CAP/CPC Accomplishments 2018

February – Helped member group Foothill Conservancy to organize a great meeting in Mokelumne Hill to support the report recommending Wild and Scenic Designation for the Mokelumne River. Recruited speakers, drafted speakers, circulated photos for 45 one-sentence support comments on the back, led a song, prepared a video that was seen by the Resources Secretary, posted the video on You Tube, got a good article in the Enterprise.

March- Submitted at 28 page comment supporting the Draft Wild and Scenic River Study.

April – Convinced county staff that the Extension of the Saddle Creek Specific Plan triggers environmental review under CEQA.

May- Sent PG&E a memo explaining what they should do to fix their proposed Community Wildfire Safety Program. Ours was some of the earliest input on the program. PG&E ignored out input. When implemented, the program was greatly criticized for the reasons we predicted.

June – Had great fun at the annual fundraiser and secured Wild and Scenic Designation for the Moke!

July- Published piece on PG&E Community Wildfire Safety Program to educate the public on their rights, and circulated it to Highway 4 homeowners' associations. Got the BOS to table the revisions to County Code Section 8.06 re summary remediation of code violations. Submitted oral testimony at the hearing on the General Plan DEIR.

August – Organized a great set of written comments on the General Plan DEIR from the CPC. Got out two press releases, emails blasts, and an editorial to the public. Held a training to help people comment. Provided a list of weaknesses. Contacted agencies and individuals to comment. Sent out email blasts and a snail mail appeal.

September – Ensured that the majority of the Board of Supervisors remained in control of the Chair when the BOS procedures were changed, with some support from the Taxpayers Association.

October – Tabled at Gold Rush Days in Murphys.

November – Submitted complaint to the Grand Jury re the General Plan DEIR and the failure to release the Mintier General Plan.

December- Supported the Airola application for a rezone and general plan amendment to turn the Oak Canyon Ranch development project into a 3,000+ acre agricultural preserve, again with help from the Taxpayer's Association.

January – Submitted speeches to the BOS (1/15 & 1/22) and the Planning Commission (1/24) encouraging them to adopt real mitigation measures for the General Plan Update, and got good press coverage.