



**Meeting Agenda**  
**San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society**  
**February 9, 2022**  
**TWS-WS Annual Meeting and Virtual via Teams**  
**(Hybrid Meeting)**  
**2030-2230**

**Call to Order & Introductions**

**Executive Board and Committee Chair Reports:**

President (Erica Kelly): Present, no report

President-elect (Rainey Davis): Present. Went to Chapter Leaders mtg, learned some things about other Chapters that will share.

Past President (Tory Westall): Present, no report

Treasurer (Ryan Lopez): Not Present, sent emailed report: Balance 1 January 2021 - \$42,140.82, income between 1 January and 31 December 2021 - \$973.75, Expenses between 1 January and 21 December 2021 - \$1,957.71, Balance as of 31 December 2021 - \$41,156.86, Current Balance - \$39,857.86. The big charge this year (2022) was Whova for the 2022 NCC. -\$1,439, also had an 2022 automatic deposit of \$140 for dues.

The Chapter received a \$1,000 donation from Ms. Kevin Douglas Olsen and Mrs. Beatrice Ann Olsen (will be deposited tomorrow) for “purposes of habitat restoration”. In accepting the money, the Chapter agrees “to use the grant exclusively in furtherance of your organization’s tax-exempt mission”. Based on the language in the letter (sent to Board on 2-9-22), Ryan thinks we do not necessarily need to use the money for “habitat restoration”, however, since that is what they want, he thinks we should make an effort to use this money in this manner. Action Item: If as a group we do not have any recipients offhand, Ryan volunteers to look for something in our Chapter’s area that satisfies “habitat restoration” and present it to the board for vote (hopefully more than one option). Action Item: Once we decide how to use this money, we should send them a thank you and put it in the newsletter detailing the donation.

Secretary (Julie Vance): Present, no report

Chapter Representative (Randi McCormick): If want to go to Western Section workshops, are filling quickly and are wait lists. Annual Conf next year in Riverside, not sure if hybrid or in person.

Granting Committee Chair (Lori Bono): Not Present, no report. Erica: We did provide travel grants for 3 students to attend: Brian Fagundes, Sierra Montage (virtual) and Emily Bergman were funded to attend.

Membership Coordinator (Renée Robison): Not Present, reported via email that we have 124 active members.

Newsletter Editor and Webmaster (Howard Clark): just finished newsletter. Doing lots of instagramming on behalf of chapter. Action Item: Will need new updated bio statements from all officers. Action Item: Jeff Davis will update history info.

Registrar (Linda Connolly): Not Present, no report

Conservation Affairs (Skip Moss): Not Present, no report

Historian (Jeff Davis): Not present, no report

Program Development (Erin Tennant): Not Present, no report

Outreach Coordinator (vacant)

### 1. **Virtual NCC on March 24, 2022**

- We are all set for a virtual NCC again. Action Item: Should also add to Whova app to advertise, Randi will post to Whova.
- People have started registering for NCC using Whova
- \$1,439.00 for Whova to host the conference
- People pay and register through Whova (Yaaay!!). Negates need for registrar
- Brian has already received a few abstracts.
- Abstract deadline: March 11, 2022
- Ryan, are we able to order more mugs to sell? ACTION ITEM: Erica will follow up with Ryan re mugs. In Chapter leaders meeting, mentioned TeaSpring and Bonfire website..can sell things from them and they will shop. Shipping can be slow.

### 2. **BNLL Workshop in 2022**

- Dr. Germano and Howard have agreed to help lead the workshop
- Action Item: We need to pick dates for the workshop and get the ball rolling on this
- Action Item: *send Erica BNLL curriculum*. Randi prev did survey methods/hatchling protocol. CDFW included in talks.
- Need to select date. Action Item: check dates in May for Dr Germano. Lecture will be online. If online only won't count towards level II like full workshop with field workshop.
- 20-25 attendees allowed in field in past.
- Potential field site Semitropic ER. Room for vehicles, etc.
- Offered to members first (for full field trip). Only 2 attendees per company. Unlimited for classroom only portion.
- Suggested pricing after discussion: \$400 for full classroom/field, lesser cost for classroom only (\$150). Some discussion about how to prove virtual attendees are participating. Tory made motion that \$400 full price for classroom/field portion. 1 dissenting vote, motion carried. Julie motioned \$150 for classroom only, \$50 for students and we have grant options for students and early career professions. Tory seconded. Motion carried.

### 3. **Field Trips and Activities**

- Possible wildflowers at Carrizo National Monument (April?)

- Hike in the Sequoias (June/July)

#### 4. **New Business**

- Voting for President-elect ended today at 5 p.m. Kierston Abarca won Chapter president. She is attending conf virtually, not at Chapter meeting. Randi McCormick won Section President. Julie Vance wants to run for Chapter Rep. Action Item: Would then need nominee for Sec if she wins Chapter rep. Ashley Prior volunteered to be Program Development (Erin Tennant stepping down). Might need to change bylaws re Treasurer/Sec terms (annual election, etc.), Action Item: Julie Vance will review bylaws for any potential changes needed. Action Item: for Chapter rep, Renee can send out announcement, see if anyone else wants to run, then do election. Renee did election via survey monkey for president.

5. **Next meeting/social?** Virtual meeting after NCC. Will wait to set the time after we know when talks will end. Possible hybrid with in person option at McCormick.

#### 6. **Transfer Presidency to Rainey Davis**

Meeting Adjourned 1019 PM

#### Attendees

Ashley Prior, McCormick Bio  
Erica Kelly, ESRP  
Tory Westall, ESRP  
Julie Vance, CDFW  
Phil Leitner, ESRP  
Reagen O'Leary, CDFW  
Randi McCormick, McCormick Bio  
Kacy Twist, Chevron  
Howard Clark, Colibri  
Brian Fagundes, HSU Student, Kidd Biological Inc., Wildfarm Alliance  
Rainey Davis, McCormick Bio  
Erin Whitfield, consultant  
Kira Gangbin, CDFW  
Fumika Takahashi, USFWS San Luis Refuge  
Pedro Garcia, Dudek  
Anita Lahey, Biologist at large