

Santa Cruz Group of the Sierra Club - Executive Committee

Meeting Agenda -

Wednesday March 13, 2024; 630-830 Zoom meeting

1. Greetings/Introductions
2. Announcements
3. Changes to the Agenda
4. Minutes
 - a. Review/approve February 2023 Minutes
5. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Financials (SB)
6. Coastal Appeal – State Coastal Committee
 - a. Report/update
7. Transportation Committee report
 - a. Update on litigation request – Hiway widening (Rick)
 - b. Recommendations:
 1. To mention the following events in the March newsletter of the Club (Rick will write). Fliers are attached.
 1. The Community Meeting “Will Auxiliary Lanes Work? A Look at Transportation Alternatives” on March 30th, 10:20am at the Aptos Library. Transcom wants to invite Lani Faulkner to speak at the meeting.
 2. Caltrans Whistleblower: A Zoom Interview with Jeanie Ward-Waller, introduced by Senator John Laird, March 19th 7pm
 3. Sponsor a film showing and tribute to past Freeway Fighters and Sierra Club leaders Peter and Celia Scott, Paul Elerick, and Bill Malone. This would be part of the Reelworks Film Festival, which takes place around May 1. The film, *Divided Highways*, a PBS documentary, is a historical look at the US embrace of the highway system and its negative impacts on communities. It also documents the freeway revolts in Boston and San Francisco. The request is for \$500 to spend on publicity (Facebook ad, etc.) The purpose of this event is to raise money for the lawsuit, and raise awareness that the current fight against highway expansion is a prominent environmental cause in our community.
8. Conservation Committee
 - a. Meeting Report (MG)

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- b. Update on Leaf Blower
- c. San Lorenzo Park letter update
- d. Swallows letter update