

Sierra Club Santa Cruz Group Executive Committee

Minutes April 9, 2014

Called to order 6:34

Attending: Mike Guth, Tawn Kennedy, Greg McPheeters, Ron Pomerantz, Jukka Naukkarinen, Erica Stanojevic

Gary Patton, David Casteron, Gillian Greensite, Jake and Linda Bernstein, Bryan Largay

Online Votes

Motion to send letter in support of moratorium for all fracking activities in Santa Cruz County sent to county planning commission passed; letter was submitted

Concerned residents regarding CEMEX land trust plans

Jake and Linda Bernstein; residents of Bonny Doon

Proposed development includes: hiking, biking, logging, and possibly many other uses

Mentioned concerns about wildlife - mountain lions, etc.

Concerns about safety - increased bike use may lead to accidents on windy roads

Fire, sheriff takes time, water usage, patrolling, noise, parking lot

Many other areas nearby are accessible to people; this place may be best left untouched for wildlife

Guest, Bryan Largay, Conservation Director, Land Trust

- Living Landscape Initiative - coalition of a five groups working to conserve the land and create wildlife corridors, etc.
 - Save the Redwoods League
 - Land Trust of Santa Cruz County
 - Nature Conservancy
 - Sempervirens fund
 - Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST)
- Public access may be off Empire Grade
- Illegal activity - how monitored?
- Save the Redwoods would purchase land as easement
- Land trust role - coordinate public access
- Plan creates zoning - timber harvesting, recreation, reserves
- Timber cut for "restoration purposes only" - likely species of oak that have overgrown; redwood clumps that with thinning could lead to larger redwoods

- National Monument status may provide higher level of ecological protection, first transfer to BLM needed; slightly higher revenue as Monument
- Claim that mountain lions benefit from increased logging

David Casteron - Gave us books! Beautiful and able to learn botany through coloring

Review of minutes

Tawn motions to approve minutes; Ron seconds
Minutes approved

Treasure's report (Greg in place of Mary):

Approved

Resignation from Jenna

Mike motions to consider nomination and vote on this next month
Tawn seconds
Unanimous

Motion to notify membership of vote; ask for anyone who wants to contact Greg in two weeks from Convio
Mike seconds
Unanimous
Mike writes newsletter Convio

Conservation Committee (Mike, Chair needed)

Need for new Committee Chair as Mike is stepping down
Update on Issues from Committee

Outreach Committee (Chair needed)

Proposal to Hire an Outreach Coordinator (Greg)
Need to define scope of work

Motion to work towards hiring Outreach Coordinator not to exceed \$7,500 for the balance of the year; work in next few weeks to define scope of work
Ron seconds
Unanimous

Political Committee

Questionnaire developed
Will be sent out by the end of the week

Adjourned 9:00