

# SIERRA CLUB SANTA CRUZ COUNTY GROUP

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

November 10, 2021

6:30-8:30 PM

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Present: Micah, Gillian Greensite, Mike Guth, Steve Bakaley, Magi Amma, Bruce Sawhill, Sally Arnold, Steve McGuirk, Adam Scow, Jerry Busch and Jim Danaher.

### 2. Check-ins and Announcements

Micah brought up a concern about contributions to the campaign against freeway widening. Micah also brought up the issue about approving a letter supporting the SEIU's demand that climate change be considered in the contract negotiation. It was agreed that Micah should send the letter.

### 3. Requests to Modify the Agenda.

No requests were made.

### Executive Committee

### 4. Approval of Oct 13 meeting minutes.

The minutes were corrected to list the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency, and to add Magi's last name. Minutes were approved with these two changes.

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

Steve B provided the balances in the accounts.

## Conservation Committee

### 6. Report

Mike Guth Reported on the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Discussed work for the upcoming year, and discussed the possibility of creating a climate change committee. Also discussed outreach and the College Lake Adaptive Plan committee. Magi discussed progress toward creating a climate change committee.

### 7. Status of Leafblower Ban Letter.

Mike and Steve gave the report on the leafblower ban. They prepared a letter that will be sent out as soon as an addressee list is prepared.

### 8. Letter to Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency regarding Adaptive Management Plan.

Jerry spoke positively about the agency's receptivity to concerns raised by Jerry, but expressed concerned about future management oversight.

## Transportation Committee

### 9. Draft letter regarding the Rail Trail Segments 10 & 11EIR.

Sally discussed preparation of the comment letter to the County, and asked for

approval to send the scoping letter. Mike had comments. Gillian brought up a concern about the planned removal of non-native trees, and reported that the eucalyptus trees provide nesting sites for 40% of the area's bird species. Mike moved that the letter be approved with certain changes and additions. Steve M seconds. Passes.

### Outreach Committee

Steve B gave the update on the Outings

10. Request to allocate up to \$75 to reimburse Tom Davey for First Aid Training in Oakland.

Steve B moves for the allocation. Micah seconds. Passes unanimously.

11. Email Blast and/or Meetup for Campaign for Organic & Regenerative Agriculture: "Achieving a Pesticide-Free Pajaro Valley" event.

Steve B reports that the email has been approved and will go out Friday morning (Nov. 13).

12. Allocating one mass email per month for items of general interest from National Chapter Bulletin and possibly important local issues.

Mike proposes that a mid-month newsletter be sent out to all members.

13. Discussion: guidelines for reaching out to agencies and jurisdictional staff (Closed session). This matter was discussed, then tabled for discussion at the next meeting.(

Next regular meeting: Wednesday December 8, 2021