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Homestead High School
Room 5, Bldg. C

Open Meeting
Wednesday, Mar. 11
8:00 pm

Homestead Road
Cupertino

Dr. Joseph Greenberg will give a "Hawk Talk" using some study skins and perhaps a couple of live predators from the Jr. Museum of San Jose. There will be no pictures. Come learn about our predators which serve a vital role in maintaining the vigor and harmony of the wildlife community, as well as being symbols of the wild, free, primeval forces.

In addition, we hope to show a short film, "Wasted Woods" concerning the forestry bill now in Congress.

Calendar of Events

Board Meeting - - - - - Wed., Mar. 4, 7:45 pm

At Grace Lind's, 1615 Dry Creek Rd., San Jose 266-9598

Bird Discussion Group - - - - - Tues., Mar. 10, 10:00 am

At home of Eve Case, 20537 Verde Vista Ln, Saratoga. Subject: California Quail. Discussion to be opened by Dorothy Shorter. A couple of people are bringing desert. Bring a sandwich if you can stay.

Montalvo - - - - - Wed., Mar. 11, 9:00 am

Meet at first parking lot. Leader, Catherine Lintott 356-4264

Bird Study Group - - - - - Thurs., Mar. 12, 9:30 am

At home of Phyllis Klein (Mrs. John), 4264 Newberry Ct (off Park Blvd), Palo Alto, 327-4378. Subject will be Spring Birds. -- Kay McGann

Alum Rock Park - - - - - Sat., Mar. 14, 8:00 am

Meet at the Jr. Museum in Park. Leader, Richard Sandkuhle

"The Bahamas - Top to Bottom" - - - - - Wed., Mar. 18, 8:00 pm

Harry Pederson plunges his audience into the sparkling blue-green waters to show octopuses squabbling over tasty crabs, a lobster finding food with the hair on his legs, and a barracuda. At Morris-Daily Auditorium, San Jose State College.

"Land Use & Population Pressure - A World View" - - - - - Wed., Mar. 18, 8:00 pm

A 45 min. film by Dr. & Mrs. Henry Mayer of San Mateo. At Gunn High School, 780 Arastadero Rd., Palo Alto.

Metcalfe Canyon & San Felipe Rd. area - - - - - Sat., Mar. 21, 9:00 am

Take Hwy 101 south of San Jose, past IBM, watch for Metcalfe Rd. & U.T.C sign. Turn east on Metcalfe Rd. and meet at 1st available space by P.G.E. Ldr, E. Curtis

Palo Alto Foothills - - - - - Wed., Mar. 25, 9:00 am

This is in area planned for subdivision. Meet at Alpine Inn at corner of Arastadero and Alpine Roads. Leader, Virginia Bothwell

Farallon Islands Boat Trip - - - - - Sun., Apr. 26, 7:00 am

Golden Gate's annual HARDY (please note) SEAFARERS trip circling the Farallon Islands on "The Blue Horizon" & "Paul G"

to observe migrating and nesting sea birds. Boats leave Sausalito at 7 am DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME and return about 4 pm. Fare \$10 per person, make check payable to Golden Gate Aud. Soc. and mail to Valeria G. DaCosta, 2090 Pacific Ave., S.F. 94109, with stamped self-addressed envelope enclosed. Reservations will close Apr. 15 or earlier if boats are filled. Details will be sent with acknowledgment.



Two New Films for all!



The Board of Directors recently approved the purchase of two films for use by the Education committee and any other interested SCVAS members. These are: Water, Let's Keep It Clean. The Calif. Dept. of Fish & Game did this film about pollution in San Francisco Bay and the Central Coast in 1958. Unfortunately, it is still timely because so few problems have been solved. (22 min.)

Warning, Warning, Harvey Richards 1970 film on the many problems concerning San Francisco Bay. (22 min.)

These films are added to the existing library of films we have, also in color and also for all ages: Nature Next Door a Sierra Club produced film of children discovering nature in Tilden Park, and the help adults can give. (22 min)

And, Life of a Hummingbird, charming story of the Anna's life cycle-(14 min)

The Calif. State Legislature may have passed a conservation-education bill but they forgot to fund it; perhaps we as a society can help by getting these films shown to students, young and not so young.

