

**The California Native Plant Society**  
**CHAPTER COUNCIL MEETING—September 7, 2007**  
**Hosted by Santa Cruz, Monterey, and Santa Clara Valley chapters.**  
**UC Santa Cruz Arboretum, Santa Cruz, California**

**Called to order at 5:40 PM.**

PRESENT: Alta Peak, Bristlecone, Channel Islands, Dorothy King Young, East Bay, El Dorado County, Kern County, LA/Santa Monica Mountains, Marin County, Milo Baker, Mojave Desert, Monterey Bay, Mount Lassen, North Coast, Orange County, Sacramento, San Diego, San Gabriel Mountains, San Luis Obispo, Santa Clara Valley, Santa Cruz County, South Coast, Willis L. Jepson, and Yerba Buena.

ABSENT: Napa Valley, Redbud, Riverside/San Bernadino, Sanhedrin, Sequoia, Shasta, Sierra Foothills, and Tahoe.

**Introductions**

**Approval Of Chapter Council Minutes from September 2007:**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes.

**Betsey Landis** (LA/Santa Monica) commented that we never see a final form of the minutes. This is a problem with the organization. She will abstain.

**Yerba Buena** was not added to the mailing list until August, therefore did not receive the minutes.

**Larry Levine** (CC VP, North Coast) is the person to speak to about this.

➔ **Action Item:** Approval of Chapter Council meeting minutes from September 2007. Vote: Motion carried, 1 abstention, none opposed.

**Board Of Directors Report—Charli Danielsen**

At their November meeting, the board:

- Adjusted the budget to include a retirement plant
- Concluded a book deal
- Announced election results

At the meeting last night (September 6, 2007):

- Investments are doing well.
- Litigation review: Arana Gulch, Santa Cruz—the judge ruled it down, allowing a bike path to go through sensitive population. May be continuing litigation
- Conference update: Have a logo, everything is on schedule.
- Legislature award given to Assemblywoman Wolt.
- Conservation Director job description is out, will be open until filled.
- Membership: Arvind Kumar
  - Reported that membership is up 3% since last November, peaked in January and through the summer with 9000+ members.
  - Membership cards are proceeding, business coming on board to offer benefits.
  - We should be using a single font for all communications to present a recognizable image. It should be available on the website.
  - The committee is reviewing the re-introduction of Life Membership.
- Brett Hall reported that membership predictions were exceeded, while response to the appeal letter was under. Major donors and other donations also exceeded expectations.
- The schedule for board meetings: one before each scheduled Chapter Council meeting and three more, in November, February, and July.

- The board approved the Horticulture Committee's request for funding to support chapters' efforts.
- Personnel—closed session.

### **Director's Report--Amanda Jorgenson**

Introduction of state office staff:

Melissa Cirone; Julie Evens; Lech \_\_\_\_\_; Donna \_\_\_\_\_; Jennifer \_\_\_\_\_; Nick Jensen, Rare Plants; and Stacey Flowerdew. Hopes to introduce a Conservation Director at the next meeting.

Three important donations have been made to support that position:

- \$10,000—matching funds from Brad Jenkins
- \$5,000—matching funds from a board member
- \$3,000—South Coast Chapter
- This is based on the principal that the person will get established and will seek grants in order to be self-supporting.

Education Program—Josie Crawford's workshops:

Had 7 workshops in 2007. Seven are scheduled for 2008, and 5 more are proposed. See<sup>1</sup>

**Stewart:** We can publicize these workshops beyond our membership through our website. RSABG will also post them.

Next time we will have a complete report of activities at the state level.

The data sheets for the directory are here. Each chapter should take its sheet and make corrections.

### **Legislative Update—Vern Goehring**

Bills on the website are updated as to action.

**Green California** has been in operation for 2 years now. Allison Schilling is participating. They are focusing on priorities.

- Mid-November there is another workshop. They have made a decision to have sub-groups for specific issues.
- Working group on the budget—predicted shortfall
- Administrative implementation.

