

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

FISH AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION

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AGENDA

June 6, 2019

7:00 PM

Fifth Floor Conference Room, Room 520, 701 Ocean Street

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Agenda		Start	End	Description
Item #		Time	Time	
1		7:00	7:00	Call to Order
2		7:00	7:05	Roll Call and Guest Introductions
3		7:05	7:10	Approval of Minutes
4		7:05	7:15	Public Comments
5	А	7:15	7:45	Proposed recommendation to expand Significant Tree Ordinance
				outside the Coastal Zone
				i. Report from subcommittee and discussion (15 minutes)
				ii. Public Comments (10 minutes)
				iii. Decide on next steps (5 minutes)
	В	7:45	8:00	Update on Fish and Game Propagation Fund
	С	8:00	8:15	Discuss draft materials for Public Grants Program
	D	8:15	8:20	Discuss AB 1778 California Ecosystems Protection Act of 2019 and
				draft letter of support
	Е	8:20	8:25	Review 2019 work plan
	F	8:25	8:30	Elect Vice-Chair for term starting July 1, 2019
	G	8:30	8:35	Discuss September agenda
6		8:25	8:35	Staff Reports and Announcements
7		8:35	8:55	Commissioner Reports and Announcements
8		8:55	9:00	Review Correspondence
9		9:00		Adjourn

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Public Comments on Significant Tree Ordinance
 - i) Email from Jean Brocklebank May 2, 2019
 - ii) Email from Michael Lewis May 2, 2019
- B. Notice of amended regulatory text for crab traps
- C. Notice of proposed regulatory action relative to Mammal Hunting Regulations
- D. Notice of proposed regulatory action relative to traps to take hagfish

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Meeting Minutes May 2, 2019

- 1. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 pm
- 2. ROLL CALL

Staff announced that Commissioner Cooley resigned 2 weeks ago. Present: Commissioners Berry, Robin, Baron, Hoffman, Wise, Freeman, Gómez Excused: none Absent: Lee

Guests included Jane Mio, Valley Women's Club; Gillian Greensite, Sierra Club; Larry Freeman, Freeman Hydrologic Data Sources; Steve Schindler, CDFW; David Kossack, San Andreas Land Conservancy

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the minutes; Commissioner Baron seconded the motion. All aye; minutes approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Larry Freeman reported declining flows in Corralitos Creek.
- 5. BUSINESS MATTERS
 - A. <u>Recommendation to expand the Significant Tree Ordinance outside the Coastal Zone</u>.
 - i) Commissioner Freeman commented that expanding the ordinance is worth considering in light of climate change and carbon sequestration. There were mixed comments about whether to narrow the expansion to specific watersheds, ecosystems or tree species. Commissioner Hoffman wanted to research the advisability of expanding the ordinance to allow cutting of trees for fire safety around homes and evacuation routes. There was additional discussion of fire risk and a general consensus that big trees are less of a fire risk than other factors, such as ladder fuels. Wise wanted to compare our ordinance and protection with other surrounding counties.
 - Public comments included strong support for expanding the ordinance; that most big trees outside of Coastal Zone have no protection; that the expanded ordinance should focus on wildlife and ecology benefits and native trees; that the expanded ordinance should include replacement of removed trees.
 - iii) Commissioner Gomez made a motion to create a subcommittee to draft a letter to the Board of Supervisors; the subcommittee will consist of commissioners Gomez, Hoffman and Baron.
 - B. <u>Review 2019 work plan.</u> Overall, commissioners agree on the draft work plan. There was interest in adding a short description of each issue. Land and open space conservation and management should include wildlife connectivity; Cannabis cultivation should include action to advocate if needed. There was a brief discussion of crab trap legislation and acknowledgement that the state is taking the lead on that issue; FWAC will drop it from the work plan but add something about Marine Protection. Commission agreed to drop High and Moderate Priorities. Staff will revise and bring back to June.
 - C. <u>Discuss Biennial Meeting</u>. Chair Berry reported that a joint meeting with the Commission on the Environment and the Water Advisory Commission will not be planned for this fall. In general, there was some hesitation about the topic and value of a joint meeting. Commissioner Wise commented that he enjoyed the educational value of the Climate Change meeting.
 - D. <u>Elect Chair and Vice Chair for Term Starting July 1, 2019.</u> Commissioner Robin nominated Chris Berry to continue serving as Chair; Commissioner Wise seconded the motion. All aye except

Commissioner Berry abstained; motion passed. The commission decided to wait to vote on Vice Chair in June.

