

**San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Chapter Meeting
June 28, 2014**

Location: Sequoia Brewing Company, Fresno, CA

1733 Meeting called to order

- Introductions
- Motion to approve minutes from last meeting (Davis motioned, Sloan seconded; motion passed)
- Motion to approve food and drink purchases for chapter members at the meeting (Davis motioned, Sloan seconded; motion passed)

Board reports

Lori Bono – President

- nothing to report

Rick Perry – Present-elect

- nothing to report

Jeff Davis – Past-president

- nothing to report

Erin Tennant – Secretary (absent)

- Reported in an email that she made progress on determining a mechanism for receiving funding for the fencing material at Buttonwillow ER.

Justin Sloan – Treasurer and membership coordinator

- We currently have \$38,500 in our account, made \$1973 from the NCC (which had 133 attendees), and have 258 members (an all-time high).

Jeff Davis – Chapter representative

- Reported on two meetings he attended as Chapter Rep: Tricolored Blackbird Working Group and California Gray Wolf Stakeholders, both in Sacramento.

Christine Van Horn Job – newsletter editor (absent during board member reports)

- Need articles in July for publication in August.

Howard Clark – webmaster

- Howard updated website with March meeting minutes; will send Justin a description of the new TWS Western Section wildlife journal for distribution to members via email list.

Current Business:

1. Professional development updates
 - a. **Urban Ecology Symposium**
 - In fall or even early December 2014.
 - ACTION ITEM: Erin will coordinate with Madhu Katti at Fresno State.
 - b. **Tracking Workshop**
 - Jim Lowery tracking workshop has been proposed
 - Christine has been communicating with Jim about having a one-day workshop this fall, maybe on the Kern River.
 - ACTION ITEM: Christine will continue to coordinate with Jim and find a time and place for the workshop.
 - c. **Certification Workshop**
 - Lori is coordinating with Rhys from the Western Section, who leads the workshops.
 - May be held at the Quad Knopf office in Fresno; 6 hours, 20 participants.
 - ACTION ITEM: Lori will continue coordinating with Rhys to confirm the date.
 - d. **Botany Workshop**
 - Scheduling for April 9-11, 2015. Ellen Cypher coordinated with the Tejon Ranch Conservancy for access on April 9; a guide to the plants of the southern SJV is being prepared for participants; a sample species account was passed around.

New Business:

1. Discussed alternate venues for the NCC (and other events). Hodel's Country Dining, the Farm Bureau office, the Ag Pavilion, and CSUB Extension office were suggested. Also discussed the availability of sign language interpreters away from CSUB, having a dedicated poster session, and having the NCC in late February to better accommodate those with busy field seasons. Randi McCormick knows a caterer who could help if the event were held at a facility without built-in catering. Would Dave Germano stay involved if the NCC were no longer on the CSUB campus?
 - ACTION ITEM: Christine will look into alternate venues and dates, check with Brian Cypher, Larry Saslaw, and Dave Germano about their continued interest and date preferences and report back at next meeting.
2. Marcos Perez with NRCS in Bakersfield presented details about NRCS's Environmental Quality Incentive Program, which encourages ranchers, farmers, dairymen and others to participate in conservation efforts. The

program provides matching funds (up to \$20M) for conservation partnerships that can include establishing conservation easements and restoring and monitoring habitat for at-risk species. Discussed the possibility of providing a workshop for ranchers.

3. Next Chapter Meeting

- To be held in Visalia --- Date and specific location TBD

Yahoo listserv and Facebook page

- We do have a Facebook page
 - o San Joaquin Valley Chapter of The Wildlife Society
- We have a Yahoo groups listserv that anyone can sign up to join and can post items of interest.

Meeting adjourned (Sloan motioned, Davis seconded): 2013

Member attendance list

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