

**MINUTES CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 23, 2016**

Present: Bourne, Chiariello, DeStaebler, Eastman, Eckstrom, Heiple,  
Murphy, Plunder, Walz

Also present: Town Council Liaison, Richards

1. Call to Order 7:33
2. Oral Communications
  - a. deStaebler reports that last Saturday's talk California Friendly Landscapes sponsored by Cal Water and the Town Water Conservation committee was excellent - one of the best she has heard. Unfortunately they did not have a sign in sheet or an evaluation form. They did use our Native Plant lists instead of their flawed one.
3. Approval of Minutes. January 2016 minutes approved with minor grammatical corrections.
4. Current Site Permits
  - a. 1260 Westridge - A, B and C Plunder requirements for approved subdivision plans are now being implemented. Preliminary house plans were discussed at ASCC last night and modifications suggested.
5. Old Business
  - a. Broom Pull Sunday 3/6/2016 9am to noon. Members will take same responsibilities as last year Responsibilities reviewed.
  - b. BYH - deStaebler
    - i. No current applicants
    - ii. Murphy has approached TechShop member about making the awards

- c. Tip of Month - Eastman and Plunder will do currently blooming wildflowers.
- d. Monthly Kudos - Murphy will do thanks to those who have buckeyes.
- e. Guide to Town Center Plantings - Chiariello has produced an impressive illustrated brochure. She requests that we look it over carefully and give her feedback. Goal is to have the finished product for presentation to Council members at our Annual Report and to have for distribution at our table on Earth Day.
- f. Monarch waystations - Heiple led several of us in planting at Springdown the Asclepius seedlings Acterra grew for us.
- g. Local Native seed collection - Plunder requests we gather seeds of wildflowers now blooming for distribution at Earth Day.
- h. Committee/Town cooperation
  - i. Trails - nothing new
  - ii. Cultural Arts - Library Project - nothing new
  - iii. Public Works - alert Howard of bad broom areas too difficult for volunteers to remove, e.g. ditch along Alpine between school and Portola Rd.
  - iv. Long Range Planning Committee - Murphy presented to that committee's February meeting the result of our January discussion.
  - v. Water Conservation Committee - joint sponsorship of PV Native and Water-wise garden tour - nothing new.
- i. Earth Day Saturday 4/23 11am-2pm. We will have a table with our usual materials plus new brochure for Town Center plantings.
- j. Weed seedling info sheet - Heiple progresses
- k. Ban on Poison bait - deStaebler continues to

collect documentation to support a position paper from us to Town Council. Miriam Sach-Martin will come to our March meeting to discuss how the PVRanch banned rodenticides.

- I. Goals for 2016. We reviewed the goals list and edited it. See Appendix A

6. New Business

- a. Wells - Bourne and Eastman will lead. First step is to learn application process and current regulations. We are concerned about the state of our water table and even more importantly, our creeks, if more people are using more well water to circumvent the drought mandated Cal Water restrictions. On agenda again in April

7. Announcements

- a. Next Meeting March 22, 7:30 pm

8. Adjournment at 9:50

Submitted by Judith Murphy, Chair

**Appendix A**  
**GOALS FOR 2016**

**Mandated:**

Advisory function

ASCC – landscape review, site visits and meeting attendance

Tree Removal Permits

Public Works consultations

Annual Report to Town Council

Budget

**Committee Initiated:**

Broom Pull – all  
Earth Day/Town Picnic Day - all  
BYH – deStaebler  
Tip of Month – Eastman/Plunder  
Kudos of Month - Murphy  
Native Plant Garden by Schoolhouse - Murphy  
Oak Grove at Town Center Planting Plan – follow up - Eckstrom  
Monarch Butterfly support - Murphy  
Weed seedling Information Sheet – Heiple  
Guide to Town Center plantings – Chiariello  
Springdown: pristine – Plunder; renovation of pond - Heiple  
Poison Bait advisory – deStaebler, Eastman, Heiple  
Web site upgrade – Plunder, Chiariello  
Wells – Bourne, Eastman  
Native and low water use Garden tour – Murphy  
Native Seed collection and Distribution - Plunder