

Conservation Committee Meeting
February 26, 2020
Louden Nelson, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Announcements of upcoming events
3. Additions or deletions from agenda
4. Move the ConsCom meeting to third Wednesday of month? Are we happy with holding meeting at Loudon Nelson (\$24 a month)?
5. Review status of Castle Rock State Park trail changes (Steve Leonard)
Draft a letter asking to maintain park primarily for hikers (not mountain bikers) based on Sierra Club policies? This would be follow-up to letter sent in January about 2000 decision on trail monitoring that we have not gotten a response to.
6. Review proposal to send a letter to Santa Cruz City Council requesting a resolution to ban leaf blowers (Steve Leonard)
Should we draft a letter based on one sent to Belmont City Council?
Does anyone want to have a presentation from Santa Cruz Coalition for a Healthy and Safe Environment (CHASE)? Info they sent to Santa Cruz City Council:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hkUP8qwRL_dsL9wZ_FV-Z_noapq1GwJ3.
7. UCSC Long Range Development Plan, see <https://ppc.ucsc.edu/planning/images/ucsc-lrdp-nop#lrdp-nop> (Kerasha)
8. Covering government lists (Kerasha)
9. Determine issues that the Conservation Committee will address
The Conservation Committee works in concert with all committees of the group to address conservation issues. Some things come up and have to be handled immediately, while other things will be issues of interest to particular members.
Some issues that have been acted on by the Conservation Committee in the last year:
 - a. USMCA treaty lobbying with Jimmy Panetta's office
 - b. Cement plant monitoring AB-966 lobbying with Mark Stone's office
 - c. Castle Rock State Park trail modifications for mountain biking
 - d. Forest Protection Committee, Loma Prieta Group (Karen Maki)
 - e. Protection of Juristac Amah Mutsun tribal grounds from gravel quarry mining
 - f. San Lorenzo River management
 - g. Bird-safe building design standards
 - h. Timber harvest review (Juka)
 - i. Cotoni-Coast Dairies management plan (BLM and State Parks)
 - j. EIR review and commenting: Rail trail, Highway 1, Downtown development, and UCSC development
10. Sierra Club California action: Tell your representative to support the 100% clean economy act:
https://act.sierraclub.org/actions/National?actionId=AR0220572&id=70131000001hRELAA2&_ga=2.172423399.595624862.1582089979-203720617.1563045991.
11. Next meeting: March 25, 2020