

**Sierra Club Santa Cruz Group Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2014**

Called to Order 6:35 pm

Attending: Keresha Durham, Gillian Greensite, Mike Guth, Tawn Kennedy, Mary Odegaard, Ron Pomerantz, Erica Stanojevic,
Debbie Bulger visiting; Kerena Pushnick; George Donderro

Online Votes

June 25th: Motion to send letter to City regarding vegetation removal project during nesting season passed unanimously - letter received and vegetation will be removed after nesting season!

June 26th: Motion to send letter regarding views on CEMEX land passed unanimously - hand delivered by Keresha

June 27th: Motion to send letter to Hyatt regarding removal of Red Chestnut Tree passed unanimously

Approval of Minutes (May)

Ron moves to approve; Erica seconds

Unanimous except one abstain from member who wasn't present at that meeting

Presentation: Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission

Update of regional transportation plan

Passenger Rail Study; July 17th public workshop

Trail networks updated

How to implement plan?

May propose a half cent sales tax ballot measure during 2016 election

Question and answer session

Treasurer's Report approved

Water Committee Report

City committee working on basics first; consensus design for committee

Conservation Committee

Chair position

Gillian is nominated by Tawn (excom chair for tonight)

Unanimous

Meder St Development (Debbie)

Want to develop 6 acres; CA popcorn flower on land and is of concern, also the Ohlone Tiger beetle, among other species

Development may be too close to water

Keresha motions to allocate \$1000 to Native Plant Society to support them; Mike seconds

Motion passes

Hwy 1/9 intersection plans

City is paying for most of it; bike lanes will be substandard; issues for pedestrians; also many trees will be removed

Keresha motions that she will draft letter for comments; Ron seconds

Unanimous

Outreach Committee

No chair

Ron motions to appoint Greg as interim Outreach chair for three months; Mike seconds

Unanimous

Melissa has just completed the hiring process and is on board; she will report to interim chair (Greg)

Discussion about connecting with local members (Jillian)

Events Committee

Mother event very successful; Debbie Bulger's event less attended although was filled with amazing information

Concern about outings leaders not having certification

Political Committee

Ask to co-sponsor candidates forum for city council for \$100;

Mike motions to co-sponsor; Keresha seconds

Unanimous

Adjourned at 9:04