A number of issues on flood—a number passed into law. Details of bills are on the website. Common issue—trying to link flood control and damages to land usages. Local land use decisions has been a “third rail” in politics. Recent bills have touched on these issues.

In 2008, there will be a heavy focus on oil spills and fires. Will be a lot of bills introduced.

Administration itself is working on a package, suggesting that the state may have to step in on this. We have to be working on the issues right now, not wait for the Conservation Director to be on board.

The Legislature has hearings on Wednesday of next week in San Diego, Thursday in Santa Clarita on fire matters.

- There's an effort to turn Southern California national forests into recreation areas because of fire control.

We need more people to work on legislation. Maybe we should set up some sub-groups so people can work in specialty areas.

The presentation to Lois Wolf is a lovely photograph selected by the legislator herself. No one was available from her office to accept the award today. It will be presented later.

### **Meeting Schedules and Modes—Breakout Discussion**

Three options for meeting schedule and modes are outline on Handout #2.<sup>2</sup>

Reports from breakout session:

**Group 1—Lauren Brown**

The group was split. There would be less cost for 3 meetings, but we don't get everything done in 4.

Maybe Berkeley and RSABG could be floated, held in those locations every other year.

### **Group 2—Dan Songster**

This group liked the stability of two fixed points. They came up with option 4:

- Keep December in Berkeley
- March in Rancho
- September floats—Conservation
- June is a great time to make the meetings regional—either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in June. Put on workshops with concerns for the region and allow freedom of doing field trips, etc. Less travel and more flexibility. Hit each region.

### **Group 3—Dave Flietner**

This group had a strong consensus for 4 meetings per year, to maintain consciousness that it's a statewide organization.

There was a strong feeling that the East Bay anchor be shared by Santa Clara Valley. The cost and workload might be less.

Work on the existing formula—they did not feel that the December meeting needed to be in the Bay Area

Spring might be the time for a floating meeting located in a good wildflower area.

As to the meetings themselves, they felt there should be more interaction and an improvement in the preparatory materials.

### **Group 4—Gabi McLean**

This group agreed on 4 meetings (Option 1). But the December meeting could be in the general area around San Francisco, not necessarily in Berkeley

Make the meetings themselves more productive. It is difficult to meet for 8 hours and come to a decision. Suggestions:

- Work in between the meetings
- Focus groups during the meetings
- What else can we do?
- Regional working groups between meetings

**Flietner:** This has been a productive discussion. The group agreed that this is a good way to work.

**Bishop:** The consensus appears to be close to what we are doing now: keep the fixed areas. This places an extra burden on those chapters, even when spread among three or four.

**O'Brien:** Rancho is fine with the annual event, but flexible on time—December would be good.

**Brown:** Perhaps we could put Rancho on an every 6<sup>th</sup> meeting basis.

**Landis:** This is difficult for institutions, which schedule far ahead.

**Britting:** Predictability about the place is good, and establishing the dates for the year.

### **Announcements before break:**

**Witham:** October 5, the University of California reduced the footprint at Merced to a less environmentally sensitive one. Nine governmental groups, 2 years of work! The groups will be on hand for the rest of the planning process.

**Wilma Follette:** announced the availability of *Marin County Flora*.

**Jorgensen:** An additional \$5000 has been added to the \$5000 matching funds.

### **IWM & Herbicide Policy Discussion—Jim Bishop and Larry Levine<sup>3</sup>**

**Bishop:** In September, an informal approval went to the chapters. Support materials did not go out so we have not met the requirements for approval. We do have policies to discuss. Today we could formally approve them to be circulated with the supporting materials with the stipulation that the text not be changed. We could have the policies ready for approval at the March meeting. We'll start with IWM.

**Levine:** We need clarification on the supporting materials.

**Bishop:** We have to agree with the policy draft and the supporting materials.

**Levine:** 1. The rationale for having a policy, 2. What we hope to accomplish, 3. What are the legal implications, and 4. What are the financial and other impacts. We're good on 1 and 2, but we are not capable of providing 3 and 4.