- Nancy Holmes, Education Chr.

Education Workshop with Bay Field trip following:

Friday, March 13 at 9:30 am. Please come to learn how to enjoy sharing your knowledge of birds of the Bay and the garden. We simply must do more to educate the community. It may involve only a few hours a month! At 843 Moana Court, Palo Alto. Please let me know if you can come! 948-1854

Nancy Holmes, Education Chair.

Field Trip Reports

Palo Alto Baylands - Jan. 28

About 30 members and friends saw 37 species. The highlights of the trip were the Double-crested Cormorants sitting on a spit at the lagoon with their orange pouches in much evidence; a Clapper Rail seen walking deliberately; the Glaucous-winged Gulls flying directly overhead; the 2 Forster's Terns fishing beside us; and the exciting Swamp Sparrow seen with the telescope.

We then had an introduction to the P.A. Baylands Interpretive Center led by Ted Chandik and heard of their program and enjoyed the beautiful building.

Leader, Kay McCann



Searsville Lake - Feb. 8

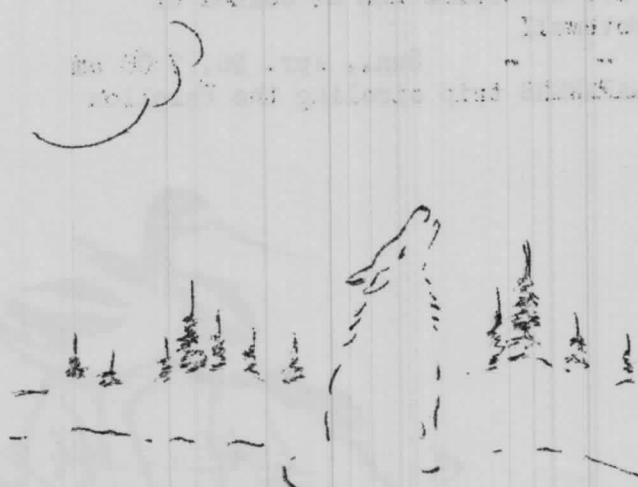
Twenty-five people took part in a delightful walk around Searsville Lake. The most interesting birds seen were 75 Ring-necked Ducks. We were disappointed in not seeing the 20 or so Bufflehead that had been there exactly a week earlier. Also the 4 Cinnamon Teal were missing. But we saw Scaup, Canvasback, Ruddies, Mallards and some Pied-billed Grebes. Two Great Blue Herons were also enjoyed. 44 species of birds were seen and heard between the two Sundays. The spring flowers were enjoyed and are early this year. There were Houndstongue Borage, Indian Warrior, Buttercup, S. Trillium, Mustard, Currant & Goosberry, Ceonothus, Leatherwood, Osoberry, Bayberry, Castilleja, Hawkweed and Chickweed. Also one group found Oregon mint growing in profusion.

Leaders, Ray and Kay McCann

A Howl-along!

"The latest wolf kick in Canada isn't watching - it's listening. There are quite a few wolves in Algonquin Pk., NW of Ottawa. And like wolves everywhere they are vocal. Some inspired person got the notion of inviting the public to listen to wolf songs in the park. To the astonishment of park personnel, 600 people showed up at the 1st affair in the fall of 1963. Recorded wolf howls- or human voice imitations - were used to spark the animals into enthusiastic conversation. The affair was an immediate success and has continued with ever larger human audiences."

