

FORMAL APPLICATION TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR APPROVAL OF NON-VIOLENT CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE ACTION

(NOTE - this full application should only be submitted after you've been invited to do so following submitting the initial questionnaire. Please do not fill out the form below unless you have been explicitly asked to do so by civil.disobedience@sierraclub.org)

As the National Sierra Club considers whether it will allow for participation in non-violent civil disobedience actions, it will look at the specifics of your proposal but will also evaluate whether the proposed event meets one or more of the following overarching criteria. Please briefly describe how you believe your proposed action meets these criteria:

- Does the action contribute to the Sierra Club's mission and priorities? Does it help accomplish a top organizational priority in a way that other activities would not?
- Does the action align with Sierra Club values and strengths? Is it an especially good fit for the Sierra Club to undertake rather than any other group, given our values and particular organizational strengths?
- Does the action present a significant opportunity to meaningfully change the debate and/or impact change? Is it a real game changer?
- Does the action build demand for protecting our planet and people? Will it lead to deeper relationships with other movements, bring in more people to the environmental community, and help broaden people's perspectives of why our issues and mission are so critical?

CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE PROPOSED ACTION SPECIFICS:

1. **Name of event:**
2. **Date of event** (note that applications must be submitted 45 days in advance of the proposed event. Only in very special circumstances will the Board consider applications submitted past this deadline).
3. **Club sponsor/applicant - entity/program.** (If Chapter/Group, please confirm that this proposed action and the application have been approved by the Chapter ExCom.)
4. **Focus of action.** Who or what is the target or focus of the proposed event? (For example, is it a government entity or agency, a corporation, or something/someone else?) Please assess the level of risk of physical confrontation or legal retaliation by the intended target based upon the best available information.
5. **Name and contact information.** Name, email address, mobile phone, home or office phone, mailing address of the official Sierra Club applicant lead liaison with the national Sierra Club throughout the event planning, action, and evaluation.

6. Other event details:

- a. Exact location, including legal status of the location (e.g., public property, approved gathering space, etc.).
- b. Timeline for the event, any associated march, rally or press event, advance training sessions.
- c. The number of Sierra Club people expected to participate, and the expected number of participants overall.
- d. Is this part of a larger event or is it a standalone civil disobedience activity?
- e. Website for the event, if any.

7. What does the proposed event aim to accomplish and who does it aim to influence and how it is linked to Sierra Club priorities?

8. What are the top two to three messaging points for the event?

9. Event planning:

- a. Who is organizing the event?
- b. What other organizations are taking part?
- c. If other organizations are participating, have the Club sponsors assessed their level of commitment to the Club's guidelines, including training, non-violence and no property destruction? Please describe the assessment, in brief, if possible.

10. Has there been or will there be any advance notification and coordination with law enforcement?

11. Describe the non-violence and de-escalation training that will be provided to participants in advance of the event, including information about who will be providing it.

12. Who will be providing marshals and legal observers for the event?

13. Who are the proposed participants from the Sierra Club? Please confirm that no Sierra Club participants are minors (those under 18).

14. Please identify two to three team leaders from the Sierra Club and provide their contact information. (See the information sheet for details about their responsibilities.)

By submitting this application, you are confirming that you and the other team leads have reviewed the Club's policy on civil disobedience (as set out in Standing Rule 2.2.1) and that you have read and understand the expectations and

responsibilities as set out in the covering sheets to this application. The Board's approval is conditioned upon your compliance with the Standing Rule and those obligations.

If you have any questions about the process or the details required in the application, please contact civil.disobedience@sierraclub.org. If you need to contact an individual contact Bruce Hamilton, Deputy Executive Director, at bruce.hamilton@sierraclub.org 415-977-5678

If any information in this application should change after its submission, please supply the updated information to civil.disobedience@sierraclub.org as soon as practicable so that it can be taken into account by the Board.