**Bishop:** We have included the references either as an appendix to the documents or supporting material. We did not get this out in time. We can approve the texts of the documents. IWM had gone through the Policy Committee, Herbicide has not.

**Landis:** How many delegates have discussed this with their chapter boards? We can vote on these if chapter members have reviewed them.

**McClellan:** Changes were not discussed in detail. It's hairsplitting. Our chapter (San Gabriel) didn't have a problem with last year's version. We should vote.

**Bishop:** We have not met the requirements of the Policy Committee. We can't vote, but we can freeze the text.

**Flietner:** The San Diego board voted on the September 13 version. There is an October 13 document so the document is still open. Getting it out to chapters was important. "Must have a plan..." was an obstacle to one of the San Diego board members. The words in 1.B should be changed to "... conceptual..." instead of explicit.

**Soost:** At this meeting we should either vote yea or nay or Dave can make an amendment.

**→ Action Item: A motion is made and seconded (Soost/Landis) that we adopt the November 13 WM policy.**

**Flietner:** \_\_\_\_\_? volunteer "...should be based on a conceptual plan using IWM principles."

**→ Action Item: The author of the motion accepts the amendment.**

**John Game:** Had the same concern as that volunteer, agrees with the change. Concerned about the meaning of "conceptual."

**Flietner:** Change "conceptual plan" to "management strategy."

**Landis:** Take that sentence away from B, make it C.

**Schilling:** B should be large scale.

**Kelly-Poh:** B should start with large. See corrections on the sheet.

**Soost & Landis:** the change is OK.

**Sally Manning:** Another change—2 C d.

**Motion makers accept.**

**Taylor:** Acknowledgement that invasive horticultural species be removed from store shelves. Add 2 C e. The wording is: Discouraging the propagation and sale of invasive horticultural species.

**Sattler:** We do have this policy in another document.

**Soost:** It's a complicated issue. May not do any harm, but...

**Bishop:** The document *can* be amended.

**Levine:** Withdraw the motion to allow freer discussion.

**Landis:** A simple change: Policy statement "...wildlands and corridors." OK

**Bishop:** Leave 2 C e for now. Can make an adoption of the text pending circulation of the supporting materials.

**Bishop:** The 2004 policy adoption process is being put to test, showing that it is open to interpretation. We are learning how to use and read it.

**Levine:** Looks as though any changes to a policy bumps ahead the voting at least 3 months.

**Bishop:** It is clear that we have to work on this.

**→ Action Item: Flietner—Call the Question, Second. Bishop:** Delegates only vote. The motion to vote on the motion passes.

**→ Action Item: Bishop—the next thing we are voting on is the motion. We are adopting the draft and freezing it. This motion carries with 1 opposed, no abstentions.**

The full set of materials must be delivered to everyone by January 15.

**Bishop:** The committee that worked on this should get these materials out.

**O'Brien:** Back to the document: the word "species" should not be in the document.

**Sattler:** We should reopen the document to make this change.

**Landis:** Support-local chapters should be able to say whether the document would lead to being sued. Financial "...cannot be determined" could cause anxiety.

→ **Action Item:** It was moved and seconded (Sattler/?) that the word "plant" be substituted for "species" throughout the document.

**Discussion:** none

**Vote:** unanimous

→ **Action Item:** Taylor moves, Montalvo seconds a motion to include 2 C e in the policy.

**Discussion:**

**Flietner:** It is not germane to the policy.

**Kelly-Poh:** Supports the motion.

**Duvall:** Is this the only place in the week policy that states this?

**Case:** CalIPC agrees with both of the policies, will be a valuable tool once adopted.

**Taylor:** The purpose of the policy is to inform the public about threats of invasive plants. Strongly urges the wording be left in.