- Ford Times, Jan. 1970



S.C.V.A.S. CHRISTMAS COUNT 1969

Species	Alviso	Evrgern	Calvrs	SoWst	Alum Rk	Total
Horned Grebe	2	0	0	0	0	2
Eared "	157	0	112	0	0	269
Pied-billed "	72	2	12	0	1	87
White Pelican	120	0	0	0	0	120
Double-crt Cormorant	0	1	0	0	0	1
Great Blue Heron	19	2	0	1	1	23
Common Egret	50	0	0	0	0	50
Snowy Egret	200	0	0	0	0	200
Bl-crowned Night Hrn	43	0	0	0	0	43
American Bittern	2	0	0	0	0	2
Swan sp.	8	0	0	0	0	8
Canada Goose	35	53	485	0	110	683
Mallard	74	16	12	8	0	110
Pintail	250	1	0	0	0	251
Gadwall	0	5	5	0	0	10
Green-wgd Teal	0	0	2	0	0	2
American Widgeon	1	26	0	0	0	27
Shoveler	70	0	0	0	0	70
Ring-necked Duck	3	50	2	0	0	55
Canvasback	1	150	0	1	0	152
Greater Scaup	1	0	0	0	0	1
Lesser Scaup	230	3	500	2	0	735
Common Goldeneye	3	0	5	0	5	13
Bufflehead	2	21	3	1	10	37
Surf Scoter	4	0	0	0	0	4
Ruddy Duck	460	54	44	11	9	578
Hooded Merganser	0	0	0	0	2	2
Common Merganser	0	8	0	0	7	15
Red-breasted Merganser	0	6	0	0	0	6
Ducks sp.	0	0	20	0	0	20
Hawk spp.	0	0	0	0	1	1
White-tailed Kite	17	1	7	3	1	29
Sharp-shinned Hawk	0	0	1	1	1	3
Cooper's "	2	2	1	1	2	8
Red-tailed "	8	23	31	1	26	89
Red-shouldered "	0	0	1	0	0	1
Golden Eagle	0	0	10	0	6	16
Bald Eagle	0	1	3	0	1	5
Marsh Hawk	2	0	0	0	0	2
Peregrine Falcon	0	1	0	0	0	1
Pigeon Hawk	0	1	0	1	0	2
Sparrow Hawk	14	16	37	2	4	73
Calif. Quail	74	44	6	0	54	178
Ring-necked Pheasant	23	0	0	0	0	23
Common Gallinule	3	0	0	0	0	3
American Coot	371	154	782	118	2	1427
Snowy Plover	2	0	0	0	0	2
Killdeer	67	8	34	26	0	135
Black-bellied Plover	21	0	0	0	0	21
Common Snipe	9	0	0	0	0	9
Long-billed Curlew	76	0	0	0	0	76
Whimbrel	0	0	17	0	0	17
Spotted Sandpiper	3	0	1	2	0	6
Willet	150	0	0	0	0	150
Greater Yellowlegs	10	0	4	3	0	17
Least Sandpiper	318	0	0	0	12	330
Dunlin	297	0	0	0	0	297

