

Santa Cruz Group of the Sierra Club Executive Committee
Meeting Agenda - Regular Meeting
Wednesday October 11, 2023; 630-830 Zoom meeting

1. Greetings/Introductions

Present: Mike Guth, Steve Bakaley, Jerry Busch, Kristen Sandel, Jim Danaher

2. Announcements

Kristin announced Saturday October 28, 1-3 at Felton Community Hall; Environmental Town Hall. Jerry spoke briefly about the contracts from Pajaro Valley Water.

3. Changes to the Agenda

San Lorenzo Park Re-Design.

4. Minutes

Review/approve September 2023 Minutes. Mike will edit the September minutes and send to everyone.

5. Treasurer's Report

Steve gave the Treasurer's Report, including the account balances, and will follow up with the entities about pending payments.

6. Executive Committee Meeting Dates/Time (MG)

Mike discussed trying to meet with Adam about meeting date changes.

7. Conservation Committee

b. Wharf Master Plan – Alternative 2 (MG)

Mike gave the report. Plan will go to Parks Department, Planning, and then the City Council. Mike said that ExCom should send a letter showing support for Alternative 2. ExCom discussed how responding letters should be drafted. Mike will ask the state Sierra Club send a letter.

c. SLR Benchland letter request (JB)

Letters regarding trail locations were discussed. Jerry shared his letter to the City of Santa Cruz with ExCom for comment. Jerry said a survey is going out in October. His letter must be considered and approved by email. The letter discussed Option #3. Jerry said the letter must be sent by end of October, and that a further hearing will be held in December. Jerry will send a draft to the ExCom to Mike and the rest of ExCom on Thursday, October 12th. ExCom members must respond promptly. The SC position promoting river access, limited to one access area, was clarified.

8. Climate Committee

Kristin reported that she went to the climate meeting, and related all the topics that were covered.

9. Political Committee

Mike nominates Glenn Glazer to the Political Committee. Voted in: 5-0.

a. Committee Report

10. Election Committee

Mike is ready to create the Elections Committee. Mike nominated himself, Jerry, Jane Orbach and Jim. Nominating list was voted in: 5 to 0. ExCom discussed the required timelines.

Mike asked for permission to send an email ASAP regarding nominations for Executive Committee elections.

11. Levee Project

Micah reported that Ecological Concerns was awarded the contract for work on the levee. Micah said he had a lot of confidence in the owner of the company.