**SAVE meeting**

Monday, Nov 21, 7-9pm Pacific

Wurster Hall, room 315C

Conference call number 605-475-4700, access code 974035#

Attending in person: Cristina, Derek, Fiona, Kushal, Marcia, Randy, Tadao, Wan.

Calling in: Pin-Han.

**Meeting Minutes draft Dec 27**

**- introductions**

All introduced themselves to one another.

**- approve September 27 minutes**

Randy moved approval of the minutes. Marcia seconded. All in favor.

**- Hong Kong conference and China trip**

Fiona, Derek, and Cristina will be going. Derek explained their itinerary, which will include an overnight trip to China (Xinghua Bay / Fuzhou, in Fujian Province). Officially the trip is for birdwatching tourism. We plan to meet with Ying Chen, of the Fujian Birdwatching Society.

Wan reported: A new law in China bans international NGOs. All hires must be local. Some international NGOs are packing up and leaving. Some environmental activists have been arrested or disappeared. But Wan didn't think this would be a dangerous condition for SAVE.

What is our strategy for action in China? Strategies that worked in Taiwan aren't available in China. Wan said letters to govt officials may not be effective. What about partnerships between local universities and UC Berkeley (prestigious)? Marcia & Randy said Xiang Zhang seemed to want nothing more to do with SAVE or UC Berkeley. Tianxin Zhang (Peking University) said he may have a contact at Fuzhou; if not that person, then who? What about birdwatching community? Would it be dangerous for them to associate with SAVE, or vice versa?

We don't know what our next move is. Keep eyes & ears open.

The Community Design conference will be a friendly crowd. Ask them for advice. Offer a resolution for them to sign onto?

We submitted our paper (6,000 words) on Nov 18. Our presentation at the conference must be only 20 minutes long. Randy suggested making simple, strong graphics of our main points. Kushal offered to help. Do we need a Chinese translation? Fiona's coworker may be able to do it.

Sample main points: # of BFS making it eligible as Ramsar Site; unexplained impacts on cultural resources, on local jobs, on endangered species, on food security; sea-level rise.

* Action item (Derek, Fiona, Cristina): Finish the presentation. Follow up with Yat-tung Yu, Ying Chen, and Wan). [update Dec 27: done.]

**- Jiading/Taiwan update**

The biweekly "Say Hello Markets" run by Jiading Wetlands Youth have been successful.

Wetland Task Force: No update, but their next meeting will be in December.

Pin-Han and Hsiao-Wen have been working on the South Budai Wetland. They interviewed 100 people in 3 villages to propose a plan -- not the bad plan of Mr. Chen, former Director of the SW Coast Natl Scenic Area.

**- LA205 in 2017**

Revisit in late December, after the group returns from Hong Kong & China.

**- next newsletter: what will be in it, when, who does what**

Submit drafts in January, to be published in February.

Topics and authors:

* LA205: not assigned; Marcia? Cristina? Derek?
* Jiading: Po-Hsiu
* South Budai plan: Pin-Han
* (3 articles) Community Design conference, China / Xinghua Bay trip, and Mai Po tour: divide among Derek, Cristina, and Fiona
* SPOON update: Tadao

Kushal offers help with graphics.

* Action item (all listed above): Write 5-sentence drafts, and provide a photo/image.

**- more regular communication with Team SPOON**

History of SPOON: founded in 2014 by Masato Dohi, aimed at bringing a connection to nature into the lives of people in Tokyo, through the spoonbill. Color-coded leg bands on the birds = finger-rings for SPOON members. Membership costs US$10/year. Some of us at this meeting gave our membership dues to Tadao.

SPOON sends a daily/weekly email update to their members. Maybe SAVE members could write some of these.

**- Island Wire contributions / Earth Island business**

We will focus on writing updates for Team SPOON instead of Island Wire.

We should also tell Erin (at Earth Island) that SAVE members will be going to Hong Kong and China, and Marcia will tell her to expect our invoices for reimbursement. Since the Earth Island office will be closed for Christmas / New Year's, they might not issue checks until January.

**- Farrand research project**

Marcia gave the equipment (2 sets of rangefinders, binoculars, GPS, and compasses) to Fiona. Tami had written a set of instructions on how to do fieldwork. Derek, Cristina, Fiona, and Tadao will test the equipment before the trip to Hong Kong. Hsiao-Wen and her students/colleagues could also do measurements?

**- Next meeting**

Not set.

Minutes drafted by Derek, December 27, 2016.