

SCB Meeting Minutes 16 October 2006

Introduction

- This years SCB officers
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- Mark your calendars for upcoming SCB Meetings
 - November 6
 - December 4
- What is the Society of Conservation Biology Davis Chapter and what do we do?
 - The Society for Conservation Biology Chapter at UC Davis (Davis SCB) is a student-run organization dedicated to the promotion of conservation-related research, education, and practice. Our active membership of approximately 30 graduate and undergraduate students and other local professionals represents a wide-range of biological expertise and contains current and future leaders in conservation biology.
 - SCB has various activity committees that coordinate conservation education programs in local schools, habitat restoration in our local watersheds, and conservation advocacy through letter writing campaigns. SCB also holds conservation biology seminar series at both the graduate and undergraduate level.
 - Undergraduate and graduate students from diverse disciplines, with an interest in conservation are highly encouraged to join!
 - This is your organization so take part and be active about issues that you are passionate about.
 - For more info visit the website: <http://scb.ucdavis.edu/about.htm>.
- Join SCB Davis Chapter! For only \$5 you can become a member and support all of the great things the chapter organizes, including the free pizza available at monthly meetings.
- The chapter has about \$5,000 most of which came from running the Bay Area Conservation Biology Symposium. This money is used to bring in speakers, make donations, help with oak plantings, support a sister chapter in Bolivia, and donate old journals.

Upcoming Activities

- Election Roundtable – On Thursday Nov. 2 from 1-3pm (room TBA) SCB will be hosting a roundtable discussion to talk about propositions on the November ballot. You can just show up and participate or you can sign up to present on a certain proposition. If you would like to present, email Pete to see which propositions are still available.
- Bodega Marine Lab Field Trip – On Nov. 4 all SCB members are invited to participate in our first natural history outing at the Bodega Marine Lab. If you are interested email Michael Branstetter and let him know that you want to come and whether or not you have a car and would be willing to drive. We will leave Davis in the morning and arrive at BML at noon for lunch. From 1-2pm Jackie Sones,

the Bodega Marine Research Coordinator, will lead us on a tour of the rocky bluffs. Then from 2-3pm, during low tide, she will take us tide pooling. We will then depart back to Davis.

- Movie – In early December SCB will host a showing of Al Gore’s movie on climate change “An Inconvenient Truth.”
- Party – Also in early December, SCB will host a chapter party. The party will include music by local band(s).
- See website for upcoming conservation related meetings.
 - Email Rod (trkelsey@ucdavis.edu) if you are interested in attending the “Biodiversity and Wine Workshop” that he is organizing.

Ongoing Activities

- Educational Outreach
 - Watch It Don’t Squash It (WIDSI) – For the second year in a row WIDSI is teaming up with SCB to offer science outreach to elementary school kids. WIDSI is a home grown group of biology graduate students from many different disciplines that are interested in influencing California’s Youth and teaching them about biology and conservation. To date, the group has only been visiting one school in Sacramento. This year WIDSI is looking for new schools to teach at. If you are interested in participating, or if you know of a school that might like to have WIDSI visit, email Anne Leonard (asleonard@ucdavis.edu). Also, Annie is looking for someone else to take over leading WIDSI. If you are interested let her know.
- Sister Chapter – This year Laura Young (lgyoung@ucdavis.edu) will be overseeing activities related to SCB’s sister chapter in La Paz Bolivia. If you would like to help Laura with raising funds for sister chapter projects email her.
- Seminars
 - Graduate level seminar – SCB organizes a graduate level seminar related to conservation biology. Speakers are brought in to talk on topics of interest to SCB members. If you have ideas of a theme and know of possible speakers email one of the SCB officers.
 - Undergraduate seminar – SCB also organizes an undergraduate seminar during Winter quarter. Speakers are usually graduate students. An email will be coming soon on details. If you want to talk at this seminar respond to the email.
- Position Papers – SCB will often write position papers on subjects of interest to SCB members. If you are passionate about a certain topic and would like SCB to take a position email one of the officers and bring your idea to the next SCB meeting. Check the website for current position papers.
- Website – SCB has a website run by April Burton (scbwebgeek@gmail.com). The address is <http://scb.ucdavis.edu/>. If you would like to help out with the website email April. Also, SCB would like to feature conservation biologists on the website (can be anyone, even you). If you would like to nominate someone then email April.

- Journals – Rodd (trkelsey@ucdavis.edu) has lots of old journals filling up his lab and he needs help getting them boxed up and shipped out. Please email him if you are able to help.

Brian Weare Presentation

At each meeting this quarter we plan to have talks related to climate change. Brian Weare is an atmospheric scientist working in the Department of Land, Air, and Water Resources. He presented to us on: “Global climate change: Focus on California”

- Talk Outline
 - Global Climate Trends
 - California Climate Trends
 - Effects of Irrigation on California Climate
- Take home message: Climate change is happening and will continue to happen. The question is can we mitigate the effects.
- If you would like more detail about this talk let me know.