<u>Specie</u>	<u>Alviso</u>	<u>Evergreen</u>	<u>Calvrs</u>	<u>SoWest</u>	<u>AumRk</u>	<u>Total</u>
Short-bld Dowitcher	56	0	0	0	0	56
Long-bld "	10	0	0	0	0	10
Western Sandpiper	315	4	0	0	0	319
Marble Godwit	6	0	0	0	0	6
Sanderling	8	0	0	0	0	8
American Avocet	350	0	0	0	0	350
Black-necked Stilt	71	0	0	0	0	71
Red Phalarope	1	0	0	0	0	1
Gulls sp.	450	8	2250	463	83	3254
Glaucous-winged Gull	10	0	0	0	0	10
Herring "	6550	0	0	0	0	6550
California "	3502	0	110	0	30	3642
Ring-billed "	1514	0	0	150	0	1664
Mew "	2	0	0	0	0	2
Bonaparte's "	355	0	2	0	0	357
Forster's Tern	15	0	0	0	0	15
Band-tail. Pigeon	3	0	29	0	0	32
Mourning Dove	357	18	20	29	0	424
Barn Owl	0	0	0	0	5	5
Screech Owl	0	2	3	0	2	7
Great-horned "	0	2	5	0	9	16
Burrowing "	3	0	0	0	0	3
Short-eared "	1	0	0	0	0	1
White-throated Swift	0	0	33	0	5	38
Anna's Hummingbird	9	2	7	11	4	33
Belted Kingfisher	0	1	1	0	2	4
Red-shafted Flicker	36	45	28	25	40	174
Acorn Woodpecker	0	47	23	2	31	103
Lewis "	0	0	1	0	0	1
Yellow-bellied Spskr	0	1	2	2	1	6
Hairy Woodpecker	5	1	1	1	0	8
Downy "	0	0	0	0	1	1
Nuttal's "	0	8	1	4	3	16
Black Phoebe	1	7	8	8	2	26
Say's Phoebe	1	2	9	1	1	14
Horned Lark	0	0	0	0	8	8
Swallows sp.	2	0	0	0	0	2
Steller's Jay	0	21	25	0	54	100
Scrub Jay	14	46	103	33	123	319
Common Raven	0	0	9	0	0	9
Common Crow	0	71	171	16	10	268
Chestnut-bkd Chickadee	15	46	3	15	94	173
Plain Titmouse	0	29	12	4	28	73
Common Bushtit	0	218	237	14	107	576
White-breasted Nuthatch	1	6	6	0	10	23
Brown Creeper	0	0	2	12	3	17
wrentit	0	6	1	0	17	24
Dipper	0	0	2	0	0	2
Bewick's Wren	8	6	6	0	6	30
Long-billed Marsh "	6	0	0	0	0	6
Cañon "	0	0	0	0	2	2
Rock Wren	1	0	1	0	0	2
Mockingbird	10	36	1	32	2	81
California Thrasher	0	1	1	1	2	5
Robin	8	36	22	27	31	124
Varied Thrush	2	6	5	3	3	19
Hermit Thrush	5	30	4	0	26	65
Western Bluebird	0	33	7	3	45	88
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	0	0	1	0	0	1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	0	25	6	1	33	65

Specie	Alviso	Evergreen	Calvrs	SoWst	Alum Rk	Total
Golden-crowned Kinglet	0	1	0	0	0	1
Water Pipit	59	0	0	68	0	127
Cedar Waxwing	0	9	25	20	25	79
Loggerhead Shrike	13	7	6	4	2	32
Starling	2332	362	291	136	26	3147
Hutton's Vireo	4	0	0	0	1	5
Solitary Vireo	1	0	0	0	0	1
Orange-crowned Warbler	1	0	0	0	0	1
Myrtle Warbler	0	0	1	0	0	1
Audubon's "	9	105	32	7	3	156
Townsend's "	0	0	1	0	2	3
House Sparrow	272	95	17	116	3	503
Western Meadowlark	372	41	125	127	92	757
Redwing Blackbird	34	201	322	36	0	593
Tricolored "	0	4	0	0	0	4
Brewer's "	1175	1217	2078	750	573	5793
Brown-headed Cowbird	6	0	0	0	0	6
Purple Finch	0	3	0	0	1	4
House "	495	445	158	150	53	1301
Pine Siskin	2	60	40	3	4	109
Amer. Goldfinch	0	0	0	175	12	187
Lesser "	118	87	166	327	132	830
Rufous-sided Towhee	3	14	17	4	24	52
Brown "	16	74	23	32	46	191
Savannah Sparrow	6	4	18	25	0	53
Lark "	0	22	465	0	1	488
Rufous-crowned "	0	0	3	0	0	3
Oregon Junco	22	182	336	69	88	697
White-crowned Sparrow	332	370	137	183	84	1106
Golden-crowned "	360	354	148	151	72	1085
White-throated "	1	0	0	0	0	1
Fox "	36	0	1	0	0	37
Lincoln's "	4	0	0	0	0	4
Swamp "	1	0	0	0	0	1
Song "	46	8	6	0	14	74
Total	22696	5082	9711	3422	2324	43235

Summary - This year's Christmas Counts could only be described as fantastic. They broke all records in numbers of observers, species seen, and efficiency of coverage. San Diego led the way with a new all time high of 218 species and Monterey ranked in the top few with 189 species breaking its old high by over 15 species. As for our own San Jose count, a record breaking 151 species were found on the count day by the 43 enthusiastic birders.

