## Marin Conservation League North Marin Unit

Meeting Notes July 10, 2013

The meeting was called to order at the Webb home. Present were: Pat U'Ren, Frank U'Ren, Rosalie Webb, Ralph Webb, Don Wilhelm, Gail Wilhelm and Susan Stompe.

Announcements included: The annual MCL summer picnic to be at the Tam Valley Community Center on Saturday, July 27 from noon to 3 p.m. The Land Use Committee declined to oppose the senior facility at the McPhail site. More information was requested when the project becomes solid. One member strongly supported the project.

The notes of the June 12 meeting were approved as distributed.

## **Projects and Issues around Novato:**

**North Redwood Blvd -** The City Council has placed a moratorium on processing any projects in the area while a plan is being drafted by the city. Workshops are scheduled for community input on Saturday, September 14 and September 28, both from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. One of the stores the city is interested in is a grocery chain – when 2 current groceries are struggling and a third that went out of business years ago is still empty, depressing the whole shopping center it is in.

**GreenPoint Solar Farm** – Rosalie reported that the appeal was filed and the hearing is scheduled for August 6 at the Board of Supervisors. The appellants are meeting with potential supporters and would like MCL to comment at the hearing.

**Marin Sonoma Narrows** – Don reported that the frontage road work is being done. Frank commented that the orange project boundary fencing seems to include a huge expanse of property along the route. Only a small portion of the highway expansion will be done between Atherton Avenue and the Landfill. Funding is not yet available beyond that

**NCRA** –The environmental groups that filed suit against NCRA are appealing the decision of the state court that supported the NCRA position. Bernie attended the NCRA Board and was not able to get to the Unit meeting.

**North Marin Water District** – Susan had asked Rick Fraites about an agenda item that was on the NMWD agenda the previous week. Rick said that the Board voted to join the coalition supporting the state water bonds on next year's ballot, although he opposed because of the extensive water containment in the plan. He said the tunnels were not part of this proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be September 18 at the Wilhelm home.

Notes by SS