

Santa Cruz Group of the Sierra Club - Executive Committee
Agenda for the October 9, 2024 Zoom Meeting

1. Greetings/Introductions

Present are: Mike Guth, Steve Bakaley; Lani Faulkner, Jerry Busch, Micah Posner, and Jim Danaher

2. Announcements

Lani is involved with campaigns, including for Kristin Brown, and went to Reno to canvas with Swing Left.; Steve led a hike recently at Quail Hollow; Mike said that the Sierra Club failed to show up and support a at a County Supervisor's meeting to speak about the proposal to prohibit sales of filter cigarettes.

3. Changes to the Agenda

4. Minutes of August 2024 Meeting

Steve moves to approve the minutes as amended. Mike seconds. Passes 3-0-1. Lani recuses herself.

5. Treasurer's Report (Steve Bakaley)

Steve gave the Treasurer's report, including balances.

6. State and Chapter Issues.

Mike brought up the chapter and State issues. Steve Bakaley talked about his concerns about the security of the Chapter website. Lani mentioned that John Laird and Jimmy Panetta took positions contrary to the Sierra Club regarding a Salinas bus lane project. Micah said he believed the Ventana Chapter should open up their meetings to members. Mike said that all Group members are technically members of the Chapter also. Mike suggested that at least one member of the Group ExCom should be included in the Chapter ExCom meetings. Mike will contact Chapter to encourage them to schedule meetings and encourage participation.

7. Nominating Committee Report

Steve moves to appoint: Lani, Steve, McGuirk and Kristin Sandel. Mike seconds. Passes unanimously. A discussion followed about looking for more candidates for committee positions. October 30th is the deadline for receipt of candidate submissions. Steve will advertise for members, and will use the Group's website. Mike concluded that Steve has the process started, with a date for emails to go out.

8. Elections Committee Report

Steve volunteers to be chair of the Elections Committee. Micah agrees to be on the

committee. Mike nominates Steve McGuirk, Steve Bakaley and Micha Posner to be on the committee. Ratified by the Committee.

9. Water, Wildlife, Wildfire Protection Initiative follow up.

Mike reported on the initiative Measure Q. A logo is being developed. A long discussion followed. Mike says that some conservation people are not in support. Jerry will prepare a letter identifying the benefits of Measure Q.

10. Conservation Committee update

Mike provided the committee report and Review of Moran Lake Monarch Plan Update letter. Mike gave history of the Group's response to the Monarch plan, and showed overhead photos of the site. He reported on the site visit. He reported that neighbors who have had their houses damaged by fallen trees, still want to save the remaining trees. Micah moves, and Steve seconds, to send a letter that protects three trees, as long as Jerry approves the letter. A letter was previously prepared. Micah will edit the letter and send it to Jerry for first approval. In favor: 4; 1 opposed.

11. Endorsement Announcements

Mike brought up the question of how endorsements can be listed. No arguments are allowed. Mike asked if an email will be sent to all members in the County. Micah will prepare an endorsements letter,

12. State Coastal Sub-Committee Report

Mike gave the update on the Monterey-Salinas Bus Lanes project.