The Director of the Sagehen Field Station, Jeff Brown gave us an overview of the history of the station which has been an entity since the 1940’s first used for fisheries studies. Through the years more studies were added including beaver, limnology, benthic wildlife, pine marten, birds, and botany. Today it is also involved with seismic studies, experimental forestry, surface geology, and global climate change. Faerthen Felix made a presentation on the Sagehen Art Program which encourages collaboration between artists and scientists. We also had a presentation about the Truckee Watershed Council’s history and message.

Board Representatives Marty Foltyn and Bill Waycott, reported on the Board of Directors meeting. Bill presented a brief overview of CNPS finances. There are about 8000 members, and our State budget is about $2 million in gross revenue, with $180,000 in surplus. Most of those funds are committed to projects and salaries. --Publications are on track with the Kern County Flora complete, Walks in Tahoe, and Kings Canyon/Sequoia and Napa publications coming out soon.

President’s Report: Steve Hartman, relates that action items related to the strategic plan are being finalized, and Chapters will have 30 days to comment or add to the items. There will be an evaluation each year to see how well action items are progressing. The document containing all action items relating to the strategic plan will be available by December.

Executive Director, Dan Gluesencamp.

--The 2018 Conference now has a venue, Los Angeles Airport Marriot.
--The Professional Botanist Certification program should be finalized by September.
--The Certification for professional landscaper curriculum is still in the works.

Some staff changes:
--Kaitlan Green is a new part-time assistant botanist supporting the rankings. Her salary will be paid by Dept. of Fish and Wildlife.
--Deanna Giuliano is a part-time (10 hr/week) Rare Plant Treasure Hunt fieldtrip coordinator for the greater central coast region.
--David Magney is the new Rare Plant Program manager.
--Chris Brown is the new Administrative Assistant in the State office.
--The Fremontia and The Bulletin will be edited by Michael Kauffman.
--Caroline Garland is leaving CNPS as the Horticulture Coordinator, and her position will be redefined before it is filled.
--The Communication position job description is now out.

Your Delegate, Catie Bishop, started a discussion on the use and cost of the garden signs the State CNPS has made available for sale. In response to my and other chapter’s
complaints about the price ($36), Dan Gluesencamp offered to order a run of smaller signs for less money, and to lower the price for the larger signs. But the chapters must get their orders for signs to me before July 26th. I am gathering the orders to send to the State.

**Phytophthora Action Plan update**, Bill Waycott.

--The ad hoc committee will be disbanded after several strategies have been implemented
--One goal is targeting growers of plants for plant sales.
--Educational materials will be developed and also a way to test nursery stock.
--There will be workshops to develop a draft policy
--Develop best management practices.
--Collaborate with the UC Extension service, and partnering with Dept. of Fish and Wildlife to educating the nursery trade about **Phytophthora**.
--Work with legislators, and help develop research partners.

**Bequests.** The Chapter Council was asked to suggest ideas for spending 2 unrestricted bequests. The King bequest is $231,000, and the Halde bequest is $113,636. Some ideas:
--preserve plant habitat and vernal pools.
--hire southern California conservation staff
--support more regional conservation efforts
--collaborate with land trusts to facilitate land turnover
--fund a statewide Forestry analyst
--build a deer fence for maritime chaparral
--save in a rainy day fund
--public relations campaign

**Forest Planning,** Greg Suba and Sue Britting, Sue gave us a synopsis of the history of forest planning in California since 2012. There was a new planning process adopted in 2012 which the forests are beginning to implement. It focuses on sustainability, restoration, conservation, and species diversity. Sustainable management is highlighted in regards to multiple uses such as recreation. The basis of new rules will be the best available scientific information. It will take into consideration ecological integrity, maintenance of viable populations, conservation of threatened species, and the recovery of diversity.
--There is a new organization called the Sierra Forest Legacy whose purpose is to speak for forests in the Sierra Nevada, and it is made up of a coalition of organizations.

**Break-Out Sessions:**

**Membership.** Your delegate attended the membership session. Several topics discussed included the use of membership brochures, the handling of CNPS renewals at events, and developing a process for recruiting and integrating new members into the business end of chapter work.

There was no business meeting on Sunday.