San Benito County Democrats

CENTRAL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, February 12, 2026 – 6:00PM Hybrid Meeting
Sunnyslope Water District – 3570 Airline Hwy, Hollister, CA 95023

Democrats who wish to join virtually must register for Zoom here:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ly6wcb7EQlWHQ7ZrYomIww
After registering, you will receive an email about how to join the meeting.

PRE-MEETING (OPTIONAL/NO BUSINESS CONDUCTED)

6:00-6:25PM – POTLUCK & TECH SET-UP

AGENDA

6:25PM – CALL TO ORDER & HOUSEKEEPING (Chair: Dolores Morales, 5 min)

- Welcome & Housekeeping
- Roll Call & Establish Quorum (11 of 20 dues-paid members)
- Approval of Agenda

6:30PM – PUBLIC COMMENT (Dolores, 5 min)
Members of the public may speak for up to 2 minutes each.

GUEST SPEAKERS/PRESENTATIONS

6:35PM – BOE MEMBER SALLY LIEBER, California State Board of Equalization (District 2) (5 min)

6:40PM – ASM. PATRICK AHRENS, California State Assembly (District 26) (5 min)

6:45PM – DIGITAL CONTRACTOR GABRIEL MENDEZ (5 min)

- Overview of recent digital work and metrics (if available)
- Preview of proposed website platform changes
- Request for volunteer participation in upcoming video projects

ADMINISTRATION

6:50PM – CONSENT AGENDA (Dolores, 5 min)

- *ACCEPT:* December 2025 + January 2026 Treasurer's Reports
- *APPROVE:* January 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes
- Ratify informal actions, if any.

REPORTS
Note: *With a full agenda, reports should be concise and focused on key updates.*

6:55PM – CADEM REGION 9 (Regional Director: Dominic, 5 min)

7:00PM – CHAIR (Dolores, 5 min)

- Gubernatorial Debate
- March Meeting Scheduling
- Vacancies: Spring Fundraising Chair(s) + Membership & Volunteer Engagement Chair(s)

7:05PM – VICE CHAIR (Vice Chair: Jeanie Wallace, 5 min)

- Update on signature gathering for Rep. Zoe Lofgren and Speaker Robert Rivas, with an immediate call for committee volunteers, including ex-officio alternates and Club members.
- Decide whether to continue a monthly potluck and if yes, confirm a 5:30pm or 6:00pm start time.

7:10PM – EX-OFFICIOS (5 min)

- Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren – Leslie Jordan
- Senator John Lair - Mark Echevarria
- Assemblymember Robert Rivas – Samuel Ramos

7:15PM – YOUTH COMMITTEE (Youth Rep: Alyssa Garcia, 5 min)

7:20PM – EVENTS COMMITTEE (Chair: Mark Echevarria, 5 min)

7:25PM – ANZAR HILLS DEMOCRATIC CLUB (President: Nancy Treffry, 5 min)

7:30PM – HOLLISTER DEMOCRATIC CLUB (Dolores, 5 min)

NEW BUSINESS

7:35PM – ACTION: DIGITAL CONTRACTOR FUNDING AUTHORIZATION (Dolores, 10 min)
Purpose: Determine whether to authorize additional contracted work for Gabriel Mendez by approving (1) a defined scope of work, (2) a not-to-exceed funding amount, and (3) a completion timeline for digital support beyond the previously approved $500.

7:45PM – ACTION: CODE OF CONDUCT — Review & Approval (Dolores, 15 min)
Purpose: Clarify expectations and formally adopt updated conduct standards.

- Review proposed update
- Approve updated Code of Conduct
- Set expectation for distribution to membership for signature
- Effective date: immediately upon approval

8:00PM – ACTION: ENDORSEMENTS — Process & Scope (Primary 2026) (Dolores, Leslie 15 min)
Purpose: Adopt the endorsement process and define the scope of races under consideration.
- Review endorsement process and timeline
- Confirm races the committee will consider
- Confirm Endorsements Committee composition: Candelario, Dolores (event facilitator), Irma, Julio, Leslie (committee facilitator), Seth

8:15PM – FUNDRAISING STRATEGY— Spring & Fall 2026 (Dolores, 15 min)
Purpose: Establish direction and working groups for two distinct fundraisers; no approval of spending at this meeting.
- **Fall 2026 Fundraiser — AHDC Coordination**
  - **Purpose:** Provide directional guidance and establish a joint working group.
    - Update on current conversations with AHDC regarding expectations and roles
    - Identify key questions or friction points to address in advance
  - **Action:** Establish an SBCDCC / AHDC joint working group
  - **Charge:** Clarify roles, responsibilities, decision authority, and communication norms
  - **Joint Group Deliverable:** recommendations to the SBCDCC + AHDC (March/April)

- **Spring 2026 Fundraiser — SBCDCC-Led**
  - **Purpose:** Authorize initiation of planning and establish an internal working group.
    - Confirm intent to hold a Spring 2026 fundraiser
    - Identify initial constraints or considerations (timing, capacity, goals)
  - **Action:** Establish an SBCDCC working group
  - **Charge:** Develop recommendations on goals, timing, leadership roles, and next steps
  - **Deliverable:** proposed plan and timeline to return to the committee

8:30PM – ICE Resolution — Introduction of Draft (Jeanie, 10 min)
Purpose: Introduce the draft and define the feedback and decision pathway.
(Introduction only — no vote)
- Presentation of draft resolution
- Explanation of intended purpose and scope
- Process for submitting written feedback
- Timeline for potential future action

8:40PM – Convention Delegates & Proxies (Jeanie, 5 min)
- Confirmation of delegate attendance
- Reminder regarding proxy requirements ([proxy form](#))

8:45PM – OPEN FLOOR (All, 5 min)
Acknowledgments, announcements, urgent updates, and requests for future agenda items.

8:50PM – ADJOURN

FUTURE: Robert's Rules of Order Training

SBCDCC MEMBERSHIP:

D1 = 4 Seats (Baumann-Thorp, Connor, González, Munoz-Cowan)
D2 = 4 Seats (Austin, Capron, Freeman, Morris-Lopez)
D3 = 4 Seats (J. Casey, M. Casey, Harmssen, Morales)
D4 = 5 Seats (Graves, Rodriguez, Skow, Tiffany, Open Seat)
D5 = 4 Seats (Franco, Mayzouni, Perez, Wallace)
Total = 21 Seats (1 vacancy)

ANZAR HILLS SBCDCC MEMBER:
President of AHDC: Nancy Treffry (D2)

SBCDCC YOUTH MEMBERSHIP:
Hollister High School: Alyssa Garcia (Alt: Nico Haro)
San Andreas High School: vacant
Anzar High School: vacant
At-large: vacant

2025-26 SBCDCC DELEGATES: Morales, Morris-Lopez, Skow, Freeman, Howard, Rodriguez

EX-OFFICIO REPRESENTATIVES & EX-OFFICIO ALTERNATES:
Congressmember Lofgren = Leslie Jordan
CA Senator Laird = Mark Echevarria
CA Assemblymember Rivas = Samuel Ramos