**Montalvo:** It's a big deal these days and an important part of our education effort. Needs to be in.

**Blair:** The drive in weed management is prevention. Needs to in be in IWM even if it is already in the Horticulture Policy.

**Flietner:** Prevention is not in the definition of IWM and the goal of the policy.

**Bishop:** There is an opportunity to withdraw from this.

**Haas:** The traditional definition of IWM does not include e, but times have changed.

**Britting:** Wording is in a different version.

**Bishop:** That wording will be included in the final version.

**Levine:** Is this productive? Do we want to continue? Modify the agenda to get the work done? There is some confusion over the drafts being circulated.

**Britting:** A motion was made and seconded to accept 2 C e in the policy.

→ **Action Item:** The motion was passed unanimously.

## **Lunch break**

## **Announcements and Recognitions**

**Stewart:** Speaking from the Chapter Support Committee, how many chapters have one board person per job? 0

**David Bingham:** Update on the Fellows. Wilma Follette is the new chair of the committee. Chapters are invited to volunteer eligible people.

## **CalFlora Update—Roy West**

### **Recap 2007**

- Watershed work
- Annotate error
- Checklist from around the state
- Prototyping vegetation committee data—didn't happen

### **Accomplishments:**

- Huge increase in usage
- Thousands of checklist observations

### **Registration and us**

- Don't have to register to view a lot more data—greatly increased usership

### **New location checklists**

- David Magney, Tom Chester, Jake Rugyt (Dutch), Menna Bloomsletter, East Bay

**NRCS and Vegetation Guide—commercial subscriber**

- Planting advisory for all over the state. Private to them at this point. Interfaced with CalFlora, showed up the invasive exotics on their list.

**What grows here—use [whatgrowshere.org](http://whatgrowshere.org)**

- An 18-month project supported by a couple of small grants
- Made to be easy—lots of ways to limit the search
- Shows a map—calWater watershed views, other views
- Then “Find Plants”—gives all the plants that grow in a given area
- Don't have detailed data for a lot of areas—would love to get more

**Goals for 2008**

- More location checklists
- More open space areas
- Add stewardship groups
- Large data sets
- Better integration with CNPLX
- Expand USDA/NRCS offering

**Four kinds of records:**

- Specimens
- Vouchered
- ?
- ?

**Plant Science Presentations—Julie Evens, Introducer** [These presentations may be at [cnps.org](http://cnps.org)]

**Heath Bartosh, East Bay Chapter, Rare Plant Chair**

**Priority Protection Areas**—an exercise in Geographic Information Systems.

- Asked by Open Space Council to identify locations in the Bay Area for work—about 15
- Concentrated on the eastern side of the Bay Area
- Subjectivity vs objectivity—prioritize

**Defining the areas**

- Watershed boundaries
- Other geographic features

**Some areas known to be of high value**

**Some private areas where less is known**

- Used substrates
  - List of soils: serpentine, alkaline, sands
  - List of bedrock—serpentine

**Biotic resources**

- CNDBD data
- Natural communities
- Relevé and rapid assessment
- Vegetation data
- Older surveys—EIRs et al
- Wetland data

**Threats and protection**

- Altered habitat
- Fragmentation
- Future development
- Covered by HCP

**Abiotic Evaluation**

- Charted by strata—what % has been developed, what % is left.
- Examples:
  - Mapped by soils, development shown, can see what is left or needs more thorough study

- Springtown—high on preservation priority

**Next steps**

- Compile all the data—threats/protection
- Assign evaluation criteria rank, based on value
- Peer review with Chapter Council
- Circulate ranked priority protection areas to pertinent agencies
- Prepare PPA publication with the East Bay conservation analyst
- Will eventually put this on the website

**Sally Manning, Bristlecone Chapter, Vegetation Scientist with the Inyo County Water Dept.**

Owens Valley Alkali Meadow and the Effects of Groundwater Pumping

Mulholland Aquaduct siphoned water out of Owens Valley

- Owens Valley still has extensive areas of alkaline meadow
- Bishop to Owens Valley is about 100 miles
- Land owned by Los Angeles
- Killed a lot of agriculture
- Left extensive meadows

