



**Town of Portola Valley**  
**Nature and Science Committee Special Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 8, 2021 – 5:00 PM**

**Special Videoconference Meeting via Zoom**

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**VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA**

Remote Meeting Covid-19 Advisory: On March 17, 2020, the Governor of California issued Executive Order N- 29-20, suspending certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act in order to allow for local legislative bodies to conduct their meetings telephonically or by other electronic means. Pursuant to the statewide Shelter-In-Place Order issued by the Governor in Executive Order N-33-20 on March 19, 2020, and the CDC's social distancing guidelines which discourage large public gatherings, Portola Valley Town Council meetings are being conducted electronically. The meeting is not available for in-person attendance.

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**Meeting ID:** 864 0732 8144

**Password:** 236362

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call: Committee members Andrew Browne, Brook Coffee, Bonnie Crater, Pamela Dorrell, and Yvonne Tryce
3. Oral Communications
4. Approval of May 13, 2021, Meeting Minutes
5. Update on programs give: publicity, quality, attendance, status of video
6. Plans for today's talk by Tom Bleier on Earthquake Prediction
7. Status of plans for Dan's upcoming wildflower series, programs on July 22 by Leslie Field on Artic ICE, and in August by Paul Heiple on Galls
8. Discuss ideas for future programs. Suggestions already include Fungi, Drought, SLAC, Ferns, and Orchids
9. Discuss updates on Nature Center on Hawthorns by MROSD and what action to take at this time
10. Adjournment

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### Nature and Science Committee Meeting Minutes

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#### 1. Roll Call.

Present: Pamela Dorrell, Andrew Browne, Brook Coffee. Town Council Liaison Jeff Aalfs

Absent: Bonnie Crater and Yvonne Tryce

#### 2. April 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Approved unanimously.

#### 3. Oral Communications.

Pamela asked Andy if he wanted to participate more in Speaker Series. Andy replied, “No.” To be addressed at another meeting as to if we have enough interest from the whole committee to continue these lectures.

#### 4. Review of previous programs: Black Holes, April Wildflowers, Tick Talk and videos on town website.

- We encourage all speaker coordinators to encourage the talk to be accessible to as wide of a town audience if possible.
- All talks have been fantastic and well received by the town. Only a few comments on the Black Hole lecture being too difficult to a regular audience. All committee members have enjoyed however and we think lectures should and can be at a variety of levels of scientific complexity.

#### 5. Future Speaker Series.

- Wildflower series for May, Pamela and Brook to host
- Predicting Earthquakes in June (Possibly switching this to Drought Preparation)
  - Who is coordinating with Earthquake speaker and should we change the date to address Drought?
- Saving Arctic Ice in July DATE CONFIRMED: July 22nd at 7:30 if no conflict with town. Pamela coordinating with Leslie.
- Oak and other Galls in August (who is coordinating?)

#### 6. Adjournment at 5:35 pm