

**Sierra Club Santa Cruz Group Executive Committee  
Meeting Minutes, September 11th, 2019**

**6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

**Louden Nelson Community Center**

**301 Center St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060**

**Called to Order 6:38**

**Attending: Steve Bakaley, Keresha Durham, Gillian Greensite, Mike Guth, Jane Mio, Rachel O'Malley, Ron Pomerantz, Erica Stanojevic**  
Mary Odegaard, Bill Lebon

**Online votes**

**Welcome & Introductions...5 min**

**Announcements...5 min**

Bonny Doon Eco Reserve - not following master plan - doing some clearcutting/bulldozing

- Suggestion to file a code complaint

Tuesday Senior Saunter at Wilder

Bird Safe Design resolution welcomed at California Cons Comm

Moran Lake update

Juristac Walk on Sunday - was well attended; a good walk

Will plant 30 Oak trees at DeLaVeaga - around 10th of October

County supported Buy Clean Organization

**Approval of Minutes: August meeting...5 min**

- A decision that we would meet here in the interim until we determine other meeting locations in the future; need to be amended in minutes
- Ron moves approval with minutes amended, Steve seconds, unanimous save two abstentions due to absence

**Treasurer's Report (Mary)...5 min**

Donations still coming in from March appeal

We are in the black for the year

Events are more than positive

Discussion about location of future meetings

- Mike will bring info about other locations
- Keresha asks us to notify her if we decide to cancel
- We have decided not to meet at the small schools location

**Executive Committee (Gillian)... 50 min**

Legal issues:

Donation to Nissan issue

- Board of Supervisors - we should write a letter urging them to support the Sustainable Corridors Plan
  - Rachel moves that we will write a letter; Steve seconds; unanimous
  - Gillian will draft

Chapter and C3 funds

- Gillian has not had a response to her request regarding the C3 funds question
- Suggestion to go up to chapter support
- Gillian will attempt to call Joel from Ventana

Transportation Committee Chair (Gillian)

Gillian nominated Keresha for Transportation Committee Chair

- Keresha not voted in as chair

Gillian nominates Mike as Transportation Chair

- Mike voted in as chair
- Mike will work to create charter with the transportation group and members list

Group email for Climate Justice Conference: (Steve B.)

Rick Longenotti requested an email blast regarding event

Steve moves that we have an email blast regarding event; Ron seconds; unanimous

Thought that we should discuss a newsletter possibility

Protocol and procedures for representing the Sierra Club (Gillian)

- Proposal from Gillian for guidelines for public speaking
- Discussion
- Comment that we should think about this for a month before acting on
- Comment that tabling may need some guidelines as well
- Comment that we should combine this with the bylaws so that they are all accessible in one place
- Question about what to do if the topic shifts at the meeting - can we discuss topics that aren't strictly our position
- Question about time frame

Email protocol. Ways to cut down on emails (Ron)

- One comment - send the "Thank you" emails to the individual

- A comment that for group cohesiveness it is good to see the Thank Yous from each other
- A comment that a few people working on something can go back and forth between themselves and then report to the whole group
- We can ask ourselves "Is this pertinent to the whole group?" Before sending
- A comment that we can verbally do face-to-face appreciations instead of email appreciations as it may be more valuable anyway
- A concern that we sometimes have challenging conversations over email and that those should be in person as much as possible as personal nuances are missed via email
- A comment that "Slack" may be a program that might help organize emails
- A concern that transparency is very important

Internal dynamics: how to best serve the organization. (Ron)

- Discussion
- A thought that if something is important enough to bring to the group then please put it on the agenda
- Distinction between content and personal stuff

### **Political Committee (Ron)... 10 min**

Update on meeting with Maureen McCarty, Mark Stone's aide.

Jane and Steve Leonard went to meet with Maureen

- Brought up Buy Clean CA and asked for support (before it was passed by supervisors)
- Maureen suggested going to more cities within the county
- Steve suggested contacting UCSC regarding Buy Clean Act - Molly from State said to hold off as will be communicating with an Assemblymember and working with UC Regents as a whole
- AB966 - Cement Plant Bill - is stalling
- Bird Safe Design - Asked for some text to pass to Mark Stone
- Looking to put forward a state resolution
- SB1 - Public Health and Workers act - Hopefully will pass - Will override Fed roadblocks for Endangered Species Act, Fair Labor Act, etc, that the Trump administration has pushed through
  - May be signed by Governor by Oct. 13th

Ron will look into information regarding city council Recall

### **Conservation Committee (Erica)...40 min**

Updates: Streambed Alteration Agreement

- Filipina Warren - Public Works - CA Department of Fish and Wildlife has sent in some revisions
- Monica Oey from CDFW - gave the specifics

- Asked Filipina for revisions - the amendments; asked Monica for the details; said Jane would need to go through Public Records
- Haven't heard from Filipina
- Jane would like an official letter to Mark Dettle and Micheal Hopper asking for the details
- Also a thought that we can ask Chris Krohn to ask for info
- Freedom of Information Request - can ask for and is should do
- Jane is concerned that the amendments are up in the air and haven't been incorporated yet
- Mark moves that Jane's request that the chair will send a letter is sent to Mark Dettle; Rachel seconds; unanimous
- Gillian will send an email to Mark Dettle and copy or blind copy Chris

Tabling: Valley Women's Club Environmental Town Hall -Mike moved that Jane can go; Steve seconds; unanimous

Pure Water Soquel: whether to endorse.

- Rachel makes a motion that we stay neutral on Pure Water Soquel; Steve seconds
- Mike makes a motion to endorse Pure Water Soquel; no one seconds
- Steve makes a motion to substitute for the first motion to table the discussion; Mike seconds; unanimous

**Adjourned 8:47**

**Next meeting: Wednesday, October 9th 2019**