**SAVE Meeting Minutes**

**draft Oct 7, revised Oct 27 and Nov 10**

Wednesday, October 7, 2015, 6pm Pacific / 9pm Eastern

Location: Tami's new place, 6052 Chabot Road #2, Oakland

Attending: Derek (conductor, scribe), Fiona, Kushal, Tami (forager);

by phone: Marcia, Randy, Shanna; Yekang (at 7pm).

**1. approve meeting minutes from September 1**

All were in favor of approving the minutes.

**2. annual newsletter and membership letter**

Fiona has completed the draft layout and circulated it for comments; one article remains to be written, about the ecotourism class and one-day workshop at Jiading. Po-Hsiu and Jen have sent information about these to Fiona.

Action item (Fiona): Draft the remaining article, send to Marcia for review; publish.

**3. new spoonbill research**

a) articles from countries: Taiwan, China, Japan, Korea, misc./other

Readers of the articles (as assigned at previous meetings):

Korea: Yekang.

Taiwan: Tami.

China: Derek.

Japan: Fiona.

misc./other: Marcia & Randy.

Before our next meeting, all readers should finish their summaries of the articles, using Yekang's summary of the Korea articles as a template.

Also before the next meeting, we will write (email) to some or all authors, introducing SAVE and our work in land-planning that relies on scientific research. Fiona and Tami will draft an appropriately deferential letter for all of us to use.

At the next meeting, we will share what we have learned and discuss what SAVE should do next with the research(/-ers). Marcia will prepare the agenda.

Marcia and Randy do not have any formal agreement to teach LA205 again in the spring, but emails from Matt Kondolf and John Radke seem to assume they will return.

Action item (Tami, Derek, Fiona, Marcia/Randy): Finish summaries of assigned articles.

Action item (Tami): Follow up with Jeff Hou about the recent article on birds in Taiwan that he sent to Marcia and she forwarded to the SAVE-Exec list.

Action item (Fiona & Tami): Draft the letter to the scientists, send to Marcia for review.

Action item (Marcia): Develop the agenda for next meeting's working-session.

b) grant proposal

Shanna has looked into some grants that could fund new spoonbill-related research, ranging from a small Global Greengrant to a large grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF). Maybe a grant from the MacArthur Foundation, too? Marcia said Matt Kondolf might have useful advice for us, but she warned against any partnership with a university on an NSF grant, because Berkeley will charge a large fee to administer the grant (about 50%).

Marcia suggested asking Erin Palmerston (our project manager at Earth Island Institute) whether she/EII can help SAVE find and pursue appropriate grants. EII used to provide this service early in SAVE's life but has not done so recently.

Kushal mentioned the Farrand Fund, up to $1,000 available to students in the UC Berkeley Dept. of Landscape Architecture & Environmental Planning. Applications are due next Monday, so we have to act fast. As a current student, Kushal is eligible. Randy could be the faculty advisor. They will work with Shanna on a one-page application.

Tami also mentioned an acquaintance (through martial-arts school), who offered to help SAVE in Taiwan. This acquaintance was recently an intern with the International Crane Foundation and is planning to travel to Kaohsiung to visit some relatives. We should ask her what she did at ICF and what she would like to do. SAVE might be able to reimburse minor expenses that help further SAVE's mission, but can't commit to funding any research.

Action item (Shanna, Randy/Marcia, Kushal): Draft a one-page proposal (Shanna) and send it to Randy/Marcia for review. Submit it before the Monday deadline (Kushal).

Action item (Tami): Talk more with the acquaintance about her past work and future plans, and SAVE's past work and current campaigns in Taiwan, such as Jiading.

Action item (Derek, Shanna): Contact Erin at EII to ask for help with grants.

**4. Kushal's map**

Kushal brought a copy of the map that he prepared for a state forest--home to the largest concentration of tigers in India--while he worked at the Forest Department in Delhi. The map, intended for tourists, centers on the river "lifeline" in this portion of the forest, and includes interesting stories and graphics about the places on the map. On the reverse side of the map is a more conceptual/narrative arrangement in six parts, corresponding to the six panels of the folded paper. Marcia's strongest reaction to the map was its story about a man-eating tiger;Kushal said different people latched onto different stories. Marcia thought SAVE could create a similarly pictorial and narrative map of the spoonbill flyway (all or part).Our next meeting should include some time for creative sketching, to start to create this map.

Action item (Marcia/Kushal): Develop process to start creating such a map at next mtg.

**5. Jiading**

Po-Hsiu has sent alerts about the new levees and "water management" procedures at Jiading, which may be habitat destruction (or even the first stage of construction for Road 1-4) masquerading as management. She seemed optimistic, however, that the lawsuit underway (against the county?) for the flawed Environmental Impact Assessment of Road 1-4 will succeed. [Po-Hsiu's correction: The lawsuit is against Kaohsiung city government, and she is not involved, but He-Tai seems to be optimistic.] She, Kun-Hai, and He-Tai would like SAVE to take action, but we don't know who the target of a letter would be. Marcia remembered that someone was hired to prepare the habitat conservation plan for Jiading, including the portion south of the main Road 1-1; we should check the status of that plan.

Action item (Derek/Marcia): Ask Po-Hsiu whom SAVE should write; write as needed.

[Po-Hsiu's update: She is discussing this with Kun-Hai & Zhi-Yu, but they still do not know whom to write.]

Action item (Marcia): Track down the habitat conservation planner for Jiading.

[Po-Hsiu's update: Dr. Yih-Tsong Ueng got the contract to write a conservation and utilization plan for Jiading wetland. Kaohsiung city government approved the plan this summer.]

**6. next meeting**

Sunday, November 22, at 2pm Pacific. Kushal will reserve a room in Wurster Hall, including a projector, in case we need it. It will be a working session with dinner afterward.

The meeting adjourned around 7:10pm Pacific.