Call to Order: 6:30 p.m. (Quorum = Six Board Members)
(Announced absences: None)

I. Quick personal reports & welcome visitors (6:30-6:35)

II. Additions or Changes to the Agenda – 1 min (6:35-6:36)
A. Vote to approve.

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IV. Treasurer’s Report – 15 min (6:42-7:00)
A. Review of January 2017 Treasurer’s report.
B. Vote to approve.
C. New budget.

V. Current Business:
A. Volunteer recruitment - 15 min (7:00-7:15)
   1. Review the need for additional volunteers.
   2. Discuss how to find and recruit them. Ideas from Connie & Joe.
   3. Peter St. Claire offer to be Legislative Chair.
B. Website Update (Joe) – 20 min (7:15-7:35)
C. Book Sales at the Garden Tour (Cindy) – 5 min (7:35-7:40)
   Carolyn Martus has arranged for book sales at one location for the Garden Tour, the South Bay Botanic Garden (SBBG) at Southwestern College in Chula Vista, and is requesting that we donate 25% of book sales to the Scholarship Fund for the Horticultural Dept. at Southwestern. Proposed motion from Carolyn:
   “25% (or higher) of our profits from book sales at SBBG on April 1 and 2 will be donated to scholarship fund for Southwestern College’s Nursery Technology Program.”

VI. New Business:
A. Mini-grant Application from Gary Beeler (Mike G.). (7:40-7:45) See Attachment 2.

VII. Strategic Plan (Mike E) – 20 min (7:45-8:05)

VIII. Chapter Meeting Welcoming Table Assignments (Connie) - 1 min

IX. Committee Reports:
A. Programs /Garden Committee (Mike G)/Natives for Novices (Sue) – 10 min (8:05-8:15)
   1. January meeting debrief.
   3. N4N at the February Chapter Meeting?
   4. Result of visit to Sunset Cliffs Native Garden on 12/10.
B. Conservation Committee (Frank) – 10 min (8:15-8:25)
   1. Activities for the Conservation Committee in the last two months:
      a) Committee will comment on the Warner Ranch/Pala DEIR (due Feb. 6. The letter is a committee effort)
b) Frank was added to the steering committee for the North County MSCP. This committee will meet in the spring, with documents to be produced in the summer and sent out for public review in the fall.

c) The Wildlife Coalition (a super group of local environmental groups) held its quarterly meeting with USFWS and CDFW Jan 31 to talk about projects and issues.

d) Frank cosigned a comment letter by said Wildlife Coalition on Otay Ranch Village 14 NOP. There are more wildlife issues (golden eagle, etc.) than obvious plant issues on this project.

e) Frank wrote a letter in support of the Mendenhall Ranch Conservation Easement Acquisition up by Palomar.

C.

X. **Chapter Council Mtg**
March 2017.

XI. **Next Meeting Date:** February 1, 2017
Important agenda items?
Tasks to accomplish prior?

XII. **Wrap up and conclusions:** 8:30-8:40

**ATTACHMENT 1 – Committees and Past Items that May Come Up Again**

Field Trips (Joe)
Book Sales & Posters (Cindy)
Newsletter (Bobbie)
Chapter Gardens
Old Town Native Plant Landscape (Kay)
Invasive Plants/Habitat Restoration (Arne/Bob)
Hospitality
Library
Newsletter (Bobbie working with Callie Mack on new banner design for the newsletter.)

**ATTACHMENT 2 – MINI-GRA NT APPLICATION**

**CNPS San Diego Mini-Grant Application**

January 8, 2017

Project Title: Native Plant Habitat Garden, FLC Los Jilgueros Preserve

Contact Name: Gary Beeler, 760-468-8262 , gkbeeler2943@gmail.com

Type of Project: _x_ Conservation   Education __ Horticulture __ Science

Amount Requested: $500.00 (Total Project Cost $ 3,000.00)

Other Funds Sources (Group/ $): Grant from San Diego County, Donations

Volunteer Hours Planning To Date: 12 planning hours, 60 work hours for planting so far

Type(s) of Volunteers: Native Plant Restoration Team, Fallbrook Land Conservancy

CNPS Board Liaison: Mike Gonzales

Describe the purpose of the project garden: To provide an area to show the public what a pollinator/
Habitat garden looks like and provide a template for them to create their own habitats on their property.

The Habitat Garden will also provide more habitat for pollinators and wildlife in the Preserve.

The NPRT has already planted an area about 20 x 20 (80 plants). We have also put swales in to help the rainfall sink into the soil.

Another area (20x20) was planted this last Weds.

Our partners in this planting (50 plants, bioswale, Hugel) were Butterfly Farms, Fish and Wildlife, CNPS, Greater San Diego RCD.

Our contact with CNPS is Michael Gonzales, 1-858-614-5087