Conservation Committee
July 25, 2018
Louden Nelson
6:30 - 8:30

1. Welcome
2. Announcements
3. Additions/Deletions to agenda
4. Streambed Agreement follow up letter
   a. Letter sent May 21
   b. Vegetation removal (flood control) just happened on part of river (during nesting season)
   c. Jane recommends we follow up with the city - Gillian will draft a letter to city and request a meeting
   d. Required to do 15 day survey before vegetation removal happens when it is this early; Jane has not been able to access that
   e. Jane will follow up on trying to get document and exploring that
   f. Maybe next year around maybe mid May - start communicating with them and also with other groups - united front with various organizations - and publicize
   g. Maybe contact Good Times/Sentinel - Ibberia? - reporter name - Erica will contact
5. Bird Safety Design follow up strategy - Gillian will check in asking for date of response
6. Costanoa Commons project
   a. Recent Zoning Administrator meeting - packed with families with kids with developmental disabilities
   b. City recently added four more significant conditions
      i. a road added (for bicycles and pedestrians)
      ii. contributing to “urban improvements” - a sidewalk -
      iii. Developers own land right next to project - may want to build serious housing there
      iv. May have added conditions because of developers who put pressure on it all and will benefit from the Costanoa project having these extra conditions
   c. Area plan - how will it affect Pogonip Creek
      i. Request (from Celia) to meet with the planning director to find out status of the Area plan and push for more open space
      ii. How much public input will be included in area plan
      iii. Could define “open space” in various ways - does the farm or nursery count as open space? Will this fragment the wildlife open space?
iv. May be good to read the General Plan 2030 under land use for Golf Club Drive - use search and type in General Plan 2030 for easiest access to find it

7. Pure Water Soquel Draft EIR - to be adapted -
   a. Would it be best if we signed on or sent our own letter? Erica will check in with water groups
   b. Question about new well off Ocean Street Extension; 3 more planned?

8. The Environmental Review for Segment 7, Section 2 of the Rail/Trail
   a. California Street to the trestle near Boardwalk; 0.79 of a mile
   b. Plan to remove 47 trees; 21 are heritage trees; 15 are Willows
   c. Retaining wall will be 3,140 feet in length - most of the way - 3 ½ feet to 19 feet in height
   d. Is a riparian corridor
   e. Mitigated Negative Declaration says less than significant impact when mitigated
   f. Trees coming down are not specified
   g. Grove of Eucalyptus - perhaps likely to be taken out, not specified - may be habitat for monarchs
   h. Gillian will ask Leslie Keedy to do a walk to show exactly which trees are being discussed
   i. A discussion about presenting alternative - can some of the parts of the path for bikes/pedestrians be diverted to other areas?
   j. Also lights as an issue
   k. Gillian will draft a letter and send to conscomm and then we can send to excom
   l. Gillian will ask a lawyer if it is adequate - Neary Lagoon is sensitive habitat
   m. Maybe we can walk as a group

9. Attending Loma Prieta meeting?
   a. A thought that process should go further first - maybe excom meets first; get more questions answered; then potentially attend meeting

10. Next meeting date August 22nd
11. Adjourned 8:36