

Santa Cruz Group of the Sierra Club  
Executive Committee

Minutes of the September 14, 2022 Zoom meeting

1. Greetings/Introductions

2. Announcements

Steve B gave the treasurer report, including the balances in accounts. Micah gave a report on a climate change bill that his daughter was involved with, which passed the legislature but was vetoed by the governor. Adam gave a report about Driscoll's spraying of dangerous chemicals near schools.

3. Changes to the Agenda

3a. August Minutes:

Steve McG moves to approve, Kristen seconds. Approved 7-0-1, with Adam abstaining.

3b. September 6 Minutes:

Mike prepared the minutes from September 6<sup>th</sup>, and reviewed the minutes with the committee on this date. Steve B moves, magi seconds. Passes 7-0.

3c. Election Committee Announcements.

Kristen gave the report on SB 396, which failed, to everybody's relief. Discussion ensued regarding working with Valley Women's Club.

4. Update on SB 396 and power issues (Kristen)

5. Conservation Committee Report

Mike gave the report on the Conservation Committee.

6. Endorsement discussion -City of SC mayor

a. Report from PolCom: Mike, Micah, maji and Kristen gave the report and their perspectives on the candidates. All spoke well of Joy Schendeldecker. Political committee voted to recommend Joy for endorsement by the ExCom.

b. Vote: Adam moves that the Sierra Club ExCom endorse Joy Schendeldecker; Kristen seconds. Passes: 7-0-1, with Micah recusing himself, because of existing conflict.

7. Endorsement discussion – City of Santa Cruz Districts 4 and 6

Micah gave the report: District 6: Sean Maxwell and Renee Golder. Renee did not return the questionnaire. Sean's was thoughtful in his responses. Micah discusses Sean's history and experience. Micah moves to endorse Sean Maxwell. Magi seconds. 8-0 for

endorsing Sean.

District 4: (Newsom, Hector, Hyver. Only response came from Hector. Political committee recommended endorsing Hector. Micah moves to endorse Hector. Jerry seconds. 8-0 to endorse Hector.

8. Postcard final review

a. Vote to approve the card to be sent to City voters re: Measure O. Motion to approve the post card for the election, and to add the names of three candidates, with the participation. Maji moves, Kristen seconds. 7-0-1, Jerry abstains.

9. Empty Home Tax.

Long discussion by the ExCom. Jerry moves to endorse this ballot initiative, Adam seconds. Passes: 7-0-1 One abstention.

10. Election Committee: Steve B, Mike, Steve McGuirk,

Mike says there is time for an email to membership to solicit candidates for ExCom. Would like to send it out no later than Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Steve B moves that an email should go out that will notify everybody of deadlines for filing to join a committee. Steve McGuirk seconds. Passes 8-0.

11. Political Committee Membership.

Micah recommends nominating Stacey Falls for the political committee. Mike moves that the be appointed. Passes 8-0.