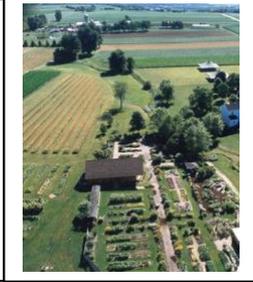


# Siskiyou Democrats Grassroots News

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**Agriculture and Climate Change** is the theme for this month. Above left to right: 1) Organic farm sign 2) Pesticide spraying on large industrial farm 3) Plowing on large industrial farm 4) Sustainable, multi-crop farm in Thailand 5) Rodale organic farm in Kutztown, PA.

## In This Issue

In this issue, we're again focusing on the **Environment**, one of the key concerns of residents in our 1st Congressional District. Last month, we addressed climate change and forest fires.

Here we focus on **Agriculture and Climate Change**, and how innovative practices are critical to reducing CO<sup>2</sup> in the atmosphere – one of Audrey Denney's key initiatives.

## Important Information

### Early Primary! MARCH 3, 2020

For the upcoming Presidential election, **ALL primary elections have been moved to March 3, 2020**. That means ballots will be distributed around February 3, 2020. We had previously been told by the County Clerk that there would be two "primary" elections (March and June), however this is not the case. So, we'll be working hard for our candidates this fall!

## Volunteer Opportunities

Are you interested in helping us elect democrats in Siskiyou County? Here are some upcoming volunteer opportunities:

**June 15 – Gold Rush Days** – 10am to 4pm – Miner Street, Yreka. The DCCSC has a booth. You can: help staff the booth, bring cookies to give away, or just come chat with fellow democrats!

**July 4 to 7 – Mt. Shasta July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration** – Downtown Mt. Shasta. **Audrey Denney will again be marching** in the parade and we need lots of supporters walking with us. In her t-shirts! We will have them available. We also have a booth to promote democrats and Audrey.

To volunteer for either of these events (and we need your help!), send an email to [siskiyoudems@gmail.com](mailto:siskiyoudems@gmail.com).

## What's Happening

### DCCSC Grassroots Committee Meetings

**Tuesday, June 4, 2019: Yreka YMCA or**

**Tuesday, June 11, 2019: Mt. Shasta Library**

Meetings begin at 6:00pm, with the same agenda for both meetings. Everyone is welcome! Join us and get involved.

### Democratic Central Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, June 12, 2019 6:00pm to 7:30pm,**

**Best Western, Mt. Shasta**

All DCCSC meetings are open to the public, and you are encouraged to attend. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 6:00pm to 7:30pm, alternating between Mt. Shasta and Yreka.

## By the Numbers...

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**Surprise!!** 38 is the percentage of registered Republican voters in Siskiyou county. According to the February 10, 2019 California Secretary of State Report, the registration statistics for Siskiyou county were: 38% Republican, 30% Democrat, 29% No Party Preference/American Independent, and 3% other. So! To all those Dems and Indies who've lost heart and think SisQ is hopelessly red, it's worth your valuable time to jump in now and get involved!

## Agriculture and Climate Change

Doug LaMalfa is a large-scale rice farmer who refuses to acknowledge the overwhelming scientific evidence that human interference in earth's CO<sub>2</sub> production and sequestration is causing massive disruptions in both climate and weather patterns worldwide. As a result, the substantial benefits any rice farmer might contribute to CO<sub>2</sub> reduction are lost. While LaMalfa opposes the vital leadership and funding the federal government should provide for national and international environmental health\*, his record shows he very much enjoys taxpayer dollars coming his way via federal farm subsidies.

**As a life-long farmer, soil expert, and environmentalist, Audrey Denney's ag proposals are broad, deep, and based in sound science.** She understands that the negative role agriculture and ranching have in climate change is equaled only by their potential for both reducing CO<sub>2</sub> production and drawing down carbon already in the atmosphere. Her ideas range from innovative soil and crop management (addressing over-tillage and pesticide use, crop diversification and rotation, irrigation and grazing methods) to issues around product marketing, local processing, and infrastructure. Her goal is to help farmers reduce carbon footprint and increase efficiency and profits, while building vibrant farming communities.



