

Society for Conservation Biology
Meeting Minutes: Monday, April 4, 2005
6:30 p.m., 2342 Storer Hall

- Announcements
 - Holly Doremus will be giving a talk on the Endangered Species Act and how we can get involved in defense of the ESA. The talk will be on Monday, April 11 at 6:30 in King Hall.
 - Nominations for the 2005/2006 Ecology and Evolution Seminar Series are due on April 6. We decided to nominate Michael Rosenzweig, who was the top “vote getter” when we organized our winter quarter seminar series. Karen Mabry is responsible for writing up and submitting the nomination.
- The application for Grad Student Organization funds is due Apr. 15th. We can apply for up to \$1000 to support current activities, or activities next quarter. We decided to apply for funding to pay for Brian Czech’s airfare and honorarium for his Whole Earth Festival visit. If we get this funding, we may be able to redistribute some of the money budgeted for his visit to paying for SCB members to have dinner with Czech. Molly Stephens is going to submit the application.
- Picnic Day is April 16th!
 - Greg Cunningham (gbcunningham@ucdavis.edu) is organizing our Picnic Day activities. If you are interested in volunteering to set up/take down our table, or in sitting at the table for 1-2 hours on Picnic Day, contact Greg.
 - In addition, if you have any pictures from SCB activities that we might be able to use for the Picnic Day table, send them to Greg.
- Oaks
 - The March 19th planting was well attended and extremely successful. Seventy to 80 trees were planted, which brings us to a total of 120-130 trees planted on the Putah Creek Preserve alone.
 - UCD is taking up to 200 seedlings for planting on campus. Campus grounds is having a tree planting ceremony on April 29th – they are planting 100 trees to celebrate 100 years of UCD. The Chancellor and other people from the administration will be attending. The ceremony will take place on the Quad at 10 am, and SCB will be presenting certificates to the local teachers who participated in the oak project this year.
 - Jim Thorne and SCB have distributed approximately 500 seedlings and acorns around Davis this year!
- It’s time for officer nominations!
 - You may nominate yourself or someone else. We are also looking for people who are willing to take over committee chair vacancies. Katie McHugh will be taking over the seminar committee, and there may be additional vacancies.
 - Send officer nominations to Molly (mrstephens@ucdavis.edu). We will take nominations through the end of April, then vote over email.
 - Next year should be exciting, because the International SCB meeting will be held in San Jose. Our chapter may be able to contribute to this meeting, either alone or in conjunction with other Bay Area SCB chapters.
 - Position descriptions:
 - President (Molly): Runs meetings, organizes chapter activities, generalized “arm twisting” to get things done

- Vice-President (Noa): Runs meetings if the president is absent, handles our listservs
 - Treasurer (Amy): Handles the money, including taking dues and writing reimbursement checks
 - Secretary (Karen): takes minutes, maintains website
- Restoration
 - Cache Creek Wild may have some restoration volunteer opportunities (website?)
 - Ingrid is going to try to arrange to have Andrew Fulks give a talk on Cache Creek restoration next month.
- Bolivia Sister chapter
 - Ingrid's update is that there are 3 members of our sister chapter who want to go to the SCB meeting in Brazil; 2 have submitted abstracts. However, they have no travel funding and roundtrip airfare is about \$650. The suggestion was made to lobby SCB international to match any amount that our chapter can contribute to getting them to Brazil. Ingrid is writing to the higher-ups about this.
 - Ingrid also mentioned trying to raise money to help members of our sister chapter attend the 2006 meeting in San Jose.
 - There is interest in setting up an online newsletter – if we do it, this seems like it should be the responsibility of the secretary.
- “Monumental”
 - Ali Stover has contacted Molly about the possibility of SCB sponsoring a showing of “Monumental,” a documentary about David Brower, the founder of Friends of the Earth. The California Wilderness Coalition is interested in organizing this. We're going to get some more information on this.