**SAVE meeting (conference call)**

Tuesday, Sep 27, noon-1pm Pacific (3-4pm Eastern).  
Conference call number 605-475-4700, access code 974035#

Calling in: Cristina, Derek, Fiona, Kushal, Marcia, Randy, Tadao.

**Meeting Minutes reviewed**

**- approve September minutes**

Marcia moves approval of the minutes, as corrected by Po-Hsiu's latest email. Fiona seconds. All in favor.

**- Hong Kong conference (Pacific Rim Community Design Network, Dec 15-17)**

The organizers have accepted our abstract and we are planning to go: Fiona, Derek, Cristina, and maybe Kushal. Kushal will decide by the end of the week.

Our paper is due to the conference organizers by Oct 31. We also need to refine the LA205 report (edited by Cristina) into a shorter form for SAVE's use. We'll work on these two documents in parallel. We need to set a schedule and responsibilities. Writing the text, preparing the graphics, etc.

Cristina, Fiona, Derek (maybe Tadao, maybe Kushal) will meet at 7pm on Wed 10/12 to discuss outline and graphics of conference paper. Derek to write an outline before then.

Randy suggests pointing out the critical pieces of research, giving specific points to stir the conference attendees into action (dedicate one-third to one-half of the paper to these?).

Derek drafted a budget -- approximately $2,000 each, but with some options to reduce the costs. (The University Guest House would be cheaper than a hotel. Conference registration for students is only $80 instead of $200.) Total cost about $6,000 to $7,500, depending on whether we send 3 or 4 people.

SAVE has $6,000. We'll commit all of it to the trip, and we'll replenish our funds with our annual appeal in the newsletter.

Cristina also applied for $500 from Farrand Fund.

Should SAVE try to raise money to fully subsidize the travel? Marcia says SAVE's donors like to fund student activities/travel.

Maybe IndieGoGo again? Fiona says we got almost $4,000 from the last one (but a lot of it was from a few "insiders" who already give each year to SAVE). It should be easier to set up a second one than the first one was.

We wouldn't hold a special evening event like we did 2 years ago, because Randy & Marcia can't attend this time.

Cost of housing at Hong Kong: Find out whether we can get rooms at the University Guest House through the department. Say we're traveling far and need inexpensive housing. Where is Jeff Hou staying?

Possible visit to mainland China (Xinghua Bay spoonbill sites): Xinghua Bay is a 6-hour train trip up the coast from Hong Kong / Shenzhen. Derek has emailed Yat-Tung Yu for advice, but he is on vacation. Maybe our Chinese colleagues could meet us at Xinghua. Cristina -- ask Min?

* Action item (Derek): Check whether we can stay at University Guest House. Ask Jeff Hou where he is staying.
* Action item (Derek): Follow up with Yat-tung Yu and others (Shan, Wan-chih, or Tianxin) about sites to visit during the trip.
* Action item (attending members): Figure out dates of travel, and buy plane tickets.
* Action item (attending members, with ): Write the paper and prepare SAVE's plan.

**- Jiading update**

Po-Hsiu sent an update today, including a Powerpoint file. A lot is going on, and the local groups have taken over running the campaigns without needing much from SAVE. This is good.

We had heard that Jiading Wetlands Youth had nearly disbanded (because of college and other activities) but they have regrouped to stay active in the Jiading campaign.

Kun-Hai, He-Tai, Wei-Long Huang (Citizen of the Earth), and "Rare" Chen (Jiading Wetlands Youth) attended the Wetland Convention on September 13-14, and distributed materials about Jiading as a guerilla activity. Many of the scientists there didn't know about it, but quickly stated their support for the designation of an "internationally important wetland" because of the presence of Black-faced Spoonbills. The leaflet includes a QR code that links to SAVE's website.

Hsiao-Wen has been talking with SWS (Society of Wetland Scientists), Taiwan Wetland Society, and Construction & Planning Administration to include language relevant to Jiading into the new Taipei Declaration of International Wetlands. Article 10 would apply the standards of the Ramsar Convention to wetlands that host 1% or more of a species, and prohibit construction that would disrupt or fragment the wetland.

On Sep 24, Zhi-Yu Li of Jiading Wetlands Youth was interviewed on Public TV News Network to talk about Jiading and the Road 1-4 EIA. The interview aired on the night of Sep 25.

On September 25, a diverse group of NGOs from Kaohsiung and other cities protested outside President Tsai's office in Taipei. Participants from the Jiading campaign included Jiading residents He-Tai, Mr. Tai and his son, Ms. Wu and her children, Mr. Liu from Meinung's People's Association, Kaohsiung Wild Bird Society, Citizen of the Earth, and 3 members of Jiading Wetlands Youth.

Jim Perry (scientist at William & Mary University, and prominent member in SWS) is Marcia's "new best friend". Pin-Han will be working with him here in the US. He is writing a new report about wetlands with Randy & Marcia, using some excerpts from SAVE's Jiading report. Report to be posted to SWS website -- 3,000 members.

Po-Hsiu asked for two things from SAVE:

1) Would we sign on to the new campaign by Citizen of the Earth to block funding for Road 1-4? They will send it in mid-October. We say YES.

2) Should she send SAVE's Jiading report to the members of the Wetlands Review Task Force herself, or should we send it from the SAVE Gmail account? Whatever she thinks would be more effective.

* Action item (Derek and Po-Hsiu): Confirm whether the materials for the Wetland Review Task Force should come from Po-Hsiu or the SAVE Gmail account.
* Action item (Derek): Keep updating SAVE website with reports about the actions.

**- Korea update (Songdo update / Namdong reservoir)**

No news.

Did Yekang have her baby yet? Our next newsletter's "stork report": Tami and Yekang.

[Update: Yes, baby born September 18.]

**- LA205 in 2017**

No decision on the site for the studio project. Derek forwarded Yat-tung Yu's info about BFS sites to John Radke: i.e. the sites north of Xinghua Bay don't get many spoonbills.

Kushal advised choosing a site with strong local buy-in. Marcia said the work from his class led to several good results, including stopping the airstrip and gaining new contacts at Dingshan (such as Tzu-Yao Tai, Secretary-general of BFSA).

* Action item (Marcia): Follow up with John Radke.

**- SAVE Executive Committee updates**

Marcia had talked with Shanna, Danny Han, and Jing about moving them from SAVE-Exec to SAVE Reserve. All agreed.

She is trying to reach Yoon.

Tadao provided Japanese translations of Marcia's letters to Ayano and Mariko, and she sent the letters to them.

Kinya is already on SAVE Reserve.

We thought Masato, Shan, and Tianxin were getting our SAVE emails, but they are not on the SAVE-Exec mailing list. We should reinvite them, and CC them on messages until they join the list.

* Action item (Marcia): Follow up with additional current SAVE-Exec members about transferring to SAVE Reserve.
* Action item (Derek): Reassign people from SAVE-Exec to SAVE Reserve. Try to add Masato, Shan, and Tianxin to SAVE-Exec.

**- Next meeting**

Thurs, October 27, noon PT (3pm ET). Conference call again.

Minutes drafted by Derek, September 28, 2016. Reviewed by Marcia, Fiona, and Po-Hsiu.