



**Surfrider SMC Chapter Business Meeting
3-4:30pm, May 11, 2019 | GCSD Meeting Room**

Present: John Claussen, Britt Bensen, George Domurat, Don Clark, Ashley Gray, Sabrina Brennan, and Taletha Derrington

Topic	Discussion	Decision/Action
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome Don and Sabrina! 	
Development & Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Patagonia Grant is a primary funder right now. Reapplied, will hear on or before 8/1/19 ● Coastside gives day. First year of participating 5/2/19, run by Mavericks Foundation, about \$2800. Net cost \$300, net profit \$2,500 ● Currently in voting period for New Leaf Envirotokens, ends 5/27 ● REI (see below about corporate cleanups and events): we will see how our relationship develops ● Discussion about actively exploring other fundraising avenues ● Treasurer report: Approximately \$24K in funds 	<p><u>ALL:</u> Vote for us at New Leaf in HMB and spread this to your networks</p>
Blue Water Task Force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Close to being able to report our data on Capistrano Outflow project to do something about it. We are getting support from Yacht Club and RCD, with whom we have been sharing results to get input on avenues to explore and how to interpret and communicate results, which we will then present to the county ● Discussion of the need to set up a technical advisory group to figure out to do (RCD, Harbor District, Surfrider, community stakeholders), come up with options, bring in experts to treat the problem. Sabrina could start this stakeholder group and talk to Kelix @ RCD about it ● We have a plan for how/who to do lab floor repair ● Have new signups interested in BWTF. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed doing a quarterly training day with BBQ ○ How can we get more high school and college students (and teachers/classes) interested? Student who worked with us to complete her science project won first place. 	<p><u>Edo:</u> Keep working to move the work along so we can report it out and do something about it. Consider discussing with Sabrina.</p> <p><u>Taletha:</u> Schedule lab floor repair</p> <p><u>Taletha:</u> communicate with new signups for data support and outreach to students (BWTF Coordinator)</p> <p><u>Emily:</u> Draft upcoming newsletters to prominently advertise the need for a BWTF Coordinator until</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UC Elkus Ranch might be interested, as well as Tunitas (Tom; some people get domestic water from that creek) 	
Beach Cleanups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consistent monthly cleanups ● Considering upstream cleanups ● Corporate cleanups: Credit sesame coming up 	
Ocean Friendly Restaurants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trying to grow: current restaurants are HMB Brewing Co., Sam's, Johnston's Salt Box, another San Carlos Laurel Street restaurant (unsure of name since Kimberly isn't present), and 2 Pacific Catch locations on the bayside. Kimberly working on Pasta Moon and others coastside, Clare working on FB, Emilie Mueller has been working on restaurants bayside. ● Christine Chang, Central Middle Schooler, centered her Right of Passage ExperienceS (ROPES) project on OFR and got 2 San Carlos restaurants to join. Then she wrote about it in a San Carlos community newsletter & presented it to city council. 	<p><u>Taletha</u>: reach out to local newspapers again to do a story on Christine and perhaps encourage other students to join in the work</p>
Policy: Coastal Protection and Beach Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Context: Martin's was flagship local turned national effort to protect beach access ● Participated in Pacifica LCP meetings and submitted public comments. Finalized, no managed retreat adopted ● Waiting for Dunes RV & Hotel development environmental assessment and formal application by developers (?Aug) ● Monitoring efforts and progress on sand replenishment at Surfer's Beach/Jetty. Moving, no apparent chapter action need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consultant Brad Dimitz recently presented @ Harbor Commission Meeting. Will present again soon. ○ About a year out, following procedure and getting the many permits needed. Currently moving materials to airport for storage, which incurs rental fees. ● Monitoring West Train, Harbor Commission's current focus. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hired Bob Battalio of ESA as consultant. Have a better team now to move it to be creative ○ One idea (Sabrina) is to replenish sand to create passage 	<p><u>George and John</u>: continue monitoring, sharing information, and advising other volunteers interested in policy</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New issue with 2 Mirada (near Miramar, Coastal Trail involved) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ George talked with Regional Planning to understand challenges and potential solutions, which include vertical structure to make it look like a cliff. ○ Coastal Commission (CC) not advocating for managed retreat but did submit a determination to homeowners association. Some CC conditions are not acceptable. ○ Regional planning is analyzing the loss of materials from the cliff as beach materials. George thinks we need sand there. 	