E. <u>Update on Fish and Game Propagation Fund.</u> Staff reported that revenues are still low to the Fish and Game Fund. However, Health Services Agency staff will follow up and contact the Courts about the fund. Also, District Attorney Ed Browne has completed several settlements, but we still don't know exactly when those will get deposited into the Fund. In general, the situation is looking positive the Public Grants Program for 2019-2020.

6. STAFF REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS.

7. PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COMMMISSIONERS. Chair Berry will continue to work on scheduling a social event to honor Rogers Johnson.

June's agenda will include Significant Tree Ordinance, voting for Vice Chair, review of by-laws, review Work Plan, low-flow fishing, update on Propagation Fund, discuss grants program, and AB 1778.

8. ADJOURNMENT. Commissioner Hoffman made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Wise seconded the motion. All aye; motion passed.







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2019 NOTICE OF AVAILABLE GRANT FUNDING

The Santa Cruz County Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission is soliciting applications for its Public Grants Program. Grants are funded by fines and settlements collected for violations of California Fish and Game laws within Santa Cruz County.

There is a total of \$ 15,000 available for this year's grants program. Awards are usually limited to \$1,000 to \$2,000 each, but larger requests will be considered.

FUNDING PRIORITIES:

- Benefits native fish and wildlife and habitats.
- Education programs for school age children related to fish and wildlife
- Support of California Fish and Game related law enforcement.

SELECTION CRITERIA: The highest consideration will be given to projects which:

- Benefits native, local wildlife species and habitats
- Provide a low cost/high benefit
- Proposals may include funding for labor costs.

SCORE SHEET – The commission will be scoring each proposal, based on the score sheet on the following page. Each proposal will be scored by all commissioners; scores will be added and the proposals will be ranked. Starting with the highest ranked proposals, commission will decide to fully fund, partially fund or not fund each proposal.

TO APPLY:

- 1. Individuals, organizations and agencies can request an application form from Kristen Kittleson at <u>kristen.kittleson@santacruzcounty.us</u> or (831) 454-3154.
- 2. Individuals should have an affiliation with a non-profit organization to receive funding.
- 3. Describe the project fully in 8 pages or less, including budget and any attachments. We encourage concise grant proposals, but project budget information must be included.
- 4. Proposals must be received by <u>3:00 PM Thursday, October 17, 2019</u> as an electronic file to Kristen Kittleson or a hardcopy to address above. Please submit the application as a WORD or compatible file so we can remove the cover sheet before posting it to the public. We prefer applications as electronic files, but hard copies are accepted.
- 5. Grant applications will be reviewed by the Commission at their November 7, 2019 meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 5th floor, 701 Ocean Street. Applicants are invited to attend and should be prepared to give a short presentation (not to exceed 5 minutes in length). Final selection is scheduled for December 5, 2019.

Score Sheet

Proposal Score for	Total Score
Benefits native fish and wildlife through a project, e	
The project provides a clear benefit to nativ	ve fish and wildlife or provides education
for an important fish or wildlife topic: 5 points	
The project provides some benefits to nativ	•
The project provides limited benefits to na	tive fish and wildlife: 1-2 points
The project does not benefit native fish an	d wildlife: 0 points
	Score:
<u>Cost Effectiveness – 2 points</u>	
This project is a good value and provides a	good cost/benefit ratio: 2 points
This project provides moderate cost/benefit	ratio: 1 point
This project has a high cost for the benefits:	0 points
	Score:
Benefit to the Santa Cruz Community – 1 point	
The project will benefit the Santa Cruz Cour	nty community or habitat: 1 point
The project will not benefit the Santa Cruz of	community or habitat: 0 points
	Score:
Expected Project Success – 2 points	
The project proponent has a record of succe	essful projects or a new project
proponent presents a solid foundation for su	uccess: 2 points
The project proponent has a mixed record for	or success on past projects or does not
provide evidence for potential success: 1 pc	pint
The project proponent failed to provide an u	pdate on the past year's funding or does
not present a solid foundation for potential s	success: 0 points
	Score:
Project reporting requirement is set	nt out with the award letter

Project Reporting

You are required to submit a short written report (maximum length 1 page) about what your organization accomplished with the funding. This report is due no later than August 15, 2020 for inclusion with the September Commission meeting.

