EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  Moved to Monday, November 25, 1991
McNairn residence, 1815 San Verbena Way  7:30 pm

PROGRAM MEETING
Monday, December 2, 1991
Faith Lutheran Church, 667 E. 1st Avenue  7:30 pm

Collecting Wildflowers With Your Camera. CSUC Biology Professor Wes Dempsey will show photos of wildflowers from his collection and suggest some do's and don'ts when using the camera to save flowers and plants seen on your hikes.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

My two-year tenure as president of Mount Lassen Chapter is drawing to a close. It has been an enriching experience for me because of so many enthusiastic and helpful members. I would like to thank all the Executive Board members for their support and also the committee members who don't hold board positions. Thanks also to Dick Bergman who has provided some enjoyable and educational programs, as well as arranging for one of the best meeting rooms ever. I'm especially grateful to Earl Cowden for generously sharing his computer expertise in creating mailing labels. I could always count on him to provide accurate and timely publicity notices. We owe Dorothy Cowden (and all of you who have baked cookies) a big bouquet of red Zauschneria californica ssp. latifolia for providing refreshments at the program meetings!

The last year and a half has been a critical time for Mount Lassen Chapter because of the enormous pressures of urban expansion in Butte County. Controversy has arisen around the Butte County Meadowfoam and the preservation of wetlands. Some of our members have taken courageous and sometimes unpopular stands to uphold the state CNPS purpose of protecting California's native flora. (more)
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont.)

I have tried to steer the chapter on a steady course through some difficult times, and I encourage you now to fully support our new president, Diane Mastalir.

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PARADISE GENERAL PLAN REVISION.

(This report was presented to the Executive Board, Oct. 30, 1991, by Paul Reiling. In future issues we hope to include reports on the progress of Chico and of Butte County General Plan revisions insofar as they affect areas of concern to CNPS.)

The Town of Paradise, City of Chico and Butte County are all in the process of revising their General Plans. All are taking a different approach. Paradise is further along than the others and is about half way through.

The process followed by Paradise was somewhat as follows:

The Town Council selected an outside professional planning organization to prepare the General Plan and the associated Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements. This outside planning group, called Quad, headquartered in Sacramento, worked with the Paradise Planning Commission and Town Council, and sought citizen and organizations participation. It also set up a Steering Committee, composed of the Town Council, and the Planning Commission.

From the interested citizens who volunteered to help in formulating the General Plan, four sub-committees, of about 20 people each, were formed. On each sub-committee was a member of the Planning Commission and a member of the Town Council. These sub-committees met individually, and with the help of Quad personnel and members of the Town Planning staff, each came up with a rough outline of a General Plan. These sub-committees worked independently, and each came up with a different plan, although many themes were common to all plans.

These four alternatives were then presented to the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee had the job of either selecting the best of the four alternatives, or of picking out the best elements from each of the four alternatives, and combining these into a fifth alternative, which would then become the final plan. This was done and the contractor, Quad, is now putting the fifth alternative together, in rough draft form, for review by the citizen sub-committees, and the Steering Committee. At this time, the total job of preparing the Paradise General Plan is about half done. Remaining will be the job of refining the fifth alternative, making whatever changes may seem needed, filling in much detail, preparing the Draft Environmental Statement, receiving and evaluating responses and incorporating any needed changes in the Final Environmental Statement and eventually approving the final plan.
Of interest to the Native Plant Society are the following issues, which appeared in all of the original four alternatives and will be in the fifth one:

Restrict growth to availability of all public services and adequacy of Town infrastructure.

Preserve natural beauty, particularly trees and stream drainage courses.

Establish 1/2 acre gross minimum for new single-family residences.

Increase the number of neighborhood parks and open space.

Develop standards for the implementation of stream protection zones.

Preserve agricultural lands.

In addition, since a General Plan is also an information base, draft appendices have been furnished, one a listing of all native plants in the planning area. A copy of this was given Vern Oswald, who made some corrections, which presumably will be incorporated in the final product. Also, upon learning of Native Plant Society interest in the General Plan, one of the local newspaper reporters asked for, and Rose and I gave her, information about the trees of Paradise which appeared as a feature article in the Paradise Post.

DEADLINE FOR JANUARY ISSUE
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FIELD TRIPS

Sun Dec. 8 Centerville Flume, Butte Creek Canyon. Slow & easy 3-4 mile walk along the power plant ditch and across a few trestles. This is our annual blooming plant count trip. Yes, in December! Meet at the ditch where it crosses the road above the school house at 9:30. Rain or shine. Bring lunch and water. This field trip is for members and their friends only. Leaders: Dorothy Cowden (872-0567) and Ruth Cunningham (891-8462).

Wed Jan. 1 New Year's Day Banana Belt Hike. Meet at Rifle Range Parking lot in Upper Bidwell Park at 10 am with lunch. See what is in bloom up on the warm North ridge. Leader: Wes Dempsey (342-2293)
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