Results of 1912—lower Owens Valley

- Native perennials
  - *Distichlis spichata*
  - *Sporobolus airoides*—alkali saltgrass
  - Other native ssp.
- Least drought tolerant
  - *Calochortus excavatis*
  - *Sidalcea coveilli*
  - Western meadowlark
  - Owens Valley vole—elusive, no picture
- Little known about the ecology of alkaline meadows

GAP map

- Most of the alkali meadow is in Owens Valley, Inyo County—67%
  - Average precipitation is 5.5"
  - High grass cover sustained by shallow water table
- Alkali meadow occurs at the toe of alluvial fan from the Sierra Nevada
  - Dense strata in the trough between the Sierra Nevada and Inyo Mountains creates an undrained bathtub effect
- Lee in 1911 tested the hydrology
  - water table was highest spring, lowest in fall
  - high points in April plots pretty flat, doesn't show the wild fluctuations.
- The aqueduct was placed at the foot of alkali meadow. At first, it took most of its water from the Owens River
- Put second barrel in 1970—greatly increased capacity resulting in ground water pumping
- Inyo County Water Department was established to monitor
  - Long term water agreement, 1991—decreases and changes in vegetation based on 1981
- Have an abundance of data
  - Owens Valley total pumping—stopped pumping for a while 20 – 30 years. Now pumping vigorously
  - What does this do to the water table?
    - When pumping stopped, water table remained high
    - Water table 1912 – 2004—water table greatly decreased

Human hydrologic manipulation

- Vegetation cover responds to changes in ground water but not precipitation when the water table is within reach of the roots.
- If it goes below, doesn't matter—the roots don't get water. The deeper the water table, the lower the vegetation.
- Closer to the pumps, the water table was drawn below the root level.
  - Now vegetation responds to precipitation

Fate for the long term:

- Vegetation cover is well below percentage with ground water
- Lower grass cover
- Shrubs with deeper roots take over

- Weeds
- Blackrock—big change 1987 – 2004—meadow conversion

- Lower vegetation cover
- Lower diversity
- Loss of forage value
- Loss of animal habitat
- Soil erosion
- Dust storms

The story does not have a happy ending.

Report from Bristlecone Chapter Conservation chair, Daniel Pritchett. Read by Betsey Landis. Brochure received, post information on website<sup>4</sup>

### **Vegetation and Rare Plant Program Update<sup>5</sup>**

**Nick Jensen**, new rare plant botanist, had been working in vegetation for over a year and a half

- Is in the final stages of an assessment in Lassen County
- Really looking forward to continuing the high quality of work in the Rare Plant program
  - Wants to foster connections with chapter rare plant programs
  - Will be communicating with rare plant committees at the chapter level.

**Jennifer Buck**—Vegetation Ecologist as of the beginning of October

- Was Restoration Ecologist with the Nature Conservancy at the Consumne Reserve
- Worked on mapping in the Lassen project—the Nature Conservancy will use this data
- Co-teaching the vernal pool workshops with Carol Witham
- Working a little on the Grassland Initiative

**Todd Keeler**—*Manual of California Vegetation*

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition manuscript will be done by the end of February
- Target for publication is the January 2009 conference
- Should move along quickly
- The second edition will be broader in scope than the first, with a lot more details
- Just starting with Diana Hickson, co-heads of Vegetation Program funded by DFG to map vegetation
  - Sole source contract with CNPS for data collection in the San Joaquin Valley to add to northern sections done in the last two field seasons
  - Agencies working cooperatively to set standards for vegetation mapping.

