

**Santa Cruz County Democratic Central Committee
General Meeting Agenda**

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March 22nd, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order –Chair Andrew Goldenkranz at 1901
- II. Attendance and Welcome Visitors – Introductions
 - 1) Members present: Keith, Joe, Edward, Lani, Adam, Rachel, Rene, Adele, Pat, Kristen, Bodie, Clayton, Stacey, Joe, Diana, Rafa, Cynthia, Jenni, Celeste, Lou, Glenn, Rae, Linda, Tim, Peggy, Dawn, Andrew, Ari, Cindy, Franco, Glen, Monica
 - 2)
 - 3) Land Acknowledgment - Andrew
- III. Agenda Changes
 - 1) None.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - 1) M/S/P (Adam/Bodie), Ari, Cynthia, Kristen and Peggy abstaining.
- V. Old Business
 - 1) None.
- VI. New Business
 - 1) Speaker: Assemblymember Dawn Addis
 - i. Introduced her district reps:
 1. Andrea Chmelik: andrea.chmelik@asm.ca.gov or 805-549-3001.
 2. Alexis Garcia-Arrazola: alexis.garcia-arrazola@asm.ca.gov, 831-649-2832
 - ii. Reviewed storm activities and committee work. Started a new Central Coast Caucus covering the five coastal counties from Santa Cruz to Ventura.
 - iii. Brought a package of 14 bills forward.
 - iv. Took Q&A
 - 2) Speaker: Casey Van Den Heuvel on Building Trades negotiations with the cities.
 - i. Introduced himself and requested that we sign a [letter](#) supporting Community Benefit Agreements in their negotiations with the city.
 - ii. His info: Casey Van Den Heuvel, caseyv@smw104.org, 831-454-6465
 - iii. M/S/P (Glen/Ari) 28-0
 - 3) NNU CalCare Weekend of Action (Glenn)
 - i. March 25-26th.
 - ii. There are three events in our county: Santa Cruz, Felton and Boulder Creek, see <https://act.medicare4all.org/event/ca-canvass/> to sign up for one.
 - 4) ACO-REACH resolution (Ruth Carter, Senior Caucus Chair and Renee Zeimer, Rural Caucus Regional Chair)
 - i. Co-Sponsored by the Rural Caucus, the Senior Caucus and the Marin DCC, among others.
 - ii. Presentations given by Carter and Zeimer, who then took Q&A.
 - iii. M/S/P (Glenn/Joe), 20-1-5
- VII. DCC Reports – **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**
 - 1) Chair – Andrew Goldenkranz
 - i. Confirmation from Rivas that Hernandez will stay as his alt.
 - ii. Congrats to Peggy on her event
 - iii. Congrats to Ways & Means on the Gala.
 - iv. South County folks for storm work.
 - v. Affordable housing folks for their continued work.
 - 2) Vice Chair – Jenni Veitch-Olson
 - i. Gave a Pajaro update: Our neighbors were emergency evacuated from their homes in the middle of the night on Friday, March 9. On Saturday, March 10, I shared with you all that there was an immediate need for basic necessities at the Fairgrounds, and overnight you had generously donated more than \$2,200. In total, I collected more than \$2,500. I purchased baby diapers, wipes, toiletries, towels, and refillable gallon jugs of water. There are approximately 500 evacuees at the Fairgrounds, many who have been there since March 9. Operations are being run by the County of Monterey. People have not been allowed to enter Pajaro, there is a barricade. County of Monterey hopes to allow people to return to their homes to clean up starting this Friday. There is still no potable water and there are reports of a sewage leaks throughout the community. The community is still mostly uninhabitable. These are dire circumstances for our neighbors. Not only are they unable to return to their homes, but those who are farmworkers are out of work with no income. Commercial ag land that floods is required to remain fallow for up to 60 days after the water recedes. That is an additional 60 days that many of these neighbors are out of work. All of our local electeds sent a letter to the

Governor asking for him to request a Major Presidential Disaster Declaration and provide financial aid of at least \$1,500 per household affected. They also strongly urged the Governor to make the financial aid available to our undocumented neighbors who are ineligible for federal relief funds. Finally, they asked for the state to pay its full share for the Pajaro levee repair infrastructure project.

1. How you can help:

- Contact the Governor's Office and tell him to approve aid for Pajaro
- Clean up crews hope to begin this weekend. There is a need for volunteers for many different tasks. If you would like to volunteer, then you can sign up for shifts on the Volunteer Center Santa Cruz County website <https://www.scvolunteernow.org/flood>
- Donate money:
 - i. Campesina Womb Justice Direct Aid for Farmworkers
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/direct-aid-for-the-pajaro-farmworkers>
 - ii. Community Bridges www.communitybridges.org
 - iii. Pajaro Valley Pride Drag and Burlesque Benefit Show at Fruition Brewing in Watsonville on April 2 starts at 1 PM. Sponsorships available starting at \$75. No one will be turned away. More info: <http://pajarovalleypride.org/pajaroflood>

3) Treasurer – Keith Gudger

- i. Thanked Glenn, Joe and Rae for completing the audit.
- ii. Shared preliminary Gala Report, net income is around \$14,000.

4) Secretary – Glenn Glazer

- i. No report.

5) Ways and Means – Akin Babatola and Leslie Steiner

- i. No report

6) Communications – Gigi Kelbert and Tony Russomanno

- i. No report

7) Events – Coco Raner-Walter and Diana Alfaro

- i. March to End Homelessness April 1st at 10, we are marching as group. Starts at Cathcart and goes to the County Building.