The point is not that there are more birds, but more and better observers, and that's the game of it. Nothing can be scientific that depends so much on variables such as number and competency of the birders, weather, and others; but there is a great sport in perfecting the coverage of an area.

Certain general trends can be noted from the San Jose count in context with what is happening nation-wide with flight birds such as Robins, Waxwings and Varied Thrushes and these will be discussed in Audubon Field Notes. But a few local observations can be made. There is, for instance, an obvious correlation between marsh habitat destruction in Alviso and the absence of Yellow-throat, Clapper Rail, and Sora from the list. Also field birds such as Burrowing Owl and Long-billed Curlew are becoming scarcer in the circle. Red-breasted Nuthatches, present in large numbers in the fall, were notably absent, as were Varied Thrushes, Robins, and Cedar Waxwings which have been seen in much larger numbers in other winters. Many Bald Eagles were seen earlier than usual at the mouth of the Arroyo Hondo and other localities, and a high percentage of young were noted - the possibility of breeding should not be overlooked.

Other less scientific, but interesting, observations were in the area of rarities and should be noted. A Solitary Vireo was seen in the Coyote Creek with an Orange-crowned Warbler by the Greenbergs, a large dark falcon thought to be Peregrine was seen on the Mt. Hamilton Rd. by sector leader, Emelie Curtis and party, an over-wintering Red Phalarope was swimming in the Salt Pond near Alviso (many wintered in Northern Calif.), and nearby a Rock Wren hopped in and out of boats at the Alviso Boat Works. Eight Whistling Swans flew over Alviso and a Lewis' Woodpecker fly-caught in an oak tree by Calaveras Reservoir (Hopkins). Hooded Mergansers were seen in Alum Rock by Richard Sandkuhle, and two Pigeon Hawks were reported. The Golden Plovers were notably absent from Alviso after three years of wintering, but were seen later on in January.

151 species were seen by 43 observers in 17 parties. The weather was clear but the afternoon brought heavy winds of up to 40 mph from the north to northeast so land birds were hard to find. Sector leaders were: Alviso, Joe Greenberg; Calaveras, Al Wool; Alum Rock, Richard Sandkuhle; Southwest, Ruth Troetschler; and Evergreen, Emelie Curtis.

Compiler, Russ Greenberg



A LOOK at Conservation

Legislative battle lines have formed in the few short weeks since the opening of the 1970 sessions in Washington and Sacramento. Three of the most important issues of the new sessions would be — Timber, Coastal access, and Oil.

1. Timber: Congress is considering at the present time the so-called National Timber Supply Act (S.1832 & H.R.12025). It will soon be voted on by the House and its sponsors hope the Senate will act within 6 months. Mr. McCloskey, executive Director of the Sierra Club, says, "Disaster for our national forests will be assured if this industry promoted legislation is passed. The next 30 days are crucial in our effort to make sure it does not pass." He further sums up his message on the Act as follows: "If the Timber Supply Act does pass it would mean —

- a. 6 to 8 million acres of de-facto wilderness lost.
- b. Surviving virgin timber in all other locations would be liquidated.
- c. Wherever merchantable timber exists, it will be virtually impossible to get added protection for scenery, wildlife, and recreation.
- d. Logging will be officially enthroned as the main use on the 97 million acres of forestland, supporting merchantable timber that belong to all of us."

What you can do:

- a. Write your congressman stating your views on the above act. Ask your friends to write also. Keep writing as long as the threat continues.
- b. Keep reading and learning about this threat. Write to the Sierra Club, 220 Bush St., S.F., asking for a special article by Gordon Robinson, S.C. forester
- c. Share your information with others.

(above from letter by Sierra Club prepared on 1-26-70)

Note: On 2-6-70 a scheduled vote on the National Timber Supply Act was postponed when indications mounted that it was headed for a likely defeat. Vote can be re-scheduled later. Rep. Dingell of Michigan and Rep. Saylor of Penn. said, "Those who seek to raid the National Forest will continue efforts to pass this bill."

The act is still alive — so one must be alert!

