Sierra Club Santa Cruz Group Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2014

Called to Order 6:35 pm

Attending: Keresha Durham, Gillian Greensite, Mike Guth, Tawn Kennedy, Mary Odegaard, Ron Pomerantz, Erica Stanojevic,
Debbie Bulger visiting; Kerena Pushnick; George Donderro

Online Votes

June 25th: Motion to send letter to City regarding vegetation removal project during nesting season passed unanimously - letter received and vegetation will be removed after nesting season!

June 26th: Motion to send letter regarding views on CEMEX land passed unanimously - hand delivered by Keresha

June 27th: Motion to send letter to Hyatt regarding removal of Red Chestnut Tree passed unanimously

Approval of Minutes (May)
Ron moves to approve; Erica seconds
Unanimous except one abstain from member who wasn’t present at that meeting

Presentation: Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission
Update of regional transportation plan
Passenger Rail Study; July 17th public workshop
Trail networks updated
How to implement plan?
May propose a half cent sales tax ballot measure during 2016 election
Question and answer session

Treasurer’s Report approved
**Water Committee Report**
City committee working on basics first; consensus design for committee

**Conservation Committee**

**Chair position**
Gillian is nominated by Tawn (excom chair for tonight)
Unanimous

**Meder St Development (Debbie)**
Want to develop 6 acres; CA popcorn flower on land and is of concern, also the Ohlone Tiger beetle, among other species
Development may be too close to water

*Keresha motions to allocate $1000 to Native Plant Society to support them; Mike seconds*
Motion passes

**Hwy 1/9 intersection plans**
City is paying for most of it; bike lanes will be substandard; issues for pedestrians; also many trees will be removed
*Keresha motions that she will draft letter for comments; Ron seconds*
Unanimous

**Outreach Committee**
No chair
Ron motions to appoint Greg as interim Outreach chair for three months; Mike seconds
Unanimous

Melissa has just completed the hiring process and is on board; she will report to interim chair (Greg)

Discussion about connecting with local members (Jillian)

**Events Committee**
Mother event very successful; Debbie Bulger’s event less attended although was filled with amazing information
Concern about outings leaders not having certification

**Political Committee**
Ask to co-sponsor candidates forum for city council for $100;
Mike motions to co-sponsor; Keresha seconds
Unanimous

Adjourned at 9:04