

**Sierra Club Santa Cruz Group Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes, March 9, 2016
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM, Louden Nelson, Santa Cruz, CA**

Called to Order 7:07

Attending: Courtney Casteanos, Keresha Durham, Gillian Greensite, Ron Pomerantz, Erica Stanojevic, Jukka Naukkarinen, Jack Nelson
Mary Odegaard, Dan Hirsch

Welcome – member comments

Online Votes

February Minutes

Keresha moves to approve minutes with changes; Ron seconds; unanimous with two abstentions due to absence

Treasurer's Report (Mary)

Family of Chris Brodwell was thanked; money can be used in any way

Executive Committee (Becca)

Outreach Coordinator Position - Greg is continuing to work on this

March Fundraising Window - Mailer broke even last time; was a lot of time; so maybe just an email outreach this time. And perhaps just a focused letter to those who sent money in last time plus list of previous donors

Ron motions to have a targeted mailer to only list a of previous donors plus an email to connect with and inform our membership and ask for funds; Courtney seconds; unanimous

Events and Outreach Committee (Mary or Nikki)

Need Volunteers for Earth Day Event

Next Event, March 24th UCSC Bee Researcher

Co-Sponsor Event with Population Connection

Monterey Bay Chapter and a UC Natural Reserves Presentation with Kathleen Wong

Next events meeting is at May 4th at Trician's house at 6:30

Guest at 7:30 - Dan Hirsch, new proposed legislation regarding Diablo Canyon

Member of a Committee to Bridge the Gap; Director of Nuclear Policy in 80s at UCSC; teaching nuclear policy at UCSC now

Diablo - PG&E originally wanted to build a reactor south of Diablo; several members of Sierra Club had connections to the company; Diablo was built under assumption that there were no active earthquake faults within 30 miles, so was not built to withstand those. Retrofitting was incomplete and not correctly done. Four earthquake faults were discovered near the site.

Their licenses expire 2024 and 2025. PG&E put in an application to extend their licence. The plant was built with materials from the 1960s; the plant was not designed to last that long at all. PG&E needs approval from the Coastal Commission, Water Board and State Lands Commission. Jerry Brown however is not looking like he will stop it. His two closest aides were affiliated with PG&E. PG&E would probably not maintain plants if has to build new water coolers; so water board may work to stop plant. Also State Lands Commission may consider information regarding stopping the plant.

Senator Monning created a bill which would ask PG&E to do an economic study if the plant shut down. If the economy is truly a concern, then perhaps the best course would be to commence planning for renewables to keep the economy going strong for the long term while preserving our planet.

Could write a letter to Monning asking to close plant and get other groups to sign on.

Hearing for Bill is on March 29th; letters by March 23rd; best to do this much sooner.

Jack motions that Ron will call Santa Lucia chapter tomorrow to find out if they have taken a position for the or not and communicate our concerns and opposition to the bill and that Ron would communicate with state; Ron seconds; unanimous.

Keresha motions that we oppose the extension of the nuclear power plant; Jukka seconds; unanimous.

Dan Hirsch will circulate a letter to co-sign in opposition to the bill Monning is presenting.

Political Committee (Ron)

Committee Membership - Jack, Gillian, Keresha and Ron, plus some members of the community

Erica motions to accept Jack, Gillian, Keresha, and Ron as members of this group; Courtney seconds; unanimous

- Supervisor's Race - Ron has asked Women's Democratic Club for us to be co-sponsors to their forum at the Police Community Room Saturday March 19th at 10am; we would get a table.

Courtney moves that we do co-sponsor the event contingent on Ron's judgement with fact finding about us being able to ask questions of the candidates and knowing whether there are other co-sponsors, and knowing about how much the event costs; Keresha seconds. Most in favor with one opposition

Jack notes that all three candidates are currently in favor of widening highway 1.

Conservation Committee (Gillian)

Cowell Water Quality group - we have not been dropped off group; support for Gillian doing that (thank you Gillian for hard work)

Lack of time so other issues are postponed

Transportation Committee (Jack)

Committee Membership - a list of possible names provided - Ron moves to confirm list of names; Courtney seconds; unanimous

- Letter regarding West Side Rail Trail at New Leaf Parking Lot

A discussion about the process of the letter; a vote should go out within a week so we have time to ask questions about the letter.

Adjourned 9:09