**Evens** these standards are at detailed levels

- We are putting on workshops to let others know what is being done, how to inventory, how to map in a detailed way
- At the Vegetation Committee meeting yesterday:
  - Talked about The Book (Manual of Vegetation)
    - How descriptions will look
    - Appendices
    - Feedback
  - Discussed
    - Grasslands, vernal pools
      - Heard from a project in East Bay, grassland resources
      - State parks—want to identify grassland issues there

- Talks on grasslands, vernal pools
  - Main vegetation patterns
  - What's rare
  - Regional differences
- Why was the Vegetation Committee formed?
  - Discussed definition and criteria for rare designation
  - Defined goals for the future

**Peter March**, volunteer, has been helping with data entry. He is an intern [??]working in the Grassland Project, consulting and advising around the state.

### **Rare Plant Communities**

**Donna Sharock**, hired, \$10,000 donation partially funded the position

- Was at Point Reyes most recently
- At the meeting yesterday, a list of people on the ad hoc advisory committee was compiled
- She is not going to focus on rare communities and ignore common ones.
- The ad hoc advisory committee should meet in January if possible. A regional meeting is good, driven by local issues

### **Discussion**

**Flietner:** What is the purpose

**Keeler:** We have re-ranked a lot of natural communities. There is new list of “alliances” with global and state ranks. Beneath that category are “associations.” These are in progress, will replace 2003 lists.

**Montalvo:** How soon will we be able to rely on it?

**Keeler:** County 1 General Plans come from local activity, don't always line up with the state lists. We strongly advocate activity locally..

**Evans:** Can do rare vegetation survey. The Advisory ad hoc committee will help make locally useful lists. Call for people who are interested in getting involved.

**Britting:** How about having regulatory people involved too.

**Evans:** Information will go to the president, rare plant people

**McLean:** Send it out to more than just the committees. The Forest Plant is an issue in southern California

**Britting:** Email Jen Kalt, Vivianne Parker, Ileene Anderson.

Handout—a 1993 list [I don't have a copy. sbj]

### **Announcements**

#### **Educational Grants Program—Joan Stewart**

The purpose is to encourage young research students to get involved with CNPS

This year, grants were awarded to 14 students—a total of \$8000. Except for 2, grants were awarded to students.

The call for proposals usually goes out in mid-summer with a mid September deadline. Letters with checks have been mailed.

**Schilling:** We need to develop a packet about fires to give to legislators to get the right language into the bills.

#### **Membership Committee—Arvind Kumar**

##### **Membership figures:**

- 3% growth over the last 12 months—peak in January, low point in the summer
- San Gabriel Mountains chapter had the highest percentage in growth—30%
- An award goes to the San Diego chapter for 61 new members
  - East Bay—41 new members
  - Santa Clara Valley—41 new members

- Membership Ideas Handbook
  - Available on the website at [cnps.org/cnps/admin](http://cnps.org/cnps/admin)
- Fall membership drive—10 chapters reporting, 192 new members
- Membership cards
  - 4x6 postcard
  - will have a member #
  - tear-out business card size for wallet
  - starting in January
- Membership benefit package
  - Will be publicizing in all our media
  - Need help from chapters
  - Have nine so far, need more
- Other action items:
  - Up to 3 renewal reminders
  - Automated renewals—in progress
  - Lapsed member appeal 2007-style planned for early 2008
  - Life membership is under discussion
- To get a benefit offer, make a personal contact. Tell about CNPS—what we’re asking for, what we do for you. “Advertise” in newsletters.

**Britting:** Would like a Statement of Agreement to formalize the benefit deal. Would turn these over to the state off since there should be links on the website.

**Kumar:** Will come with a letter. At the Santa Clara Valley plant sale, 70% of the people attending were *not* members. The \$5 off coupon was the hooker.

**Danielsen:** must be really clear on this process.

**Kumar:** Channel through Arvind, he will send on to Amanda for official signature.

**O’Brien:** How often will these be renewed with the organization/business?

**Kumar:** Would like it to be open-ended so it doesn’t require administration.

**O’Brien:** A date should be in the agreement.

**Flietner:** Anticipate that nitty-gritty stuff will arise and that staff at sate will be there to handle it.

### **Open Forum: the Herbicide Policy<sup>6</sup>**

**Levine:** Changes came from East Bay, San Diego Chapter.

**Bishop:** Do we want to consider this document version 11-27-07rr?

→ **Action Item:** A motion was made and seconded (Danielsen/Flietner) to accept the policy statement. Approved.

