

**SIERRA CLUB  
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY GROUP  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**August 11, 2021 Minutes**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Present: Steve Bakaley, Mike Guth, Adam Scow, Bruce Sawhill, Micah Posner, Bruce Sawhill, Steve McGuirk, Jerry Busch, Kristen Sandel, Jim Danaher, and Paul Schoellhamer.

**2. Check-ins and announcements**

Kristen announces a city meeting about the Water Street development on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Guth provides the dates for meetings regarding a plan process for Moran Lake, and makes some comments about the fact that a plan was created several yeas ago.

Jerry announces dates for committee meetings for Pajaro Valley water board.

**3. Requests to modify the Agenda**

Ron Pomerantz requested that the SC send a representative to the meeting with Leon Panetta. This was added to the end of agenda.

Mike requests that item 12 be not handled as a close session item.

**4. Approval of July 14 meeting minutes**

Mike brings up the leaf blower issue. Amended to indicate that Steve B. gave information. No action was taken. Minutes approved by all who were present at the 7/14 meeting.

## **5. Treasurer's Report (Steve B)**

Steve B gave the treasurer's report. Micah reported on Ventana Chapter's willingness to contribute to the Hwy 1 lawsuit.

## **Conservation Committee**

6. **Report** (Mike Guth) reports on water rights project, draft EIR on proposed Kaiser building.

7. **“Push”** documentary event. Steve B and Kristen gave the update on the PUSH movie. Steve B takes the position that ExComm can publicize the movie.

8. **Status of Kaiser DEIR letter** (Mike Guth) 5 min

Mike reported that a Sierra Club letter was submitted timely to the City Planning Department, and that a special meeting was set.

## **9. Revised Leaf Blower Position**

Mike gave the report on the leaf blower situation. The ConsComm wanted changes to a letter on the Club’s position regarding a ban. Mike will edit the letter regarding a ban in residential areas. Mike moves, Micah seconds, on a motion to edit the letter. Passes unanimously.

## **10. Watsonville Urban Growth Boundary Update**

## **Outreach Committee**

11. **Outings update.** Approved letter from Loma Prieta to SC Board of Directors. Group empowered to work with Steve B to draft letter to national. The letter will be circulated within the ExComm for up and down vote. Micah moves: agree with Loma Prieta, Steve B to write and ask for comments form mcommittee, Bruce seconds (and Gillian Greensite)

## **Closed Session**

### **12. Amicus brief on UCSC Great Meadow case**

Paul Schoellhamer gave the report on the UCSC litigation. Mike makes motion: Should ExComm make a request to Ventana and then to National for \$3000 for litigation. Mike Moves, Steve McGuirk seconds. Micah agrees to fundraise and make request to Chapter. Paul agrees to make request to National. Passes unanimously.

**Next regular meeting: Wednesday September 8, 2021**

ADDED to Agenda:

Nuclear Power: approve Micah to talk with Panetta about opposing funding for nuclear power in concert with the national legislative policy. Adam seconds? To do research, if national opposes, they can meet with Panetta. Passes, 6 yes, two abstentions.

Process for club reviewal of Greenway Initiative: