

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

- Announcements
 - Movie tonight! Being Caribou – 7:30, right after meeting. This movie is about the caribou migration in ANWR.
 - Saerom Park, a representative from Defenders of Wildlife, gave a presentation on the reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act to SCB on February 28. In general, those who attended felt that her presentation was directed toward more of a lay audience. However, the presentation was helpful to some people, particularly undergrads who found out about it through the undergrad seminar series.
 - The front page of the SCB web page is fixed! The web page should now be visible to those using non-Microsoft web browsers. It's not as pretty as it used to be, but the information is there!
- Seminars
 - The undergrad seminar series has been very successful. In fact, it was so popular that the Evolution and Ecology peer advisors would like to have SCB organize another series next year! At the end of the quarter, they will send us a general summary of the course, compiled from undergrad reviews that we can use for future planning. If you might be interested in serving as undergrad seminar committee chair next year, please contact Molly (mrstephens@ucdavis.edu).
 - The conservation biology seminar will meet for the last time this Friday, March 11, at 1:10 pm in 3001 PES. The speaker is Patrick Kelly, director of the Endangered Species Recovery Program at CSU Stanislaus. Rodd Kelsey is organizing a pre-seminar lunch with the speaker; if you are interested in either going to lunch or potentially having a separate meeting with Dr. Kelly, contact Rodd (trkelsey@ucdavis.edu). More details will go out over email this week.
- Picnic Day – April 16
 - Greg Cunningham agreed to organize our Picnic Day table again! He is taking care of most of the details, but we do need volunteers for tabling. This will involve staffing the SCB display for a 2-hour shift on Picnic Day. If interested, contact Greg (gbcunningham@ucdavis.edu) or Molly (mrstephens@ucdavis.edu).
- Oak Restoration
 - Jim Thorne is in need of volunteers to help with site preparation for the next oak planting. This will be sometime next week (between 3/13-3/18). Contact Jim (jhthorne@ucdavis.edu) if you are interested.
 - The oak planting will be on Saturday, March 19. There are approximately 100 seedlings to be planted this time, so **we need lots of volunteers!** Email Jim (jhthorne@ucdavis.edu) – he should have email access again by next week.
- Whole Earth Festival
 - Molly is submitting our application for Brian Czech's talk. It will be in the tent, and we are going to try to get an afternoon time slot. More discussion next meeting.
- Bolivia Sister chapter update

- Ingrid Hogle reported that the members of the Bolivia chapter are interested in participating in an environmental education project swap with our education committee.
- Ingrid also proposed that SCB could cover some of the costs of attending the International SCB conference in Brazil for one (or more) members of the Bolivia chapter. The group was interested, but wanted more details (how much money they would need to make attendance feasible, how many members plan to attend/submit abstracts, etc.). Ingrid is contacting them for more details, and we will take a vote on providing this funding via email at a later date.
- Education committee
 - The education committee met briefly after the meeting to discuss plans for spring quarter programs.
- Cache Creek designation
 - Becky Kihlslinger reported the Lois Wolk has submitted a bill to designate Cache Creek as a Wild and Scenic River. SCB wrote a letter supporting Wolk in this effort last year. Becky is interested in writing a position paper/letter of support of the proposed legislation. Contact Becky (rlkihs@ucdavis.edu) if you are interested in helping write the letter.