Saturday

**Board of Director’s Report:** Glen Holstein reported that CNPS as an organization is in good shape financially.

--Several CNPS-published books are in the pipeline under the direction of Nancy Morin. One is a book on manzanitas by Mike Vasey. Several are in the works including an update of Kern County flora, a flora of Napa County, a rock Creek flora, and a Sierra Nevada wildflower guide.

--David Varner introduced the membership application of the Bryophyte group to join CNPS as a new Chapter. This topic was first brought up at the March meeting, and will be discussed at this meeting.

--CNPS is currently undergoing an audit.

--David Bigham spoke about Board elections as there are several positions open.

--The Board has reviewed the proposal of a merger of CNPS with CalFlora.

**President’s Report:** Laura Camp named members of a Strategic Planning committee who will work on the new Strategic Plan over the next few months.

**Executive Director’s Report:** Dan Gluesencamp talked about the increasing number of CNPS videos on the Youtube channel. There are also videos on the CNPS website.

--Dan related a problem with one of the bird photos posted on the CNPS website being a copyrighted photo, unbeknownst to the poster. Permission to publish the photo was not obtained, and CNPS paid $200 to resolve the issue. He suggests the chapters be very careful about what they put in their newsletters, and make sure permission is given for all articles and photographs. Contact Becky Riley to answer any questions on this.

--A third staff person was hired for the Rare Plant Program. Mona Robison will be coordinating the Rare Plant Treasure Hunt which includes seed and tissue collection.

--The Horticulture Program has been very busy lately with more calls by the public for native landscaping. They are working on a curriculum to certify people in native planting and care.

--There is a new plant finder that has been added to the State website called Calscape. You can get a list of plants for a particular location by typing in that location. There is also a sort function to find the most popular, and it will also list nurseries in the area.

--CNPS is also holding workshops for professional landscapers to teach them about the special needs of natives.

--They also are opposing a tire-based turf, something that is becoming available.

**Bryophyte Group Chapter proposal:** Orchid Black reminded everyone about parliamentary procedure to keep the discussion on point and on time. After all arguments were heard, it was clear that most were happy to have the Bryophyte group become the newest Chapter of CNPS. For detail of the discussion, see the minutes of the May Chapter Council meeting.

**Recognition of Carol Witham** for her 10 years of active service and outstanding accomplishments.

**Presentation:** Kyle Merrium, co-ecologist for the Mount Hough District of the Plumas National Forest, gave a presentation on the fire restoration project at Mud Lake Baker Cypress habitat.

--David Kinateder who was a fire specialist at Mount Hough spoke about habitat management using fire.
Rare Plants: Aaron Sims talked about several rare plant activities including listing petitions for the top 10 species currently unprotected.

--The botanist certification committee finalized draft guidelines and requirements along with ethics and professional conduct documents.

--The California Plant Rescue program collects seeds of rare plants for long-term storage. Free plant presses, and maybe other supplies such as GPS and cameras, are available to Chapters who want to participate. There will be voucher training in the future.

Sunday

Presentation about Phytophthora, Steve Goetz related a growing problem with plant nursery stock being infected with the non-native water-born fungus, Phytophthora. A type of Phytophthora is responsible for sudden oak death disease that has killed many native trees in the coast range. This is not the same species, but a related species, and has been found in nursery potted plants. It can cause death to many species of natives. The Jepson Chapter, who has a nursery of their own, is trying to keep its stock free of the disease, but wants help from the State to spread the word to other Chapters. At this meeting it was decided to formulate a policy about what precautions to take regarding where plant sale material is coming from. The policy committee is guiding the process. We are urged to educate and advise the nurseries in our areas about keeping stock disease free. We will be discussing it at the next CC meeting in Fort Bragg. To read the full discussion on this topic from the meeting, go to the official minutes of the May CC meeting.

Quincy Library Group John Sheehan, who has been involved in the Group from the beginning, gave a presentation about the history of this historic “meeting of the minds” over how best to protect communities from fire while giving the logging companies the incentive to thin the forest.