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Santa Cruz Group of the Sierra Club
Executive Committee

Minutes of the June 12, 2024 Zoom Meeting

1. Greetings/Introductions

Present: Mike Guth, Steve Bakaley, Kristen Sandel, Lani Faulkner, Jim Danaher.

2. Minutes of May 2024: Revised by Mike Guth; approved unanimously.

Review of May 2024 meeting minutes; approved unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

Steve gave the Treasurer's report.

4. Low Impact Camping Issue (LICA)

Camping issue/proposed LICA County ordinance was discussed. Mike states that this is likely all about money, and that if this was "low impact" camping, the proponents of this idea would not need to be asking for a CEQA exemption. Steve moves that the Sierra Club should oppose this bill, and supports writing a letter to the County Board of Supervisors, highlighting inappropriate use of CEQA exemption. Mike agrees to write the letter.

5. Transportation Committee report

Kristen gave the report. CFST wants help from the Sierra Club for fundraising to support the Highway 1 lawsuit. The conclusion was to help support the CFST fundraiser by announcing CFST's fundraiser.

Kristen gave a report on the Transportation Committee, and discussed a forum that may be set for the fall.

Mike reported on a state bill to electrify rail in California. Mike mentioned the State Transportation email list, which is loaded with good information, but also lots of emails.

6. Conservation Committee report

a. Laurel St Bridge Swallow letter follow up: The Soquel Creek Water District responded to our letter demanding work stoppage due to presence of nesting swallows, and they agreed to delay any further work until late August 2024.

b. Parks: City Parks commission rejected input from (MIKE: please finish this– I lost track)

c. Steve mentioned a hike at Quail Hollow to allow members to meet their Sierra Club leaders. The July ExCom meeting will be a hike open to all.