

**Society for Conservation Biology, Davis Chapter**  
**Meeting Minutes: Monday, February 7, 2005**  
**6:30 p.m., 2342 Storer Hall**

1. Announcements:

- a. We are having some problems with the website – it doesn't display properly on non-Microsoft browsers (Netscape, Mozilla, etc.)! Karen and Molly need some help from someone with more web site experience. If you think you can help, please contact Karen ([kemabry@ucdavis.edu](mailto:kemabry@ucdavis.edu)).
- b. The birding trip to the McLaughlin Reserve on Saturday, February 5 went very well – they spotted 27 different species. Future groups might go someplace closer (Vic Fazio Wildlife Area, etc.), and/or stay overnight at McLaughlin to avoid the extremely early morning start time.
- c. If you still need to be reimbursed for BACBS – Stanford, email Molly ([mrstephens@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mrstephens@ucdavis.edu))

2. Updates:

- a. Seminar series: Both the undergraduate seminar series (5:10-6 pm Tuesday, 102 Hutchison) and the Conservation Biology seminar series (1:10-2:30 pm Friday, 3001 PES) continue to go well. Attendance at the undergraduate series is consistently about 40 people!
- b. Oak restoration: Jim Thorne gave an update on the oak restoration project.
  - i. The next planting will be this Saturday, February 12 at the Putah Creek Preserve at 10 am. Approximately 40-50 seedlings, mostly those adopted by classrooms, will be planted. If you have seedlings that are ready to be planted, please bring them. The next planting will be held Saturday, March 19.
  - ii. The UC Davis Grounds people have adopted 100 seedlings
  - iii. Jim is also interested in presenting the planted seedlings to UC Davis, possibly having a ceremony near the creek at an on-campus site. He is looking into contacting administrative folks (e.g. Chancellor, the Dean of Biological Sciences and the Dean of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences) to attend the ceremony and accept the trees on behalf of the campus. We don't have a date for this yet, but will likely need to be later in April (near finals week).
  - iv. Contact Jim ([jhthorne@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jhthorne@ucdavis.edu)) if you would like to help with the 2/12 or upcoming 3/19 planting.
- c. Education/outreach: The education committee will meet next week to discuss the classroom project swap for spring quarter. Contact Katie McHugh ([kamchugh@ucdavis.edu](mailto:kamchugh@ucdavis.edu)) if you are interested.
- d. Letters: SCB has not written any letters or position papers this year. If there is an issue that you would like to have SCB write a position paper about, please contact Becky Kihlslinger ([rlkihs@ucdavis.edu](mailto:rlkihs@ucdavis.edu)).
  - i. Ingrid Hogle mentioned the upcoming reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act. We might want to consider writing our Senators and Representatives.

- ii. Ingrid is also looking into having a representative from Defenders of Wildlife speak to SCB about the ESA reauthorization. The potential date for this is Monday, February 28.
- 3. Picnic Day:
  - a. Picnic Day is Saturday, April 16. There was interest in tabling again this year, so Molly will submit our registration. We will need volunteers to man the table for 2 hour shifts during the day.
- 4. Whole Earth Festival
  - a. Molly is arranging Brian Czech's visit for the weekend of the Whole Earth Festival (May 6-8). She is looking for additional volunteers to help organize his visit; please contact her ([mrstephens@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mrstephens@ucdavis.edu)) if interested.
  - b. The format of Czech's presentation is still uncertain. There is interest in setting up a debate between Czech and someone who opposes his views, but we aren't sure we can get someone who disagrees to agree to a debate at the Whole Earth Festival!
  - c. Ingrid has secured the Experiential Space (aka "the big white tent") for Czech's presentation.
- 5. Yolo County NCCP/HCP
  - a. Ingrid reported that the Yolo County NCCP/HCP (Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan) is soliciting applications for member of their steering committee. This is a big commitment to attend meetings once a week for 1 ½ - 2 years, in addition to reading lots of reports, etc.
  - b. This is probably too big of a job for a student, but Ingrid is going to pass the information on to ecology faculty.
- 6. Miscellaneous:
  - a. If you know undergraduates who would like to have their research published, the undergraduate research studies journal is a good format. The website is: <http://undergraduatestudies.ucdavis.edu/explorations/explorations.cfm>
  - b. There is also an undergraduate research conference. For more information: <http://www.urc.ucdavis.edu/>
  - c. Jim Thorne is interested in organizing a seminar series for spring quarter. If we can't get enough speakers for a full series, we could also do this as a series of occasional conservation biology talks.
  - d. A group called the UCD Environmental Coalition is forming on campus, with the purpose of galvanizing environmental groups for greater campus impact. We discussed potential merits of aligning with this group.
- 7. La Paz Sister Chapter update meeting following end of tonight's meeting. If you are interested in the Sister Chapter, contact Ingrid ([ibhogle@ucdavis.edu](mailto:ibhogle@ucdavis.edu)).