2. Coastline: Action forming on the protection of the California coastline.

Following a 2 day hearing in Los Angeles on Dec. 18 and 19, 1969, by the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources and Conservation under Chairman George Milias on the subject "Protection of the Public Interest on the Calif. Coastline", conservation interest has been overjoyed by the introduction of legislation in the Assembly by Mr. Sieroty (D-Beverly Hills) and Dunlag (D-Napa/Solano) to create a Calif. Coastline Conservation and Development Commission. Highlights of the bill are:

- a. Prepare a comprehensive plan for the coastline and through a permit system would be able to prohibit any project or development which would cause irreversible damage to the coastal zone (1/2 mile inland to 3 miles off-shore).
- b. Establish four District Boards, representing 4 coastal zone areas.

- c. The statewide commission would provide overall development for the preservation, enhancement and development of the coastline.
- d. The commission would be comprised of the Lt. Governor, members of the legislature, representatives of the federal, state, and local government, members representing the public and members of the four District Boards.

An Organization called "C.O.A.A.S.T." - Californians organized to acquire access to State Tidelands - has supplied the information quoted above. Their address is Box 3284, Santa Rosa, Calif. 954303 for your information in case you wish to be more active in this very important battle to protect the California shoreline.

3. GOO! Get Oil Out, Inc.: This group, centered in Santa Barbara, has been continuously fighting, sometimes alone, the mess and mass of oil spilling from the Santa Barbara Channel. From Jan. 28, 1969, when the original blow-out occurred, until the present time this group has been distributing petitions, appearing before boards, commissions, legislators and held a "fish-in" to call attention to a new platform installation in the Channel by the Sun Oil Co.

They advise several steps one can take in the battle of GOO!

- a. Write Pres. Nixon and Sec. of the Interior, Mickel, urging termination of all oil operations in the Santa Barbara Channel.
- b. Write the Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 2711, Los Angeles, Calif. 20053, urging no more permits for drilling be issued for the Santa Barbara Channel and
- c. Join GOO! for \$2.00 a year, P.O. Box 1513, Santa Barbara, Calif. 93102.

Their statement of accomplishment states, "We believe that the tragedy which has befallen Santa Barbara, and the persistent efforts of its citizens to establish the right of the people to determine the sort of environment in which they wish to live, has acted as a catalyst encouraging and arousing private citizens and public officials throughout the country, to take action on the national problems of pollution and environmental despoilation."

Timber, Coastal access, and Oil may all have come to our attention at a most opportune time. With the present awareness by students, citizens and public officials of our ecology and environment, what better time could be picked to fight them?

Tony Look, Conservation Chairman



Welcome to New Members!

- Mr. & Mrs. Graham C. Bryce, 2135 Hanover St, P.A. 94306
- Mrs. David Colburn, 1944 Waverly St, P.A. 94301
- Ned T. Gault, 866 Cornwall Ct, Svlc 94087
- Dr. Richard I. Gumpert, 883 Bruce Dr, P.A. 94303
- Mrs. James T. Hughey, Apt 5, 874 Lafayette St, S.C. 95050
- C. Foster Kinyon, 2906 Cowper St, P.A. 94306
- Mark Kotansky, 3317 St. Michael Dr, P.A. 94306
- Mrs. John Mac Gowan, 1520 Ben Roe Ave, Los Altos 94022
- Dr. Peter E. Maxin, 1022 Lynn Way, Svlc 94087
- Jesse Parker, 2020 Amherst St, P.A. 94306
- Mrs. Dow H. Ransom, Apt 2, 7125 Rainbow Dr, S.J. 95129
- Lloyd A. Saxon, 911 Frangnette, S.J. 95125
- Barbara Shepherd, 710 Rosewood Dr, P.A. 94303
- Elizabeth Vale, 358 Albion, Woodside 94062
- Miss Jean Wilder, 788 Maplewood Ave, P.A. 94303
- Elizabeth Williams & Rhona Williams, 351 Homer Ave, P.A. 94301
- Richard C. Carlson, 1245 Alma St, P.A. 94301
- Gertrude Warfield, 1565 Kenington Circle, Los Altos 94022
- John Stanley, P.O. Box 419, Boulder Cr 95006
- Mrs. Len Kamp, 2485 Wyandotte, Mt. View 94040
- Ben Boer, 251 Miramonte Ave, P.A. 94306
- The Buktenica Family, 918 Matadero Ave, P.A. 94306
- John R. Doherty, 2395 Cimarron Dr, S.C. 95051
- Prof. & Mrs. G.A. Feigen, 1015 Stanford Ave, P.A. 94306