In addition, you are welcome to attend a commission meeting and report on the project. Contact staff if you are interested in providing a report at a commission meeting.

If your project is not complete by August 15, 2020, please submit an update report describing what has been accomplished and your timeline for completing the work. Failure to communicate with the commission may result in the loss of funding for future projects.

Current Public Grants Program Policy Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission Updated 30 May 2019

2012 – Project Review and Ranking Policy Statement

The Fish and Game Advisory Commission recommends projects that benefit native fish and wildlife, provide education programs for school age children related to fish and wildlife or support California Fish and Game law enforcement. The highest consideration is given to projects which provide a high benefit for a low cost and benefit native, local wildlife species.

The Commission reviews a written application and hears an oral presentation on each proposed project. Commissioners rank the projects from highest to lowest priority. The ranked scores for all commissioners are combined to create an overall ranked list. As the last step, the Commission goes through each project, by rank, and decides through consensus if the project will receive full or partial funding. Commissioners do not vote on projects where they are the applicant.

2017 Public Grants Program Decision Making Agreement

At the June 1, 2017 meeting, the commissioners in attendance agreed on the following procedure for making funding decisions for the Public Grants Program.

Before the meeting: Staff will mail out a score sheet with each grant proposal listed. Each commissioner will come to the December meeting with the score sheet filled out: each grant proposal will receive a score from 0 to10, with 0 being low priority or unsuitable for funding and 10 being the highest priority for funding.

At the meeting: At the beginning of the agenda item, commissioners will discuss the projects.

After the discussion, commissioners will finalize their scores. Staff will collect the score sheets and add up the assigned scores for each proposal. Staff will present a list of the proposals in order of their scores with highest score at the top.

In ranked order, from highest to lowest score, the commissioners will agree on if the organization will receive the full amount of funding requested or partial funding. The commissioners will work down the list until either the budgeted funding has been allocated or they decide to not fund the remaining proposals.

The commission will vote on funding the group of projects and the proposed funding amounts.

2009 – Funding Policy Statement

County of Santa Cruz Fish and Wildlife Fund Funding Policy August 5, 2009 Prepared by Kristen Kittleson

The Fish and Game Advisory Commission (Commission) advises the Board of Supervisors on issues relating to fish and wildlife, and also recommends projects for funding with the county's portion of Fish and Game fine monies and judgments.

Previously, the Fish and Game Advisory Commission had an informal policy to not recommend funding for the cost of labor. This document includes a definition of labor and proposes an alternative policy that while the Fish and Game Advisory Commission may prefer to fund materials and equipment, there is no restriction on recommending funding for labor.

Definition of Labor: Labor is defined as the payment of people for work.

Labor includes

- physical labor such as in-stream habitat restoration and riparian restoration including nonnative plant removal
- professional services to design, permit or manage projects, and for construction management or construction supervision.
- construction activities including operating heavy equipment, traffic control, or other construction related activities
- professional services for curriculum development, training and teaching
- fish and wildlife research.

Arguments in support of funding labor

Not prohibited in the Fish and Game Code (13103) that describes appropriate expenditures from the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund.

Not mentioned in the Fish and Game Advisory Commission bylaws

The Fish and Game Advisory Commission has funded labor in the past associated with research (Sea Lion research) or professional design work (Valencia Creek Fish Ladder design funded by Stream Enhancement Fund).