→ **Action Item:** A motion was made and seconded (Danielsen/?) to approve the background materiel.<sup>7</sup> Motion carried.

### **Discussion:**

**Flietner:** It doesn’t say anything. What we need to address is that the use of herbicide is controversial. We must base our policy on current scientific information. Correctly used, herbicide has not been shown to cause harm.

**Sattler:** We should not say “the current status is” because this document could be around for a long time.

**Montalvo:** Not all the tests for effects have been done. We have to be careful about the state.

**Blair:** Putting scientific data in the background open a can of worms.

**Landis:** Background is general on purpose.

**Levine:** Not an arbitrary statement. It *is* the background. Are we opposed to herbicide use or in favor? We need to get out of the situation where we can’t answer that question.

**Schilling:** Can we avoid the word “costs”?

- **Action Item: Britting:** has called the question. Landis seconds. Vote is 17 in favor to vote.
- **Action Item:** now the vote is on the motion to accept the background as it exists. Motion carried, 5 opposed, no abstention.
- **Action Item: [my notes are unclear here. Sbj]** Goal—Flietner moved, Sattler seconded. Carried unanimously.

**Recommendations and guidelines:**

- **Action Item: Levine:** motion to remove “Guidelines”, seconded, approved.
- **Action Item: Montalvo:** In section 1.B. moves that the language under paragraph B be changed as follows: remove the comma before “and”. After “...where feasible” add “the creation,”
- Danielsen:** Not pleased with that
- Hartman:** Consider global warming—we want a long-term policy.
- Sattler:** That might be creating a negative introduction to the final phrase.
- Brown:** Since this is about herbicide, why not just end at “...intervention.”
- Montalvo:** Motion is withdrawn.
- **Action Item:** The motion to accept without the last phrase is passed.
- **Action Item: Levine:** Motion to accept [honestly, I’m not quite sure what. Sbj] is seconded and carries.
- Evens:** in d), take out “native plants”—we want to avoid herbicide drift. Put a period after “herbicide drift.”
- **Action Item:** McLean moves, Montalvo seconds. The motion passes.
- **Action Item:** A motion is made and seconded (Stewart/?) to substitute “plants” for “species” throughout the document.

**Discussion:**

- Sattler:** Go through the details later.
- Flietner:** “Target species” is not a problem.
- O’Brien:** A lot of things are not a species, they are a complex hybrid.
- Libonatti:** Please don’t make a global change.
- Levine:** The general public thinks “species” is the way to refer that entity.
- **Action Item:** The motion carries with one abstention.
- **Action Item:** Britting moves to accept **1a – f**
- Witham:** Chapter Council should have...[?]
- Britting:** The motion is amended to read “accept the whole policy as written.” Second [?] It could be brought to the Chapter Council for final vote in March.
- Bishop:** We will not be set back another 45 days. We are affording review completion. We will vote in March.
- Witham:** This text will get reviewed by chapters. If in March the *intent* of the policy has been changed, then we will have to reset the clock.
- Levine:** In the background document, “Trails” needs to be added to our list of corridors.
- Schilling:** Any substantial changes should be submitted to the committee
- **Action Item:** The motion passes unanimously.

**Chapter Council Assessment**

**Bishop:** Review of accomplishments: We have brought together people of \_\_\_\_\_[?], exchanged information. We are a unique body in CNPS and vital to it. Be pleased by what has been accomplished, what you can do.