Communications / Newsletter Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Promotions Drive contains folder for photos organized by campaign/program and date/event ● Galen on board as website manager – WELCOME! ● Proposal from community supporter to partner on providing and replenishing trash cans – good way to have a tangible presence in the community ● Received donations of 2 Vericoolers, 1 Yeti cooler, and Barrel bags for beach cleanups (reusable) ● Matt Ambrose passed, computer shaping business, approached us with board quiver to give away. Other worthy organizations are City Surf, Brown Girl Surf, Black Girl Surf. 	<p><u>All</u>: Those with access to Promotions Drive, feel free to post photos for our use in graphics</p> <p><u>Taletha</u>: work with Kari on trash can prop</p> <p><u>John</u>: reply to Matt’s friend with suggestions on other orgs and request one for us</p>
Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hands across sand is 5/18 but we don’t have bandwidth ● International Surfing Day (ISD) coming up 6/15/19, same day as regularly scheduled BCU, where we are featuring a “Brewers Clean the Beach” partnership between Coronado Brewing, Hop Dogma, and HMB Brewing Co ● Summer fun for chapter – Tunitas picnic? Or picnic somewhere ● Reminder that we have many events in September and need to assemble tabling volunteers ● Storytelling for the Environment (STE4) in November, generating ideas right now. One is about a Master’s students work to get Pebble Beach Golf Course to retrieve golf balls hit into the ocean, Taletha knows videographer of dives for that 	<p><u>Taletha</u>: Coordinate ISD and Brews Clean the Beach graphics development for promotions</p> <p><u>Galen</u>: update 6/15 web event</p> <p><u>Taletha</u>: Contact team to find best picnic date</p> <p><u>Taletha</u>: post coordinator position on social media</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Montara State Beach - Global Water Dance (GWD) 2019 event. June 15 afternoon. Low-key dance performance. Project of Lisa Tenorio (St Mary's School of Dance). One or 2 chapter members should show up. We purchased Chapter buttons to be used at the event (and other events). ● Events Coordinator volunteer position still open ● Surf Events: work with Chris Loeswick to plan Jetty Classic. ● CA Shore and Beach Assn. hosts best science project fair 	
Surfrider Super Summit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In Irvine, CA, Aug 8-11. Who is interested in attending? Britt, George, Taletha, Kari, perhaps John. We have allocated some funds to support participation 	<u>John</u> : Email team members not present @ attendance
Other Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Taletha invited to join a Surfrider Foundation (i.e., national) committee on diversity, equity, and inclusion ● Sabrina comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consider Ambassador Program for inclusion, equal rights in sports (pay, heat times, other). National indicated this is currently not a priority, focusing on environmental issues ○ Wear @ Fitzgerald Marine Reserve reef due to visitors. Master plan needs updated, working with Kris Liang ○ Restroom at Surfer's Beach: developing architectural plans, which include 1) eliminating \$10 parking stalls off of the RV park and creating ADA parking spaces (fewer stalls); 2) shower; 3) bathroom; 4) and widening the Coastal Trail. Sabrina will update us on progress. ○ BWRAG (Big Wave Risk Assessment Group) summit planning underway for October to coincide with Mavs opening. The group has been impressed with O'ahu advance CPR training. Sabrina working with others to get sponsorship to train key people (first responders). Surfrider could represent environment. ○ Grant Washburn idea: close of season film fest 	<u>Leadership Team</u> : continue to follow developments on these issues and work with partners on these emerging opportunities to advance our mission and increase awareness of chapter programs, campaigns, and activities
Next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● July 13, 2019, 3-4:30 pm, GCSD 3rd floor meeting room, 504 Avenue Alhambra, Half Moon Bay 	SEE YOU THERE!