

**Sierra Club Santa Cruz Group Executive Committee**  
**Minutes December 9, 2015**  
**Louden Nelson, 301 Center St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060**

**Called to Order 7:05**

**Attending: Courtney Casteanos, Keresha Durham, Gillian Greensite, Greg McPheeters, Ron Pomerantz, Erica Stanojevic**  
Mary Odegaard, Jack Nelson

**Welcome – member comments**

**Online Votes**

Motion to send a revised letter to the RTC regarding the upcoming tax measure is passed on November 17th

Motion to send a letter to city council supporting the Water Supply Advisory Committee's report and recommendations passed on November 17th

Motion to co-sponsor a climate change theatre event passed on November 26th

Motion to send letter to city council regarding the final findings of the Cowell's Water Quality Group passed on December 3rd

**Approval of Minutes**

Ron motions to approve November minutes; Gillian seconds; unanimous

**Treasurer's Report (Mary)**

Report given and discussed

**Executive Committee (Greg)**

Gifts

**Election Committee (Greg)**

Update on elections - ballot will be coming out later than is ideal; so we should try to support ahead of time so people can be ready to vote and mail it out quickly

**Events and Outreach Committee (Greg)**

**Hiking PCT event report** - 76 people attended; brought in some profit; other events went well too

**Climate Changes Everything Rally report** - went well overall; perhaps try to have table positioned a bit better for hearing speakers

**- Upcoming Events and Mtg**

Dr. Amy Draut; January 21st Thursday - "Dam removal in US; successes, surprises, and looking ahead" - needs to be approved

Greg motions to approve; Gillian seconds; unanimously approved

**Next meeting likely Feb. 3rd**

**Progressive Christian Climate Change event Feb. 5th** Friday evening interdisciplinary event; Feb. 6th Saturday morning panel

May want to get in contact with them and see if they want co-sponsorship/support

**Conservation Committee (Gillian)**

**Water (Erica, Ron)**

City council did approve Water Supply Advisory Committee plan; now we must pay attention to issue for years to come

Desal Alternatives is still discussing their next form and involvement; they have will have their celebration party this Sunday

**Hwy 1 Draft EIR**

Jack Nelson came to talk about this issue

Lots of documents;

Highway project will increase greenhouse gas emissions;

Comments due by January 18th

Tuesday 10am Campaign for Sensible Transportation meeting at Quaker Meeting house

Erica motions to support a study session event regarding Highway 1 Draft EIR if Campaign for Sensible Transportation holds such; Ron seconds; unanimous

**Regional Transportation Plan 2040**

Initial comments due January 7th

Go to SCRTC website to make comments

**Cowell Water Quality Group Updates**

City approved continuation of group for another year; agreed to priorities list which excludes DNA testing and focuses on PR rather than determining the exact causes of the problem

**City LED Lighting Upgrades**

Gillian drafted a letter; will revise and send out again. We may request a meeting with the County Board of Supervisors regarding this and ask them to study the issue and redo the lights with a more appropriate color and intensity

**East Bay Hills Tree Removal/Restoration**

Gillian drafted a letter to send to the group; discussed. Some revisions to letter, including adding citations.

Erica motions to send letter with changes; Gillian seconds; Gillian to work on letter and circulate for a vote.

**Adjourned at 9:15**