

**San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Chapter Meeting
January 29, 2015**

Location: TWS WS Conference, Santa Rosa, CA

2015 Meeting called to order

- Motion to approve minutes from last meeting (passed)

Board reports

Lori Bono – President

- nothing to report

Rick Perry – President elect (absent)

- nothing to report

Jeff Davis – Past-president and Chapter Representative

- WS strategic plan is now being finalized.
- Lots of opportunities to get involved in WS, especially as chair of committees.

Erin Tennant – Secretary

- nothing to report

Justin Sloan – Treasurer and membership coordinator

- We currently have \$37,811 in our accounts and 261 members

Christine Van Horn Job – newsletter editor (absent)

- Nothing to report.

Howard Clark – webmaster

- Updated website with minutes and newsletter

Current Business:

1. NCC planning
 - Discussed alternative locations; Hodel's might be a good option
 - Spring break is likely the best time, in which case it would be March 26th
 - Thinking still best to have as one day
 - Discussed whether we should provide abstract, decide that we will still print out abstracts and provide.
 - Discussed whether we would perhaps like a panel discussion or other networking time

- ACTION ITEM: Erin will work with Christine on contacting Hodel's or other alternatives.
2. Botany Workshop
 - Dates are set for April 8-10
 - 8th – lecture day
 - 9th – Tejon Ranch
 - 10th – Lokern
 - 11th – Option Carrizo day
 - Species accounts will be a resource given out to participants
 - Lecture portion could possibly be at Hodel's
 3. Tracking workshop
 - Jim Lowery will be instructor
 - Dates are either late October or mid/late Nov
 - 2 day – 1st day = indoor, 2nd day = field day (maybe Wildwolves)
 - Perhaps camping or hotels
 4. Urban Ecology conference
 - ACTION ITEM: Lori will still follow-up with Dr. Katti and Dr. Constable
 5. Panorama Vista Preserve BioBlitz
 - Christine had the idea of doing a BioBlitz at the preserve, as there is currently a lack of any real biological data from the preserve
 - Do we need insurance for this? We perhaps need to pay a \$50 fee to cover us for up to \$100,000.
 - ACTION ITEM: Determine date and logistics.
 6. Year-end donations
 - Reminded the membership that we voted to fund \$500 in year-end donations to the following organizations, \$3000 in total.
 - Sierra foothill Conservancy
 - Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners
 - San Joaquin River Conservation Trust
 - River Partners
 - Working Dogs for Conservation
 - Sequoia Riverlands Trust
 - Larry Saslaw suggested helping Wildwolves by donating \$500 with their bus service to bring students from the Arvin/Lamont area to the preserve for environmental education
 - Motion passed.
 7. Update on Rick Perry
 - Lori notified the membership that Rick Perry will not longer be able to serve out his term as president due to personal issues.

- Lori discussed with the board and appointed Erin Tennant to serve out the remainder of Rick's term
- As a gift to Rick Lori made a motion to approve purchasing a set of field guides for Rick, since he will be moving to Washington state.
- Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned: 2130

Yahoo listserv and Facebook page

- We do have a Facebook page
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- We have a Yahoo groups listserv that anyone can sign up to join and can post items of interest.

Member attendance list

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