

**Sierra Club Santa Cruz Group Executive Committee
Minutes February 12, 2014**

Called to Order 6:41pm

Attending: Mike Guth, Tawn Kennedy, Greg McPheeters, Mary Odegaard, Ron Pomerantz, Erica Stanojevic

Approval of Minutes

Online Votes

1/14/14 Santa Cruz City Water Advisory Committee

Motion to modify the previously approved Motion, which stated that we would put forward Ron Pomerantz as our Sierra Club Representative to that committee, to state that we will not only put forward Ron Pomerantz as our primary nominee, but that we will also put forward Erica Stanojevic and Cherie Bobbe as alternate nominees to represent the club and our members.
Motion passes

2/3/14 Jessie Street Marsh

The ConsCom has approved, and now recommends to ExCom, that the Group submit a letter in opposition to the proposed project at Jessie St Marsh in Santa Cruz.
Motion passes

Treasurer's Report (Mary)

Forestry bill 2013 paid
Net income positive
Report approved

Committee structure (Greg):

Proposal to roll issues committees into single "conservation" committee
Would affect water, forestry, coastal, transportation committees

Motion to have only conservation, events, outreach, elections, political and nomination committees for 2014
Ron seconds
Unanimous vote

“Sustainable Santa Cruz” Ballot Initiative Project - Tim Goncharoff

Ballot initiative is a way for citizens to initiate change without city council approval. Local environmental groups can work together to create it. Will be worth waiting to formalize language and develop the document before the group works to actually get it on the ballot.

Committees and Committee Chairs:

Chair nominates Mike Guth to be conservation chair; motion passes unanimously

Chair nominates Keresha Durham to be events chair; motion passes unanimously

Nominations, elections, political, outreach: To be thought about

Vague plans for Mike/David to work on newsletters, convios

HELEN review/Training (Mary)

Trician: review and correct email list

Mary motions that Trician can send postcards to new Sierra Club members to inform them of meetup, committees, website

Erica seconds

Motion passes unanimously

Review of bylaws for elections (Mary)

- Talking about chair, etcetera positions ahead of time

- Issue may also be related to exec. elections not being timely in the first place

- Need to identify elections chair soon and have that person explore having earlier elections separated from chapter

Conservation Committee (Mike)

1. Seek approval for writing letter, getting on record, for the Aptos high power line project. Comment period open til ~2/18. Comments would be to

a) Get on record and express our concern over the amount of tree removal, possible habitat fragmentation, and community impacts for the primary proposed route

b) To support the citizen group working on the issue

Mike moves to create a letter for the issue as stated above

Erica seconds

Motion passes unanimously

2. Report on Borregas Gulch Trail - opening soon, request club presence photo op/press etc

March 25th may be expected opening date

3. Update on Jessie St Marsh

Negotiations with SC Parks Dept.

Eastern trail subject to approval by city council

Write up requested - Erica

Water Supply Committee, Council, Water Commission, and regional water updates (Mary)

Erica is selected to be the Sierra Club representative

Concerns about actual role of committee

Sierra Club's stance: Firm on required to have habitat conservation plan followed for the fish, ect.

MAH event (Tawn):

Event called Bloom - April 19th

Call for submissions - however looks to conflict with Earth Day so doubtful that we'll participate

Mark Lakeman event (Tawn)

Friday March 7th, 6 - 8pm

Planner and designer from Portland who is speaking at UCSC

We will co-sponsor event through convio, etc

Events discussion

Should events go through exec committee? Request to announce events but if not contentious probably not vote to approve

Issues if a different committee wants to have support for an event

Workshop requested about how to learn deal with education regarding how the public can effectively communicate with government around issues

Mary moves to adjourn

Tawn seconds

Adjourned at 8:52