Caroline Davis, Membership Chairman

ONE FROM MANY

An exciting new organization held its first full-fledged meeting in Niles last month. The Bay Area Audubon Council (BAAC) is a small group formed of delegates from local Audubon Societies (Marin, Golden Gate, Sequoia, Mt. Diablo, Ohlone, Santa Clara Valley). A vigorous, creative group, its intent is to strengthen the conser-vational, educational, and ornithological programs of the individual societies.

It is wonderful to see the vigor with which these people from the entire region are backing projects of especial interest to us, such as the South Bay Wildlife Re-fuge and the reexamination of the Southern Crossing, prominent items on the Niles agenda. Useful and scientific Christmas counts are the aim of a sub-committee that is already functioning. Methods of bringing about the prohibition of the use of DDT were discussed in a cursory way and will be studied further at the next meeting when our western Director, Mr. Paul Howard, will be in attendance. Several other subjects were thrown out to the group for possible later consideration: Briones Park, the Peripheral Canal, new educational programs, sewage and waste disposal, and an idea your representative found especially interesting — the possibility of instigating an Annual Audubon Commendatory Award (my own title) emphasizing the positive efforts being made to improve the environment. This would be an award, with fanfare, to a group that has taken some outstanding action. As an example, Mr. Bergeron of Sequoia mentioned the City of Burlingame's new high purity effluent sewer system.

Much of the day was spent discussing in detail the Wildlife Refuge with guests, Bill Anderson of Calif. Fish and Game, Art Ogilvie of Santa Clara Co., and Bob Shields of the Portland office of Dept. of Interior's Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife. The Bureau has published a beautiful prospectus endorsing the Refuge. San Jose's proposed Super-Jet Airport at Alviso is a frightening threat to the Refuge; because of air, water and noise pollution it would negate the value of the Alviso and most of the Fremont units of the Refuge. The plan calls for about 84.5 MILLION CUBIC YDS OF FILL in the marshes and salt ponds. Where will it come from — dredging or more quarrying in the surrounding hills?

Bills for the establishment of the Refuge are still pending in Wash., and it was decided to request you, the individual members, to express yourselves. First, prompt action on the bills to designate the areas for wildlife is necessary in order to meet the Aug. 8, 1970 deadline required by BCDC legislation. This is vital. Second, under the bills, funds should be provided for social and economic evaluation studies, as the Bureau has recommended. The small BAAC group will only be effective if it can reach individual members. PLEASE HELP.

Regarding H.R. 2749:

House Comm. on Merchant Marine & Fisheries, Ed. A. Garmatz (Md), Chr., House Off. B, Wash. D.C
Wm. S. Maillard & Paul N McCloskey Jr -local co-sponsors on Committee

Regarding S. 2291

Senate Commerce Comm, Warren G Magnuson (Wash), Chr, Sen. Off. Bldg, Wash, D.C. 20240

Regarding Both Bills:

John Whitaker, Depty Asst to Pres for Nat Resources & Envrnt, White House, Wash, D.C

Dr. Leslie Glasgow, Asst Sec, Fish & Wildlife, Parks & Marine Resources

U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Wash, D.C. 20240

Charles H. Neacham, Commissioner, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Serv, Wash, D.C. 20240

Dr. Lee DuBridg, Scientific Advisor to Pres, White House, Wash, D.C. 20240

BAAC, unstructured and informal, will meet quarterly, rotating about the Bay. Mr. Bill Hurd of Ohlone was chairman at Niles. Santa Clara Valley has the honor of hosting the next meeting to be held in our area on April 4, with Mrs. Grace Lind as chairman.

-- Florence LaRiviere, S.C.V.A.S. Representative

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