

Society for Conservation Biology, Davis Chapter
Meeting Minutes: Monday, January 10, 2005
6:30 p.m., 2342 Storer Hall

1. Seminar series update:
 - The Conservation Biology seminar (1-2:30 pm, 3001 PES) met for the first time last Friday, and was well attended. Come and hear Craig Packer speak this Friday 1/14 at 1pm in 3001 PES.
 - There are 40 students enrolled in the undergraduate seminar (5:10-6 pm Tuesday, 102 Hutchison). The logistics of this seminar are now being handled by the EVE peer advisors.
 - Links to the full schedules for the Conservation seminar and undergraduate seminar can be accessed at <http://scb.ucdavis.edu>
2. Bay Area Conservation Biology Symposium
 - The BACBS will be held on January 22 at Stanford University. For more information, go to <http://scb.ucdavis.edu/index.htm>
 - Molly encouraged us to carpool to Stanford. If you are interested in carpooling on Friday, contact Ingrid Hogle (ibhogle@ucdavis.edu). If you want to drive down on Saturday morning, contact Molly Stephens (mrstephens@ucdavis.edu).
 - The Davis chapter will subsidize attendance by reimbursing members for the registration fee (up to \$25, depending on how many people attend). Reimbursement checks will be issued after the conference. If you would like to be reimbursed for your registration fee, send the following information to Amy Welsh (abwelsh@ucdavis.edu):
 - Name
 - Address
 - Phone number
 - Social Security number (*not* student ID number.) Note: if you are not comfortable giving your SSN, email Amy to make other arrangements
3. Speaking invitation to Brian Czech
 - Molly contacted Brian Czech about participating in our winter quarter seminar series. He expressed interest in presenting a talk that would be appropriate for Earth Day/Whole Earth Festival, which also gives us more time to prepare.
 - We discussed the type of talks/events we might like to have him participate in. Possibilities include:
 - An academic talk on Friday, followed by a talk directed to a lay audience at the Whole Earth Festival on Saturday.
 - The Friday talk could also have more of a debate format (with a faculty member from economics, management, etc).
 - Might also arrange an interview with the Davis Enterprise, the Sacramento Bee, or KDVS.
 - We voted on whether to pay \$500-650 for this visit (\$200 for flight, \$300 honorarium, possibly \$150 for hotel). This passed 12 in favor to 0 against.
 - We discussed the possibility of arranging a joint event with the Wildlife Society, and asking if they might cover part of the honorarium.

- If you are interested in helping organize Czech’s visit, please contact Molly (mrstephens@ucdavis.edu).
4. Oak educational outreach/restoration project
- Jim Thorne gave us an update on the valley oak restoration project. He also passed around a draft version of an article on the project that will be published in the Davis Enterprise.
 - Currently, about 600 acorns have been potted by volunteers and elementary and high school students. 15-20 classrooms in Davis are participating.
 - TREE Davis and TREE Woodland plan to plant some of the seedlings along Highway 113. About 300 will be planted by SCB members and other volunteers at the Putah Creek Preserve.
 - Seedling plantings at the Putah Creek Preserve are in the works for Saturday, February 12 and Saturday, March 5. Jim will be sending out an email with further details. He does need volunteers to help coordinate volunteers on planting days. He also needs volunteers to do site preparation during the week before the actual planting. Contact Jim (jhthorne@ucdavis.edu) to volunteer or to join the restoration committee, and look out for future emails regarding volunteering at these events
 - There are still acorns that need to be potted. If you are interested, contact Jim.
5. Officer/committee chair changes
- Noa will be in Davis for the remainder of the year, so we no longer need a new vice-president.
 - Amy Welsh is stepping down as education committee chair. Katie McHugh will be the new chair of this committee.
6. Suggestions for fun activities
- Last meeting, Molly asked for suggestions of fun activities for SCB. Suggestions given include:
 - Whitewater rafting
 - Kayaking (email Ingrid at ibhogle@ucdavis.edu if interested in organizing a trip)
 - Skiing (contact Jordana Jusidman jsjusidman@ucdavis.edu to help organize)
 - Birding (contact Sarah Brown skbrown@ucdavis.edu or Elizabeth Heeg erheeg@ucdavis.edu)
7. Food suggestions
- Would you like to have something other than pizza at next month’s meeting? If so, contact Molly (mrstephens@ucdavis.edu) with your suggestions.
8. Bolivia sister chapter
- Ingrid is going to further investigate the costs of sending journals, computers, etc. to our sister chapter in Bolivia.
 - We also discussed the possibility of swapping projects done by students in our educational outreach program with projects from students in Bolivia.