & raised in AZ – State Committee
 - Land Use Attorney
 - AZ doesn't have enough water in the state to sustain itself.
 - Smart desert planners
 - Q & A Session
 - Campaign to save water – not visible ans: not many politicians on board- a lot to do; Phx 10 yr water supply stored under ground;
 - Open canals and water evaporation Ans. Incredible amount of engineering; 3-4% loss to evap. Covered with solar panels;
 - Remove dam to increase water. Ans – draught contingency planning (Holway) re: Lake Mead & Lake Powell – May need to rethink in regards to climate change. --- puts more energy in the

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atmosphere. Need open mind to managing reservoir

- Jim Holway, - 6 yr term
 - Change the balance of power on the CP Board
 - People still deny climate change
 - Want to make a difference –
 - Background relates to water
 - Asst. Director, ASU, etc in various positions
 - Non-Partisan – let other democrats know about them.
 - Eileen – water bottles – great ad campaign.
 - Cathy – canvassing – request water bottles to distribute. Ans: they can do that
 - Robyn – Cotton fields – Hemp fields Ans. Don't know how much water cotton uses – hemp uses less he thinks. Lower water using crops that yield more profits – needs to be researched.
 - Sandra – Amt of water used by golf courses Ans. – 5-6% of water use. Industry decreasing. Water use ratio to benefits to economy.
 - Karen – interaction of board with Legislature – Need to change things – rates, distribution, taxes, --autonomous; for the most part an independent org. – no taxation w/o representation.
 - CAWCD – tax distribution – tax up to 10cents on 100,000 house.
 - Ed – alternative energy – solar, wind farms. Ans – corp. commission – 15% of power must come from alt. source by 2025. Can be distributed – roof top solar; tax credit 1/3% of cost.
 - Lakes bill – fill it with effluent water (treated water) – recharge project – pond to put water back into ground – effluent water; soil aqua treatment.
 - Water in nuclear power plants- use 5-6% of water
 - Lot of interaction between energy & power
 - Traditional candidates – please donate – clean election
- Presenter: Alexandra Arboleda – No show – emailed – she's ill.

5. Chair's Report

7:44 PM

- Congratulations Elected PCs!
- District Reorganization – between Nov 9th and Dec 12th
 - Officers must be PC's
 - Officer elections (must be elected PCs)
 - Appointed PCs after reorganization – until the next election cycle; need 3:1 vote at state committee level; 11 elected pc's ; 3 votes at county & state level.
- Volunteers needed for GOTV (voter registration, phones, doors)
- Ramping things up – push on 10/12/2016; vote down ballot Dem; 26 more days to register voters; 1500 reg. at office; get on PVL inc l- ikelihood of voting; keeps changing locations – disenfranchisement.

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- ADP State Committee Meeting
 - Need to reorg to have a voice-MCDP will help with reorg – every 2 yrs. Right after election. We will have a voice in Jan.
 - Adopted Resolution endorse Prop 206, minimum wage ballot measure- officially endorsed
 - Adopted Resolution endorse Prop 205, marijuana ballot measure - officially endorsed
 - Elected executive board vacancies to fill those positions until January reorganization meeting (2 vice chairman, 1 vice chairwoman, affirmative action moderator)
 - Vacancies on Exec. Board – 4 people elected.
- 6. Treasurer’s Report 7:30 PM**
- Membership Dues - \$20/person or \$35/couple
 - Excellent job selling tickets
 - 7/13 – 9/13 Collected \$105.00 dues
 - Dinner: Revenue = \$650.00
 - Bank Bal – 889.36 + 375 + 125.00 (today) \$400.00 from Eileen fundraising
- 7. Old/New Business 7:40 PM**
- Training for PCs – coming soon!
 - Rick – not mentioned – looking for volunteers
 - Tickets STILL Available Thursday, Sept. 15 Fundraiser – Morrie & Eileen
 - Drinks & auction to bring more funds.
- 8. Upcoming Events 7:50 PM**
- Thu, Sep 15th, Fundraiser Dinner, Old Pueblo Café, 6pm
 - Wed, Sep 21st, Candidate Forum, Starpointe, 6pm
 - Mon, Sep 26th, Debate Night Watch Parties, Estrella & PebbleCreek
 - Thu, Sep 29th changed Tues, 27th, MCDP Executive Board Meeting 6:00pm, TBD
 - Sat, Oct 1st, Hall of Fame Dinner, Talking Stick Resort in Scottsdale- Sec. of Labor to speak – \$125.00 per PC
 - Mon, Oct 10th, Voter Registration Deadline -
 - Tue, Oct 11th, LD4 Democrats Monthly Meeting, Total Wine, 6:30pm
 - Wed, Oct 12th, Early Voting Begins- can track own ballot online; under early ballot
 - Tue, Nov 8th, General Election
- 9. Adjournment 8:15 PM**
- Ed motion; Wayne – 2nd ; Unanimous vote to adjourn.