

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY DEMOCRATS FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION**

Minutes for Meeting – October 28, 2014
La Jolla Village Square Community Room

Minute taker: Cara Furio, Secretary

Meeting called to order by President Tommy Hough at 7:00 pm

Present

- Tommy Hough, President
- Kathleen Connell, First Vice President
- Fred Rogers, Second Vice President
- Cara Furio, Secretary

Absent

- Lori Kern, Treasurer

Members and Guests in Attendance: 18

Opening Remarks

President Tommy Hough started the meeting with a group conversation on Proposition 1.

Guest Speakers:

- Tommy introduced Democratic Congressional candidate David Peiser (District 49). David talked briefly about his campaign and then shared his concept and a short film introducing a Revenue Neutral Carbon Tax. This tax would be levied on companies extracting oil and gas, and given to every citizen in the United States as a Carbon Rebate. As a Democrat, Dave takes ownership of the environment and climate change.
- The next speaker Tommy introduced was San Diego City Council candidate for District 6, Carol Kim. Carol explained her background and gave a brief presentation about her campaign, and desire to serve the City of San Diego.
- Our last speaker was Brent Eidson, external affairs deputy director, City of San Diego Public Utilities Department. His primary topic was Pure Water, using reclaimed water for drinking and household. Some facts he shared:
 - 85% of San Diego water is imported and much of it comes from the Colorado River
 - Cost of our water has doubled since 2007
 - Pure Water is a 20 year capital improvement plan
 - San Diego loses up to 45 million gallons of water a day that could be recycled.
 - After processing, pure water is almost as pure as distilled water.
 - Pure Water is cheaper than desalination.

- For additional information and to arrange for a tour of a demonstration Pure Water plant, go to: www.purewatersd.org
- Brent also informed the Club about several City of San Diego Water Authority rebate programs.
 - Rebates for residents who xeriscape their yards.
 - Vouchers for reduced cost rain barrels. www.wastewater.org
 - Rebate program for residents who install micro drip irrigation systems.
 - Rebates for installations of greywater systems.

Meeting adjourned at 8: 45 pm by Tommy Hough.

Respectfully submitted by Cara Furio, Secretary.