

Santa Cruz Group of the Sierra Club  
Executive Committee

Minutes of the Wednesday October 12, 2022 Regular Meeting

1. Greetings/Introductions

2. Announcements

Mike says letter regarding \_\_\_\_\_ went to county counsel/coastal?

Jerry announces that regarding College Lake the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency got plant survey contract placed for this year

Kristen (?) Announced a lecture on alternative carbon \_\_\_ on November 2<sup>nd</sup>; at the Resource Center for Non-Violence. Focus would be on alternative denomination that rewards carbon reduction.

Mike announced another article on re-wilding.

Mike announced that Steve Leonard agreed to be the Chapter compliance officer. Steve is also on Conservation Committee. Mike expresses gratitude for him stepping up for the job.

Steve McGuirk announced that B&B Small Engine Repair will be having a seminar on leaf blowers. He intends to go to ask about why the new machines aren't recyclable.

Kristen announced that a documentary film about the CZU fire would be shown at the Felton \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.

Steve Bakaley: Gave the Treasurer's Report. Also announced he put together endorsement page, including state and local endorsements, on the Club's website. He discussed Measure 31 (?) On which he says the Club took no position.

3. Changes to the Agenda

Mike adds an Item 12 to the agenda. This would be about weed management. He also suggested that this should go to ConsCom first.

4. September 11 Minutes-Delayed

Because the minutes included endorsements which had not yet been approved by the Chapter, the approval of the minutes should be delayed until Chapter approves. A mention was made about the proximity to the upcoming elections.

5. Update on Juristac / Sargent Quarry (Kristen)

Kristen reports: says probably not another planning comm's meeting for a while.

## 6. Conservation Committee Report (Mike)

Mike reports that Jerry gave a great presentation of the College Lake Water Project. Mike reported that PG&E tree cutting still going on. Juristac discussed.

Rail trail: Mike, Debbie Bulger, Kristen, Steve Bakaley, Steve McGuirk & Richard Stover and Steve McGuirk walked from 17<sup>th</sup> to the Harbor on the rail trail. Big issue is that a large number of trees may have to be cut.

## 7. Measure O mailer update. (Discussion and update postponed).

## 8. Climate Committee Report (Magi)

Magi talked about the climate action plan. Received input from numerous people, and she requests more input. Series of roundtables. Input on the draft: Magi says she will meet the October 23<sup>rd</sup> deadline for comments on the draft. Mike held an email vote to designate magi as the representative for the County of Santa Cruz Climate Action Plan stakeholder working group. This was a motion between meetings. She said no updates on the PG&E working group—temporarily halted. Expects to start again in a few weeks.

Membership : Mike says the membership needs to be authorized every year, and this has not happened with the Climate Committee. Mike nominates the list of people already on the committee to be the members of the Climate Committee. (Mike Guth, Micah Posner, Denise, Glenn Glazer, Magi, Kristen, Glen glazer, Ken Nemire . 6-0 in favor.

## 9. Update to Blower letters (Steve McG)

Mike discussed the history of efforts between ConsCom and ExCom. He brought up the letter that was intended to go to the County and the four local jurisdictions, but which was never sent because of proposed changes. Motion: drop earlier letters, and instead approve and send new version. Steve McGuirk discussed the new version. A new issue has come up, which is the proposal to grandfather in the existing leaf blowers, which would not conform to the new standards. Steve says a good argument can be made for excluding both new and older machines. Letter will be re-drafted, then brought up for a vote. Jerry commented re: format should state recommendations more clearly

## 10. Election Committee Report

## 11. Nominating Committee Report

12. Jerry moves that Steve McGuirk be the Sierra Club Group representative to the WMA. The Santa Cruz Group would become a participating organization on the SC land area management, Four meetings would be held per year on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. Mike will notify and clear this with Chapter. and Mike will clear it with Chapter. Mike seconds. 6-0 passes.