**Recognitions:**

**Britting:** Several leaders, with an accumulated 23 years of service, are moving on.

**Jim Bishop**  
**Dave Flietner**  
**Charli Danielsen**

**Brad Jenkins**  
**Diana Hickson**  
**Dave Magney**  
**Spence McIntyre**

**Volunteer Recognition—Charlie Blair**

**Sally Casey**, Santa Clara Valley chapter, a Fellow since 1997, receives the outstanding volunteer recognition.

**Carol Witham** nominated **Kay Goode**, an agency person with the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife office, for recognition. She has been a major driving force in the agreement with UC Merced.

**Bishop:** Thanks to the East Bay, Santa Clara Valley, Jepson, and Yerba Buena chapters for hosting the meeting.

**Action Items:**

- ➔ **Action Item:** Approval of Chapter Council meeting minutes from September 2007. Vote: Motion carried, 1 abstention, none opposed.
- ➔ **Action Item:** A motion is made and seconded (Soost/Landis) that we adopt the November 13 WM policy.
- ➔ **Action Item:** The author of the motion accepts the amendment.
- ➔ **Action Item: Flietner**—Call the Question, Second. **Bishop:** Delegates only vote. The motion to vote on the motion passes.
- ➔ **Action Item: Bishop**—the next thing we are voting on is the motion. We are adopting the draft and freezing it. This motion carries with 1 opposed, no abstentions.
- ➔ **Action Item:** It was moved and seconded (Sattler/?) that the word “plant” be substituted for “species” throughout the document. **Vote:** unanimous
- ➔ **Action Item:** Taylor moves, Montalvo seconds a motion to include 2 C e in the policy. The motion was passed unanimously.
- ➔ **Action Item:** A motion was made and seconded (Danielsen/Flietner) to accept the policy statement. Approved.
- ➔ **Action Item:** A motion was made and seconded (Danielsen/?) to approve the background materiel.<sup>8</sup> Motion carried.
- ➔ **Action Item: Britting:** has called the question. Landis seconds. Vote is 17 in favor to vote.
- ➔ **Action Item:** now the vote is on the motion to accept the background as it exists. Motion carried, 5 opposed, no abstention.
- ➔ **Action Item: [my notes are unclear here. Sbj]** Goal—Flietner moved, Sattler seconded. Carried unanimously.
- ➔ **Action Item: Levine:** motion to remove “Guidelines”, seconded, approved.
- ➔ **Action Item: Montalvo:** In section 1.B. moves that the language under paragraph B be changed as follows: remove the comma before “and”. After “...where feasible” add “the creation,”
- ➔ **Action Item:** The motion to accept without the last phrase is passed.
- ➔ **Action Item: Levine:** Motion to accept [honestly, I’m not quite sure what. Sbj] is seconded and carries.
- ➔ **Action Item:** McLean moves, Montalvo seconds. The motion passes.
- ➔ **Action Item:** A motion is made and seconded (Stewart/?) to substitute “plants” for “species” throughout the document.
- ➔ **Action Item:** The motion carries with one abstention.
- ➔ **Action Item:** Britting moves to accept **1a – f**
- ➔ **Action Item:** The motion passes unanimously.

<sup>1</sup> CNPS Plant Science Training Program Workshops 2008

<sup>2</sup> How should the Chapter Council meet? Some options to consider.

<sup>3</sup> CNPS Policy—Wildland Invasive Plants, Integrated Weed Management (11-13-07)

<sup>4</sup> Conservation Report, Bristlecone Chapter Conservation chair, Daniel Pritchett

<sup>5</sup> CNPS Vegetation Program Report, Chapter Council Meeting, December 2007

<sup>6</sup> CNPS Policy—THE USE OF HERBICIDE IN SITUATIONS WHERE NATIVE VEGETATION MAY BE AFFECTED (11-27-07rr)

<sup>7</sup> References for Herbicide Policy (HP), Integrated Vegetation Management Policy (IVMP) provided by Betsey Landis, November 30, 2007

<sup>8</sup> References for Herbicide Policy (HP), Integrated Vegetation Management Policy (IVMP) provided by Betsey Landis, November 30, 2007