FISH AND GAME CODE

13103. Expenditures from the fish and wildlife propagation fund of any county may be made only for the following purposes:

(a) Public education relating to the scientific principles of fish and wildlife conservation, consisting of supervised formal instruction carried out pursuant to a planned curriculum and aids to education such as literature, audio and video recordings, training models, and nature study facilities.

(b) Temporary emergency treatment and care of injured or orphaned wildlife.

(c) Temporary treatment and care of wildlife confiscated by the department as evidence.

(d) Breeding, raising, purchasing, or releasing fish or wildlife which are to be released upon approval of the department pursuant to Sections 6400 and 6401 onto land or into waters of local, state, or federal agencies or onto land or into waters open to the public.

(e) Improvement of fish and wildlife habitat, including, but not limited to, construction of fish screens, weirs, and ladders; drainage or other watershed improvements; gravel and rock removal or placement; construction of irrigation and water distribution systems; earthwork and grading; fencing; planting trees and other vegetation management; and removal of barriers to the migration of fish and wildlife.

(f) Construction, maintenance, and operation of public hatchery facilities.

(g) Purchase and maintain materials, supplies, or equipment for either the department's ownership and use or the department's use in the normal performance of the department's responsibilities.

(h) Predator control actions for the benefit of fish or wildlife following certification in writing by the department that the proposed actions will significantly benefit a particular wildlife species.

(i) Scientific fish and wildlife research conducted by institutions of higher learning, qualified researchers, or governmental agencies, if approved by the department.

(j) Reasonable administrative costs, excluding the costs of audits required by Section 13104, for secretarial service, travel, and postage by the county fish and wildlife commission when authorized by the county board of supervisors. For purposes of this subdivision, "reasonable cost" means an amount which does not exceed 3 percent of the average amount received by the fund during the previous three-year period, or three thousand dollars (\$3,000) annually, whichever is greater, excluding any funds carried over from a previous fiscal year.

(k) Contributions to a secret witness program for the purpose of facilitating enforcement of this code and regulations adopted pursuant to this code.

(1) Costs incurred by the district attorney or city attorney in investigating and prosecuting civil and criminal actions for violations of this code, as approved by the department.

(m) Other expenditures, approved by the department, for the purpose of protecting, conserving, propagating, and preserving fish and wildlife.



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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

June 6, 2019

County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors 701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Subject: Letter of Support for AB1788, the California Ecosystems Protection Act of 2019 and establishment of countywide monitoring program.

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

The Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors write a letter to the State Senate in support of AB1788, the California Ecosystems Protection Act of 2019. On May 16, 2019, the State Senate will vote on this important legislation to end the use of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides in California.

This bill would create the **California Ecosystems Protection Act of 2019** and expand this prohibition *against the use of a pesticide containing specified anticoagulants in wildlife habitat areas* to the entire state. The bill would expand the exemption for agricultural activities to include activities conducted in certain locations and would also exempt from its provisions the use of pesticides by any governmental agency employee who uses pesticides for public health activities and a mosquito or vector control district that uses pesticides to protect the public health. The bill would also prohibit the use of any pesticide that contains one or more specifically identified anticoagulants on state-owned property. By imposing additional duties on county agricultural

commissioners, and expanding the definition of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission also recommends that the Board of Supervisors establish a countywide monitoring program to test animals for these second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides. Since California would be the only state outlawing these rodenticides, it would still be possible for people to purchase them out-of-state. A countywide monitoring program will help track the use of these anticoagulant pesticides and if the law is being successfully implemented in Santa Cruz County. The countywide monitoring program could also provide information to agricultural growers and homeowners about the regulations and proper pesticide use.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter of support.

Sincerely,

Chris Berry, Chair Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission County of Santa Cruz 701 Ocean Street, Room 312 Santa Cruz, CA 95060 **Brief Summary:** AB 1788 Pesticides: use of anticoagulants (Bloom Assembly Third Reading) This act shall be known, and may be cited, as the **California Ecosystems Protection Act of 2019.**

Passed by the Assembly 5/6/19 Ayes: 49 Noes:16 NVR: 15

Status: Currently in committee process, majority vote required Referred to the Commission on Environment 5/16/19 Senate Environmental Quality Committee Hearing Scheduled 6/5/19

This bill would create the **California Ecosystems Protection Act of 2019** and expand this prohibition *against the use of a pesticide containing specified anticoagulants in wildlife habitat areas* to the entire state.

