

1. Welcome, Introduction and Checking In;
Micah Posner, Jim Danaher, Steve Bakaley, Mike Guth, Jerry Busch, Bob Morgan, Adam Scow, and Kristin Sandel are present.
2. Announcements
3. Request to Modify Agenda
Adam requests to add a discussion about Watsonville City Council's special use permit for a propane facility.

Executive Committee

4. Approval of December 2020 Minutes: (postponed).
5. Treasurer's Report: Steve B gave the Treasurer's report.

Conservation Committee

6. Report by Mike:
7. Motion by Mike to have Jerry Busch appointed to the Non-Governmental Organization related to the College Lake Active Management Plan as a Sierra Club representative. Unanimous: 6 to 0. Mike helped write a letter in support of the appointment.

Kristin: discussed the tree cutting in the CZU Fire area by PG&E. She stated that the San Lorenzo Valley Environmental Committee is urging the county to reconsider its franchise agreement with PG&E, regarding tree cutting. She would like the Sierra Club to join in a letter. Jerry questions why PG&E is exempted from permitting requirements.

- 7b. Watsonville City Council: Propane facility.

Transportation

8. Report: Bob: mentions RTC meeting on Thursday, January 14. Micah plans to go to emphasize the points made in letter, and to find common ground.
 - a) Discussion about possible Sierra Club participation in a ballot initiative regarding the parking garage and library. Mike stated that both Chapter and National have procedure for approval for Sierra Club to participate in a ballot initiative. States 3 to 4 weeks for approval. Discussion ensued. Bob mentioned a Nelson-Nigard study from approximately 18 months ago which stated that downtown Santa Cruz is over-provided with parking, and that vacancies are common both in overnight and daytime parking. Further discussion will follow.

- b) Micah nominates Kristen Sandel to Transportation Committee. Vote is 6 to 0.

Election Committee

9. Report: Jim stated that the deadline for ballots was moved to Saturday, January 23rd to accommodate the return of emailed replacement ballots. The current plan is to count the votes in an outdoor venue on Sunday, January 24th.

Steve provided some facts regarding voting. Total number of ballots mailed in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties is 593. For a vote to be counted, the member must be a “member of record” by December 10th. The follow-up email with digital ballots went out January 12th. possible resolution to election confusion would be to pass a resolution to request Ventana Chapter go to electronic voting for 2022 Excomm election.

Steve B mentions that Chapter by-laws are not on the Chapter website.

10. Watsonville City Council: special use permit for Mountain House Propane Facility.

Adam Scow brought the issue of proposed propane facility to the Ex Comm. The proposal is before the Watsonville City Council on Tuesday, January 19 to allow construction of propane rail facility. Mike will send everybody Generacion’s letter, and the discussion will continue on Sunday, January 17. Adam states that the Watsonville Planning Commission voted 6 to 0, indicating that they could not make the 7 findings that would allow them to approve without a special use permit.