

Society for Conservation Biology, Davis Chapter
Meeting Minutes: Monday, November 1, 2004, 6:30 p.m., 2342 Storer Hall

I. Announcements:

- ▶ Pay dues to Amy Welsh \$5; checks to UC Regents
- ▶ Proposition Potluck was successful; now VOTE!
- ▶ Conservation AOE happy hr -- 5:30pm Tuesday 11/9 at the Cantina

II. Committee Updates

A. Cons. Bio. Seminar series

- ▶ Discussion of joint SCB/Conservation AOE (area of emphasis) seminar series for winter 2005. Theme will be Conservation/Restoration of Native Species, and the seminar will combine student speakers and invited speakers, and may also include a panel discussion and restoration activity.
- ▶ Time – Fridays at 1:10 pm. Room is reserved – PES 3001.
- ▶ Names of several potential invited speakers were mentioned; seminar committee will research further and update the group.
- ▶ Contact Noa (nmpinter@ucdavis.edu) or Molly (mrstephens@ucdavis.edu) if interested in serving on the committee or if you would like to nominate a speaker.

B. Undergrad Seminar Series

- ▶ Alex has organized a seminar series to expose undergraduate students to topics in conservation biology. He needs SCB members to give 1-hr presentations on their own research, particularly as related to a larger issue in conservation biology.
- ▶ The seminar will be held on Tuesdays from 5-6 pm during winter quarter 2005.
- ▶ This seminar series is aimed at undergraduates, not necessarily the SCB membership. SCB members who participate would only need to commit to giving a 1-hr talk. Email Alex Lee (gerbil@ucdavis.edu) if interested.

C. Sister Chapter Trip Proposal/National Geographic Grant

- ▶ Ingrid is pursuing possible funding from the National Geographic Society to support a visit by a few SCB members to our sister chapter in La Paz, Bolivia (possibly after the meeting in Brazil next summer). She is also consulting with a filmmaker about possibly creating a documentary about the trip, and is looking into bringing members of the sister chapter to visit California. If interested in helping write this grant, please email Ingrid (ibhogle@ucdavis.edu).

D. Education

- ▶ Please contact Amy (abwelsh@ucdavis.edu) if interested in participating in environmental education at local elementary and middle schools.

E. Position Papers

- ▶ If there is a topic that you would like to write a position paper on, contact Becky Kihslinger (rlkihs@ucdavis.edu).

III. Social -- Happy Hours

- ▶ Molly is organizing a Joint Happy Hour with The Wildlife Society, American Fisheries Society, and SCB, possibly during the first week of December.

IV. Other

- ▶ SCB has been asked if we would like to advertise in the cabinet in the lobby of Storer Hall. We decided to focus our ad on the winter quarter undergraduate seminar series, since most of the traffic in that area is undergrads.
- ▶ Dr. Eldridge Moores will be speaking at The Yolo Basin Foundation on Wednesday, November 3rd at 7pm. He will discuss the geology of Putah Creek, Yolo Basin and the Delta, including the origin of the landscape, current seismic activity and a risk assessment of the Basin and Delta. Talks are held at the Department of Fish and Game's Yolo Wildlife Area Headquarters at 45211 Chiles Road. Call the Yolo Basin Foundation at 530-758-1018 for more information.
- ▶ The Putah Creek Council will be having a restoration day at the Putah Creek Riparian Reserve at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13. Activities will include planting native grass seeds and spreading seed on the Reserve. Contact Dawn Lindstrom at (530) 757-2776 or e-mail coordinator@putahcreekcouncil.org to sign-up or for more information.
- ▶ Rich Marovich, Putah Creek Streamkeeper, will be speaking at 4 pm on Wednesday, Nov. 3 at Hickey Gym on the UCD campus.