The bill **would expand the exemption for agricultural activities** to include activities conducted in certain locations and would also exempt from its provisions the use of pesticides by any governmental agency employee who uses pesticides for public health activities and a mosquito or vector control district that uses pesticides to protect the public health.

The bill would also prohibit the use of any pesticide that contains one or more specifically identified anticoagulants on state-owned property.

By imposing additional duties on county agricultural commissioners, and expanding the definition of a crime, this bill **would impose a state-mandated local program**.

Summary Details:

Summary: (1) **Wildlife**, including birds of prey, mountain lions, bobcats, fishers, foxes, coyotes, and endangered species such as the northern spotted owl, pacific fisher, and San Joaquin kit fox, are an irreplaceable part of California's natural ecosystems. As predators of small mammals, they play an important role in regulating and controlling the population of rodents throughout the state to improve public health and welfare.

(5) Scientific research and state studies have found rodenticides in over 75 percent of animals tested. These rodenticides lead to direct mortality and chronic long-term health impacts for natural predators, nontarget organisms, and endangered species and further steps are needed to reduce rodenticide exposure in nontarget animals.

(6) While all anticoagulant rodenticides have a harmful impact on nontarget animals, second generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs) are particularly

dangerous to nontarget wildlife as SGARs are higher potency than prior generations and a single dose has a half-life of more than 100 days in a rodent's liver. Due to high toxicity and concern for impact on nontarget wildlife, Department of Pesticide Regulation banned consumer sales and use of SGARs in 2014, restricting their purchase and use to certified pesticide applicators.

(7) Despite the 2014 regulations issued by the Department of Pesticide Regulation, scientific research and state studies have found no significant reduction in the number of nontarget wildlife with detectable levels of SGARs in their system. From 2014 through 2018, the Department of Fish and Wildlife found SGARs in more than 90 percent of tested mountain lions, 88 percent of tested bobcats, 85 percent of protected Pacific fishers tested, and 70 of northern spotted owls tested. Such data indicates that a consumer sales and use ban of SGARs has been insufficient to reduce rodenticide exposure in nontarget animals and further steps must be taken.

(8) Rodenticides can be counterproductive to rodent control by poisoning, harming, and killing natural predators that help regulate rodent populations throughout California.

(b) It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this act to ensure that aquatic, terrestrial, and avian wildlife species remain a fully functional component of the ecosystems they inhabit and move through in California.

Section 12978.7 of the Food and Agricultural Code is amended to read:

12978.7. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (c), (d), (e), or (f), or (e), the use of any pesticide that contains one or more of the following anticoagulants is prohibited in this state:

- (1) Brodifacoum.
- (2) Bromadiolone.
- (3) Difenacoum.
- (4) Difethialone.

(c) This section does not apply to either of the following:

(1) The use of pesticides used by **any governmental agency employee who complies** with Section 106925 of the Health and Safety Code, who uses pesticides for public health activities.

(2) A mosquito or vector control district formed under Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 2000) of Division 3 or Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 2800) of Division 3 of the Health and Safety Code, that uses pesticides to protect the public health.

(d) (1) This section does not apply to the use of pesticides for agricultural activities, as defined in Section 564.

(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), "agricultural activities" include activities conducted in any of the following locations:

(A) A warehouse used to store foods for human or animal consumption.

(B) An agricultural food production site, including, but not limited to, a slaughterhouse and cannery.

(C) A factory, brewery, or winery.

(f)

Section 12978.8 is added to the Food and Agricultural Code, to read:

12978.8. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (d), the use of any pesticide that contains one or more of the following anticoagulants is prohibited on any state-owned property in California:

(1) Chlorophacinone.

(2) Diphacinone.

(3) Warfarin.

(b) State agencies are directed to encourage federal agencies to comply with subdivision (a).

