Sierra Club Santa Cruz Group Executive Committee
Minutes December 9, 2015
Louden Nelson, 301 Center St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Called to Order 7:05

Attending: Courtney Casteanos, Kereshia Durham, Gillian Greensite, Greg McPheeters, Ron Pomerantz, Erica Stanojevic
Mary Odegaard, Jack Nelson

Welcome – member comments

Online Votes
Motion to send a revised letter to the RTC regarding the upcoming tax measure is passed on November 17th

Motion to send a letter to city council supporting the Water Supply Advisory Committee’s report and recommendations passed on November 17th

Motion to co-sponsor a climate change theatre event passed on November 26th

Motion to send letter to city council regarding the final findings of the Cowell’s Water Quality Group passed on December 3rd

Approval of Minutes
Ron motions to approve November minutes; Gillian seconds; unanimous

Treasurer’s Report (Mary)
Report given and discussed

Executive Committee (Greg)
Gifts

Election Committee (Greg)
Update on elections - ballot will be coming out later than is ideal; so we should try to support ahead of time so people can be ready to vote and mail it out quickly

Events and Outreach Committee (Greg)
Hiking PCT event report - 76 people attended; brought in some profit; other events went well too

Climate Changes Everything Rally report - went well overall; perhaps try to have table positioned a bit better for hearing speakers

- Upcoming Events and Mtg
Dr. Amy Draut; January 21st Thursday - “Dam removal in US; successes, surprises, and looking ahead” - needs to be approved
Greg motions to approve; Gillian seconds; unanimously approved

Next meeting likely Feb. 3rd

Progressive Christian Climate Change event Feb. 5th Friday evening interdisciplinary event;
Feb. 6th Saturday morning panel
May want to get in contact with them and see if they want co-sponsorship/support

Conservation Committee (Gillian)
Water (Erica, Ron)
City council did approve Water Supply Advisory Committee plan; now we must pay attention to issue for years to come
Desal Alternatives is still discussing their next form and involvement; they have will have their celebration party this Sunday

Hwy 1 Draft EIR
Jack Nelson came to talk about this issue
Lots of documents;
Highway project will increase greenhouse gas emissions;
Comments due by January 18th

Tuesday 10am Campaign for Sensible Transportation meeting at Quaker Meeting house

Erica motions to support a study session event regarding Highway 1 Draft EIR if Campaign for Sensible Transportation holds such; Ron seconds; unanimous

Regional Transportation Plan 2040
Initial comments due January 7th
Go to SCRTC website to make comments

Cowell Water Quality Group Updates
City approved continuation of group for another year; agreed to priorities list which excludes DNA testing and focuses on PR rather than determining the exact causes of the problem
City LED Lighting Upgrades
Gillian drafted a letter; will revise and send out again. We may request a meeting with the County Board of Supervisors regarding this and ask them to study the issue and redo the lights with a more appropriate color and intensity.

East Bay Hills Tree Removal/Restoration
Gillian drafted a letter to send to the group; discussed. Some revisions to letter, including adding citations.
Erica motions to send letter with changes; Gillian seconds; Gillian to work on letter and circulate for a vote.

Adjourned at 9:15