**Minutes from SAVE meeting (conference call)**

Thursday, August 11, 2016, 12pm Pacific (3pm Eastern)

Conference call at 605-475-4700.

Participants: Cristina, Derek, Fiona, Kushal, Marcia, Randy, Yekang.

**reviewed**

**1. LA205 report**

Cristina collected the other students' work and has been tying it all into one cohesive document. She added paragraphs/chapters to fill gaps. Sea-level rise, background on SAVE, story of spoonbills, etc. She just sent the draft to Derek, Matt Kondolf, John Radke, Marcia/Randy.

Randy asked what she wanted particular feedback on. She says introduction/background/overview.

Xiang and the Chinese scholars should also get a chance to review it.

Cristina will forward the draft to Fiona and Kushal for review. If anyone else in SAVE wants to review the draft, one of us can forward it.

How will it be used? Cristina expects it to be posted on CED website; she will hand it off to SAVE and we will figure out the venues. If SAVE goes to the Community Design Conference in December (see #4, below), we will base our presentation on this report. Ask Matt and John where else they would suggest posting/sending it.

Action items: Cristina forward the draft to Fiona, Kushal, Xiang, and other Chinese scholars. All should review it and give feedback. (Cristina to set a date/deadline?) Randy ask Matt & John where else the report could be posted/published.

**2. Namdong Reservoir update**

Incheon is planning to replace the existing wastewater treatment plant. One option is to build on Namdong Reservoir, which includes the artificial island where the spoonbills have been building their nests. So many BFS have nested there that it is now a critical breeding habitat (9% of the world's BFS, 17% of Korea's breeding population).

Derek drafted a letter stating SAVE's opposition to building on the reservoir and harming the spoonbill habitat, and Yekang & Marcia revised/refined it. Yekang shared it with Sunjeong for feedback. How to deliver it to the mayor? Yekang hasn't found a direct email address, but there is an "E-People" website for foreigners to write petitions. Hong Kong Wild Bird Society and our colleagues from Japan have used this website. Yekang will send the link to Derek. Randy also suggests mailing a paper copy of the letter to the mayor. Derek will do it.

Sunjeong has also suggested emailing the letter to a senior official in the sewage department and is trying to find that official's email/mail address.

Sunjeong has reported an outbreak of botulism at the reservoir. This has been the hottest summer on record in Korea. The birds who contracted botulism are not BFS, but one BFS was just found covered in sludge and had to be cleaned off before being released.

Action items: Yekang send web info to Derek. Derek fill it out. Derek mail letter to mayor; email if we find a valid address. Sunjeong find email/mailing address for sewage official, send it to Derek. Derek send letter to sewage official.

**3. letter to journalist at *New York Times*** (Fiona)

Journalist at NYT wrote an article that mentioned the BFS. SAVE should send him a letter. Marcia and Derek sent Fiona some sample letters from SAVE to other journalists. She expects to have time to draft something next week and will send her draft to Marcia, Randy, Derek.

Action items: Fiona draft the letter, circulate to others for review.

**4. SAVE presence at Community Design conference: Hong Kong, Dec 15-17**

10th Conference of the Pacific Rim Community Design Network: 15 to 17 December. Derek and Fiona were considering going to the conference to present the LA205 work. Maybe Cristina too? SAVE has roughly $6,000, which can subsidize the travel, and Cristina could apply for Farrand travel funds.

Randy will email Jeff to say that SAVE would like to send people to the conference, ask for a late submission of abstract. (The deadline for abstracts was originally May, then June 15.)

Someone needs to work out a budget for flights, hotel, etc.

Action item: Randy email Jeff. [Update: already done.] Others (Derek/Fiona/Cristina??) write abstract. Others (Derek/Fiona/Marcia??) consider itinerary (go to HK only, or go to other sites nearby?) and draft a budget.

Action item: Cristina will look into Farrand student conference travel funding.

**5. NCKU South Budai work and new project - Wetlands Act implementation**

Hsiao-Wen and Pin-Han have been working at on wise use plans for various sites around Budai. Just got approval for new work at Chiku Salt Pan in Taijiang National Park. One of Hsiao-Wen's grad students is from Texas – Austin who is leading the planning in 3 communities south of Shin-Tsen. This is a follow up from the short course that Hsiao-Wen, Marcia, and Randy held at NCKU in April.

Pin-Han plans to arrive in the East Coast USA in late October for her year-long post-doc. We hope she can work w Marcia and Randy then to test the field-measurement protocols.

Action items: none

**6. Team SPOON activities with Kyushu partners**

Team SPOON has been sending newsletters, including English translations. Who gets them? (Randy and Marcia do. Do others?). How can we do a better job of responding and encouraging them, since it takes a lot for them to do the translation?

Action item: Talk to Tadao about this when he is in Berkeley this year.

**7. Jiading update**

Jiading was not upgraded to a Wetland of National Importance, but there is a 30-day window to submit comments. SAVE and Team SPOON should send letters.

Action item: Marcia draft the SAVE letter and ask Masato to write one for Team SPOON.

**8. letter to new Taiwanese president**

It is too late to congratulate her on her election (Derek delayed), but Randy is drafting a letter that calls attention to Taiwan's 20-year record of leading Asian countries in protecting habitat. Praise for that record, but alert to the recent problems undermining it -- inadequate support for the National Wetlands Act (need for upgrade to Jiading designation), bad projects at the SW Coast National Scenic Area (illegal airstrip, kitschy or shock-value tourist attractions), shift from milkfish to grouper farming and the ensuing loss of bird habitat. List the actions that we recommend for critical/immediate attention: supporting scientific planning under the National Wetlands Act, supporting local bird-friendly fishery products and other local enterprises, etc. Also introduce ourselves (SAVE) in general and say we're willing to help.

Action item: Randy write the draft, others review.

**9. next meeting**

Thursday, Sep 8, 2016. Noon-1pm Pacific (3-4pm Eastern) again.

Derek will organize a physical gathering in Berkeley, to include himself, Tadao, Cristina, et al.