(c) This section **does not apply to the use of pesticides for agricultural activities**, **as defined in Section 564.**

SOURCE:Text.(2019,April2).Retrievedfromhttps://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB1788

Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission 2019 Work Plan

Public Grants Program – (all, especially Wise, Lee).

Action – Discuss Public Grants process and release RFP sooner to allow more time to distribute

Action - Create criteria for considering urgent funding requests Monitor code enforcement and Fish and Game Propagation Fund

Expand Significant Tree Ordinance outside Coastal Zone

<u>Action</u> – Consider sending a letter to the Board of Supervisors recommending that the ordinance gets expanded outside the Coastal Zone.

Wildlife Corridors and Open Space Conservation and Management – (Wise, Freeman)

Freeman)

Learn about Cotoni-Coast Dairies and San Vicente Redwoods public access

Monitor Cotoni-Coast Dairies and San Vicente Redwoods public access

process

<u>Learn</u> about Cotoni-Coast Dairies and San Vicente Redwoods forestry management

Learn about how conservation easements are being used in County Learn about how much open space is in the County Learn about how to support wildlife corridors

PG & E's Community Wildlife Safety Program

Monitor Program, County and public response

Riparian corridor enhancement

Monitor progress on County efforts to develop a Riparian Corridor Enhancement Program

Action support riparian corridor enhancement when appropriate

Monarch butterfly conservation

Learn more about monarch butterfly conservation and planting milkweed in coastal areas

Action – consider including this topic as focus for grants program

Vision Santa Cruz Wild (Baron)

Action – Create a strategic plan for habitat and wildlife

Coho salmon and steelhead recovery planning

Monitor low-flow fishing closure studies and outreach <u>Learn</u> about current status and research <u>Monitor</u> progress for new coho salmon conservation hatchery Action – support new coho salmon conservation hatchery when

appropriate

40 years of San Lorenzo watershed management

Learn about accomplishments, successes and failures Educate public about San Lorenzo and watershed

Cannabis cultivation ordinance

<u>Learn</u> about current status of Cannabis Cultivation <u>Monitor</u> implementation of Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance <u>Monitor</u> enforcement <u>Learn</u> about enforcement of Fish and Game regulations

<u>Stay informed about Marine Protection issues</u> <u>Monitor</u> new legislation and actions

<u>Provide a forum for public input regarding fish and wildlife issues</u> <u>Learn</u> about what community considers important fish and wildlife topics

Pajaro River Flood Control Project and Natural Resources Protection

Learn about current conditions with bench excavation

<u>Learn</u>about recent effort to construct levees

From: Sent: To: Subject: Jean Brocklebank <jeanbean@baymoon.com> Thursday, May 02, 2019 3:47 PM Kristen Kittleson FWAC May 2 Public Comment

Hello Kristen ~

Please accept this email as my comment on this evening's 5A agenda item: Discuss idea of expanding Significant Tree Ordinance outside the Coastal Zone and distribute it to the Commissioners.

I feel strongly that this matter if of great importance to wildlife of Santa Cruz County and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary as well, because everything is hitched to everything else.

I'm asking the Commissioners to consider placing this matter on the next agenda, at which a draft letter to the Board of Supervisors can be compiled. Or perhaps a draft letter will already be compiled beforehand, so the public can engage in its message.

Please let this idea live with the Fish & Wildlife Advisory Commission another month or two. It is so important!

Sincerely, Jean Brocklebank

From: Sent: To: Subject: Michael Lewis <malewis@calcentral.com> Thursday, May 02, 2019 3:58 PM Kristen Kittleson FWAC May 2 Agendaltem 5A, Sigificant Tree Ordinance

Hello Kristen ~

Please print my comments on Item 5 A, "Discuss idea of expanding Significant Tree Ordinance outside the Coastal Zone" and distribute it to the Commissioners.

Santa Cruz County's forest biomes are under increased pressure due to periodic logging and increased housing development throughout the county. This accelerating ecosystem degradation negatively affects wildlife as well as plant species. The significant trees ordinance should be extended to protect all trees in the county.

Please consider extending action on this important agenda item to the next meeting, pending further study by county staff and contributions by an informed public.

Sincerely,

Michael Lewis, PhD