*Audrey holds healthy soil.*

She is a strong supporter of small family farms. As such, she believes the federal government has a critical role to play in giving technical support\* to those most ready and willing to innovate around climate change: the smallholder farmer and rancher. For more on her policy positions and some great videos, go to: <https://audreyforcongress.com/issues/agriculture/>

To give you an idea of the breadth and depth of Audrey's climate thinking, here is an excerpt from her website: <https://audreyforcongress.com/issues/rural-economic-development-combating-climate-change/>

"There is no one approach that will solve this emergency for us. A web of approaches is necessary, which brings diverse local stakeholders together for shared solutions-oriented planning (environmentalists, forest industry, local government, tribal government, etc.), who invest in and mobilize local people both in career and technical education as well as public-private partnerships in land stewardship, and who streamline and expedite regulatory hurdles and increase local control.

We must work to clear pathways for green energy technologies to compete in the marketplace by removing the red tape that impedes innovation and favors traditional energy options. We can improve coordination of permitting and oversight at the federal, state and local levels in order to accelerate the implementation of clean energy projects that modernize our power grid and encourage investment in these technologies that create jobs. [SDGN will address climate change and energy, in depth, in a later issue].

My policy priorities for combating climate change and developing our rural economy focus on three critical approaches: **mitigation, adaptation and resilience.**"

\*Federal technical support comes from the NRCS, a branch of the USDA. "The Natural Resources Conservation Service provides leadership in a partnership effort to help people conserve, maintain, and improve our natural resources and environment." Not under Trump. Current funding for all of NRCS projects nationwide is 45M, or .0003 of USDA's 151B budget. That is, next to nothing. Under Trump and ag secretary Sonny Perdue, the USDA has advocated for even less federal involvement and "increased private sector funding" for conservation efforts nationwide. Doug LaMalfa supports these positions. (Quotes are from the USDA website and 2018 budget). For a chilling look at the Trump/LaMalfa USDA: <https://www.ucsusa.org/our-work/food-agriculture/unhealthy-food-policy/betrayal-usda-2018>

## Resource of the Month: An Interactive Feature

In a new segment, the *Siskiyou Democrats Grassroots News* invites readers to submit ideas for educational resources such as books, podcasts, and videos. We'll choose those that best align with the theme of our current issue. Send suggestions to: [siskiyoudems@gmail.com](mailto:siskiyoudems@gmail.com).

### June, 2019 Resource of the Month

#### ***Drawdown: The most comprehensive plan ever proposed to reverse global warming***

Editor: Paul Hawken

Publisher: Penguin Books, 2017

"Paul Hawken and his colleagues have researched and modeled the one hundred most substantive ways we can reverse global warming. These solutions reside in energy, agriculture, forests, industries, buildings, transportation, and more. They also highlight critical social and cultural solutions, such as empowering girls, reducing population growth, and changing our diets and consumption patterns. Together, these solutions not only slow climate change, they can reverse it." -- Jonathan Foley, Executive Director, CA Academy of Sciences, San Francisco

The large-format paperback is beautifully produced, and designed for easy access and readability. It also offers in-depth analyses and helpful statistics. It's as moving and inspiring as it is useful and profound.-- SDGN editors

*From Tom Laurent:*

#### **Research Resources for Tracking LaMalfa's Votes and Actions:**

[www.congress.gov](http://www.congress.gov)

Search site by legislation and LaMalfa will display legislation the LaMalfa sponsored and cosponsored for the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress (2019-2020)

[www.govtrack.us](http://www.govtrack.us)

Look up LaMalfa. This site will display the 2018 Report Card for LaMalfa. You can also track LaMalfa's voting record.

[www.votesmart.org](http://www.votesmart.org)

This site analyses LaMalfa. It gives information on his Bio, Voting, Positions on Issues, Ratings on Issues, Speeches and Funding.

[www.douglamalfa.org](http://www.douglamalfa.org) (website designed by Tom Laurent)

This site displays data on LaMalfa and Letters to the Editor and opinion pieces.

[www.fec.gov](http://www.fec.gov) (federal election finance data site)

Click on Campaign Finance Data; then Candidates, then all candidates, Type in Doug LaMalfa, then click on the > symbol at far right of the screen. This will display campaign years and click on 2018. Click on LaMalfa, Doug; click on Browse receipts which will show all single campaign donation by the contributor's name.

#### **Your Democratic Central Committee of Siskiyou County (DCCSC):**

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