8) E-Board – Pat Manning, Glenn Glazer

- i. No Report

9) Legislative – Stacey Falls / Bodie

- i. SB 399 by Wahab: ban captive audience meetings
- ii. SB 49 by Becker: Business tax incentives for parking lot solar panels
- iii. AB 610 by Holden and Pellerin: Free youth transit passes
 - 1. Lani's document: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1y2jT5V8IV-QKLBtmowElK3JSZB5HzBb07H2NatUhmHg/edit#>
 - 2. SCMTD: <https://www.scmtd.com/en/youthcruzfree>
- iv. Moved by subcommittee
 - 1. SB 399: Passed 25-0-2
 - 2. SB 49: Passed 30-0-2
 - 3. AB 610: 33-0-1

10) Voter Reg/Engagement – Keith Gudger and Rene Bloch.

- i. Preliminary discussion on working with high schools again.
 - 1. Glenn suggested working with DCNSCC to contact SLV and Scotts Valley high schools.
- ii. Doing voter engagement in AD13.

VIII. Chartered Club Reports- **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**

1) College Democrats at UCSC – Laz Meiman

- i. Bodie: we had fun at the Gala, they were the loudest table ;) Thanked Jenni for the tickets.

2) Democratic Club of North Santa Cruz County – Monica Martinez

- i. Last month Gail Pellerin, next month Dr. Jane Newell, Health Officer on COVID updates.

3) Democratic Women's Club – Cindy Jaconette

- i. Had over 200 people at March 16th event. Thanked everyone involved.
- ii. Will send out a link on the next event.

4) MCDC – Denise Elerick

- i. No report.

5) PVCCDC – Celeste Gutierrez

- i. Meeting on Monday, working on a letter of asks and donation targets.

- 1. Another way to support Pajaro is at https://www.gofundme.com/f/direct-aid-for-the-pajaro-farmworkers?utm_source=widget&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet

6) People's Democratic Club- Franco Picarella

- i. The PDC is actively working on identifying candidates for City, State, and Federal offices that we can support in the 2024 elections. At our April membership meeting Gail Pellerin will be introducing Kimberly Ellis who we are familiar with and supported when she ran for the State Democratic Chair in 2017.

IX. Allied Group Reports - **Please keep all reports to 2-minutes**

- 1) Region 7 – Omar Torres
- 2) CDP Rural Caucus – Glenn Glazer
 - i. Review of the March 21st Meeting
 1. The caucus has created a Rural Affordable Housing Committee. They gave an overview of goals and purpose and introduce a presenter from Mammoth Lakes who gave an awesome presentation on how they are adding 400 new housing units up there.
 2. CADEM is instituting standardized bylaws for all caucuses. Katie Jaycox is working on new bylaws to conform to these standards, whereas Glenn Glazer is working on converting the caucus to a chartered organization, which doesn't have these restrictions.
 3. Renee Zeimer gave a presentation supporting the no on ACO-REACH resolution.
 4. Preview of May meeting, where the main topic will be flood relief. Speakers include Rural Caucus Central Regional Chair Victor Costa and Santa Cruz Democratic Central Committee Vice-Chair Jenni Veitch-Olson.
- 3) Labor – Glen Schaller
 - i. Direct support donations and events for union households in Pajaro.
 - ii. Labor Council Dinner May 12th at Asilomar.
 - iii. Coastal Commission seat: building trades supporting Tyler.
 - iv. Getting some unions not in the council to join.
- 4) Swing Left – Rene Bloch
 - i. Report on Wisconsin
- 5) Housing Santa Cruz County – Diana Alfaro
 - i. Lots going on for affordable housing month.
 - ii. Various agencies working on Housing Element, Santa Cruz April 4th at 1800
 - iii. Shout out to Zennon for being in the LA Times: <https://www.instagram.com/p/Cp3OSeeyny2/> and <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-03-14/fixing-californias-student-housing-crisis-faces-roadblocks>
 - iv. Contact Diana for information on a paid internship in affordable housing, looking for students from Watsonville.
 - v. Rafa: Reported out on participating at a rally in Sacramento to supporting two bills SB4 making church housing easier and SB423: streamlining.
 - vi. Andrew: County looking for housing element community panel members, here's the sign up form to be on the panel: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CGBD6D9> .

X. Public Comment and Announcements

- 1) Rae: Neighborhood Courts is a community-driven diversion program for first-time offenders, allowing them to take responsibility for their actions and address the harms to the victims, participants and the community. By serving as panelists overseeing the process, volunteers are essential to the success of the program. Join us! The District Attorney's Office and the Conflict Resolution Center are looking for a diverse group of volunteers to join.
To learn more or sign up, go to <https://www.santacruzdistrictattorney.us/.../neighborhood....> Applications accepted through June 1, 2023.
- 2) Rae: Grand Jury sign up: <https://www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/departments/grandjury.aspx>
- 3) Rae: Friendly Scrabble tournament to support our local law library! Meet your judges and the law library staff and all the "cool" lawyers. WHEN: Saturday, April 29th, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. WHERE: Santa Cruz County Law Library 701 Ocean St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 WHAT: SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT 2023!
- 4) Bodie: How do we display photos from the gala? Offline.
- 5) Lou: Mt. View considering a resolution similar to Santa Cruz one, if you know anyone there, please send them out to support.
- 6) Glenn: Think good thoughts about Ben Lomond folks, no power and no way in or out.

XI. Adjournment 2051

Next E-board Meeting: April 11th, 2023 6:30pm Next General Meeting: April 26th, 2023 7:00p