

**Central Coast Council Meeting
Saturday, September 17, 2016**

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NOTES

Mike Lynes called in to review the various bills.

Kaaren – Morro Coast – presentation on their education program. Walked through her PowerPoint that she takes into the schools. Shared info about specific binoculars that work well for kids, Kowa YF - 30-6 <\$100.

Ormond Beach Ordinance (30 min) Bruce Schoppe, Ventura Audubon Santa Barbara. Going pretty well, still having problems occasionally with dogs off leash. Much of the public is happy about the no dogs policy, feel they can bring their family and not be “harassed” by all the dog activity. Many thanks to Walter Fuller who lives on the property. Suggested that there be a presentation in his honor – at the next Council Meeting??

Audubon CA Board meeting report – Wendy Schackwitz – Water issues, climate change and drought contributing to tree die off, result lots of fuel and the Kern fire. Water issues like the Salton Sea affect us all.

Salton Sea movie – lunch and discussion. Encourage chapters to give a Salton Sea program, put Salton Sea pdf and materials onto their websites, visit they reps to discuss the importance, and write OpEd pieces.

Chapter Reports:

Santa Barbara:

- Would like IT help for membership and donor records, software advice, "donor tool"?? Can they get Sales Force license for Chapters?? At a discount?
- Membership concerns
- Conservation issue that is under the wing of another chapter, how do you make sure the issue gets addressed w/o stepping on toes? Garry's suggested contacting them that you'd like to partner with them on the issue, and if hear nothing back, move ahead
- Breeding Bird Atlas - Mark Holmgren, using google fusion table database/maps. Allows you to click spots and get the data
- Goleta slough area. Info in the newsletter.

Ventura

- Monitoring at Hollywood Beach, want the county to do more, Board of Supervisor, harbor director meetings, to force something to happen
- Ventura River Bell's habitat, cowbird trapping, and monitoring, replant natives - Muelfat and willow where non-natives removed
- Financial books and donor records – their records are currently a spread sheet - where can the data live??? Discussed QuickBooks, TechSoup as a resource for reduced rate software, and Aplos - a cloud based donor management
- Working on website

Morro Coast

- New communications chair - cleaning up web site, longer term changing the look, but at least it is being updated.
- Habitat east Sweet Springs opens! This was an 8 year process, permits and costs for board walks and overlooks, finished construction plans, were going to use CCC, but fires keeping them busy. Hope to break ground summer 2017. Dog issues off leash.
- Land conservancy SLO open space across the street from Sweet Springs possibly available. The philanthropic donor wants it to go to some org that will maintain it as open space. Looks to move by end of the year.
- Brown Pelican Survey Oct 15
- Shore Bird Survey
- Support drive.
- Oct 50th year anniversary.

Conejo Valley

- Thanks to Santa Barbara tree trimming info - put on to web site. Returned the favor by making a Spanish version in return.
- Warbler Bingo - has started up again - run by their web master - winner gets a ticket to the dinner.
- Yearly contest around native plant installation. Someone submits request, and winner gets consultation and maybe some plants.
- Dave Beresca. Pinole Audubon. Giving a talk at Santa Barbara - Life on the Edge - of the Urban interface. Of Aroyo Simi

Next meeting Ventura - March 18th.