FRIENDS OF THE MARK WEST WATERSHED
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
January 28, 2016   6:30- 8:30 PM
Monan’s Rill HUB

Facilitation Team
Linda, Bill

• Approve October minutes
• Financial Report – Bill
• New Participants
• Determine a volunteer to stay for clean up – Linda
• Hike & Hoot – Set date for event, determine focus (see below) decide speakers/hike leaders to invite

From October minutes: "We liked the idea of a focus topic for this upcoming Hike and Hoot. We will see if we can plan our hikes and speaker around the focus. We will look at the Watershed Management Plan for ideas of possible focus areas.
Possible areas could be:
a) Watersheds and Climate Change -
b) Hydrology: How water moves through our system (rainfall, infiltration, collection, run-off, erosion), slow-it, sink-it, spread-it practices, water catchment systems, greywater systems, low-water gardening, water quality issues.
c) Soils: Understanding geology – how soils sequester carbon – practices to encourage root growth, soil ecology etc.
d) Wildlife in our Watersheds – who is here? Signs of wildlife, enhancing wildlife habitat, wildlife corridors, minimizing obstructions.
e) Wildfire readiness – forestry practices to minimize devastating fire, how ecosystems rely on fire, living in fire dependent ecosystems."

• Determine March (?) meeting date for next Quarterly Meeting
• FMWW Wildlife Cameras – report – Chris & Graham
• Decision on FMWW as non-profit
  o Bill to report out on consult with CPA
  o Penny, Linda and Harriet to share draft bylaws
  o Next steps?
• February 18th - FMWW to host public meeting with Sonoma RCD to get input on the Watershed Management Plan – Penny, Harriet

Committee Reports

• Stewardship – Harriet
• History – Linda
• Emergency Preparedness – Bill
• Public Policy Committee – Ray

Next Membership Meeting - March ?? TBD, 2016 – Monan’s Rill HUB

Directions to Monan’s Rill ~ 7899 St. Helena Road, Santa Rosa CA 95404. Approx. 4 miles on St. Helena Road from Calistoga Road. At the bottom of a sharp S turn, there are several mailboxes on the left at the base of the main drive onto the land. You will also see a sign for Monan’s Rill at the entry on the left side of the road. Go up the gravel drive. Please keep your speed below 15 mph. Monan’s Rill community HUB is about a mile up the drive. When the road changes from gravel to pavement, take a left at the “Y.” It will turn back to gravel shortly. Once you get onto the property, keep going straight, curving around to the left until you get to a second “Y”. Take the right fork and make the next left at the mailboxes. The community building is on the left and parking is on the roadway or in the parking lot area on the right of the building. Please leave your pets at home ~ stay clear of the ponds – no smoking. Please Note: All attendees at our quarterly meetings are asked to sign a general liability release for the benefit of Monan’s Rill.