

Santa Cruz Group of the Sierra Club - Executive Committee
Minutes of the June 13, 2026 Zoom Meeting

1. Greetings/Introductions:

Present are: Mike Guth, Steve Bakaley, Cynthia Denny, Kristen Sandel, Jerry Busch, Stevan Leonard, and Jim Danaher.

2. Announcements

Cynthia announces the deadline to respond to Congress members people to protect the Roadless Rule.

3. Changes to the Agenda

Steve Leonard requests to add to the agenda.

4. May 2026 Minutes

The May minutes were amended and corrected. Steve moves, Lani seconded. Passed unanimously.

a. Review/vote on approval

5. Treasurer's Report (Stevan Leonard)

Steve gave the report. Lani and Steve B are now added to the list of approved signers.

6. County Parks Parking Fees

Kristen gave the report, and said that budget discussions would be taken up as early as June 11th. Kristen requested that Mike sign it for immediate submission to the County. Steve B. Mike complained that "free spaces" involved downloading the app from Apple or Google, then posting a photo. The letter was edited during the meeting.

7. College Lake letter

Jerry discussed the annual report and the main concerns addressed in his letter. The meeting is June 24, 2026. Jerry said he would also prepare a second letter to comment on other aspects of the report. Moved by Jerry Second by Steve B. Passed 6-0. Jerry and Mike will meet Thursday, 6/11/2026 to discuss changes to the letter.

8. SCC Coastal Committee report/update

Mike gave the report about the Coastal Committee meeting about the effects of fireworks on animals, and problems with pedestrian crossings over rail road tracks. Restrictions by Coastal Commission are increasing. Next Coastal Commission meeting is in August, and Mike Guth will be making a presentation.

Mike mentioned the "Blue Wall" effort to prevent onshore development that would support offshore oil drilling over the entire California coast.

9. SCC Forest Committee Update

Kristin gave the report and discussed Zone Zero. She explained work about a draft forest memo to address wildfire resiliency management

10. Committee reports Parks/Public Lands Sub-Committee report

a. Cynthia made a request that if information comes to ExCom that is relevant to sub-committees, that the material would be shared with the relevant committees. Mike responded by saying such material usually goes to the ConsCom list.

b. Cynthia discussed a ConsCom meetup with various people, including Pablo Gabriel who led a tour through the redwoods.

c. Cynthia mentioned the “Summer of Action” activities, and invited people to get involved.

11. Miscellaneous

Mike discussed the email policy.

Lani asked the group if anyone knew of experts who could help address the issue regarding the removal of deep ocean research tools.