

Conservation Committee
July 25, 2018
Louden Nelson
6:30 - 8:30

1. Welcome
2. Announcements
3. Additions/Deletions to agenda
4. Streambed Agreement follow up letter
 - a. Letter sent May 21
 - b. Vegetation removal (flood control) just happened on part of river (during nesting season)
 - c. Jane recommends we follow up with the city - Gillian will draft a letter to city and request a meeting
 - d. Required to do 15 day survey before vegetation removal happens when it is this early; Jane has not been able to access that
 - e. Jane will follow up on trying to get document and exploring that
 - f. Maybe next year around maybe mid May - start communicating with them and also with other groups - united front with various organizations - and publicize
 - g. Maybe contact Good Times/Sentinel - Ibberia? - reporter name - Erica will contact
5. Bird Safety Design follow up strategy - Gillian will check in asking for date of response
6. Costanoa Commons project
 - a. Recent Zoning Administrator meeting - packed with families with kids with developmental disabilities
 - b. City recently added four more significant conditions
 - i. a road added (for bicycles and pedestrians)
 - ii. contributing to "urban improvements" - a sidewalk -
 - iii. Developers own land right next to project - may want to build serious housing there
 - iv. May have added conditions because of developers who put pressure on it all and will benefit from the Costanoa project having these extra conditions
 - c. Area plan - how will it affect Pogonip Creek
 - i. Request (from Celia) to meet with the planning director to find out status of the Area plan and push for more open space
 - ii. How much public input will be included in area plan
 - iii. Could define "open space" in various ways - does the farm or nursery count as open space? Will this fragment the wildlife open space?

- iv. May be good to read the General Plan 2030 under land use for Golf Club Drive - use search and type in General Plan 2030 for easiest access to find it
- 7. Pure Water Soquel Draft EIR - to be adapted -
 - a. Would it be best if we signed on or sent our own letter? Erica will check in with water groups
 - b. Question about new well off Ocean Street Extension; 3 more planned?
- 8. The Environmental Review for Segment 7, Section 2 of the Rail/Trail
 - a. California Street to the trestle near Boardwalk; 0.79 of a mile
 - b. Plan to remove 47 trees; 21 are heritage trees; 15 are Willows
 - c. Retaining wall will be 3,140 feet in length - most of the way - 3 ½ feet to 19 feet in height
 - d. Is a riparian corridor
 - e. Mitigated Negative Declaration says less than significant impact when mitigated
 - f. Trees coming down are not specified
 - g. Grove of Eucalyptus - perhaps likely to be taken out, not specified - may be habitat for monarchs
 - h. Gillian will ask Leslie Keedy to do a walk to show exactly which trees are being discussed
 - i. A discussion about presenting alternative - can some of the parts of the path for bikes/pedestrians be diverted to other areas?
 - j. Also lights as an issue
 - k. Gillian will draft a letter and send to conscomm and then we can send to excom
 - l. Gillian will ask a lawyer if it is adequate - Neary Lagoon is sensitive habitat
 - m. Maybe we can walk as a group
- 9. Attending Loma Prieta meeting?
 - a. A thought that process should go further first - maybe excom meets first; get more questions answered; then potentially attend meeting
- 10. Next meeting date August 22nd
- 11. Adjourned 8:36