The California Public Interest Research Group (CALPIRG) is a statewide organization funded and directed by students. CALPIRG conducts research, public education, service projects, and advocacy activities on issues of environmental quality, consumer protection, and governmental responsiveness.

CALPIRG is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that is governed by a Board of Directors elected from the student membership at campuses in the UC system. If the CALPIRG chapter is reestablished here, UCSB would elect 5 of the members to the State Board of Directors. The Board hires the Executive Director, adopts the annual budget, chooses issue areas within its legislative program, and coordinates projects statewide and at participating schools.

The UCSB CALPIRG chapter will hold General Interest Meetings each quarter and will encourage students to work on organized projects or start new ones. Some of the current issues are:

- **Ocean Pollution**: To coordinate a county-wide beach cleanup; to enforce standards established by the Clean Water Act.
- **Recycling**: To promote campus and community recycling; to promote a reduce, reuse, and recycle platform on the state and federal level through advocacy and educational events on campus.
- **Ancient Forest Preservation**: To sponsor educational presentations on Ancient Forest destruction in the United States; to distribute informational leaflets and to generate postcards to Congress, encouraging Congress to act immediately on Forest Preservation legislation.
- **Endangered Species Protection**: To sponsor educational presentations on the Endangered Species Act, which is slated for reauthorization this year in Congress.

**IMPORTANT POINTS ABOUT THE CALPIRG VOLUNTARY FEE**

In January 1993, UC President Jack Peltason issued systemwide guidelines enabling campus chancellors to establish a voluntary student fee mechanism. Implementation of the voluntary fee is contingent upon a student election supporting the fee, and the acceptance of a mutually agreed upon contract among CALPIRG, student leaders, and UCSB administration.

1. **If the voluntary fee is established, how can students pledge to pay it?**
   - CALPIRG fee pledge cards will be available through CALPIRG and the Campus Activities Center. Students who wish to pay the fee must fill out the card and turn it in to CALPIRG or the Campus Activities Center, or they may pledge through the Registrar’s Phone System Night-time Menu.
2. **How can students who have signed a CALPIRG pledge revoke their pledge to pay the fee?**
   - Pledge reversal cards will be available through CALPIRG and the Campus Activities Center. Students who have pledged to pay the CALPIRG fee and who wish to revoke that pledge must fill out the reversal card and turn it in to CALPIRG or the Campus Activities Center, or revoke the pledge through the Registrar’s Phone System Night-time Menu.
3. **When will students who have pledged to pay the CALPIRG fee be billed?**
   - Initially, students who pledge to pay the CALPIRG fee will be billed no later than on the Winter Quarter 1994 BARC statement. Students who complete a CALPIRG fee pledge card by established deadlines will be billed on the next quarter’s billing statement. If students have pledged to pay the CALPIRG fee but fail to include sufficient dollars with their registration fees, their course registration will not be held up nor will they be dropped from classes.
4. **Is there a minimum number of students who must pledge before any single student is assessed?**
   - Yes. Once established, the CALPIRG voluntary pledge system is activated only if at least 10% of the student body pledges to pay the fee. This threshold will rise to 20% of the student body one year after the pledge system is initially implemented. If the percentage of students pledging to pay the fee falls below the 20% threshold, a new student body election will be held in order to reaffirm the fee for future quarters.
5. **Does Financial Aid cover a student’s CALPIRG fee?**
   - No.
6. **Who is paying for the cost of implementing and administering the CALPIRG pledge?**
   - CALPIRG will pay for all administrative costs incurred by the establishment and maintenance of the CALPIRG voluntary fee system.
7. **Where should students go during the election with questions about CALPIRG?**
   - The CALPIRG office on campus is located in trailer 306-B. The office phone number is 893-8319.
SAMPLE BALLOT
California Public Interest Research Group (CALPIRG)
Voluntary Fee

Do you support the establishment of a voluntary student fee of $5 per student per quarter, excluding summer, to support the California Public Interest Research Group (CALPIRG) at UCSB beginning Winter 1994? No student will be billed for the CALPIRG fee unless she/he has requested to be billed and has pledged to pay the quarterly fee for the duration of her/his academic career. A student may, at any time, reverse her/his pledge and then not be billed the CALPIRG fee in subsequent quarters. This measure will be reaffirmed by ballot voting in Spring 1998.

YES ________ NO ________

ABSENTEE BALLOTS
Absentee ballots will be available for undergraduate students from the Campus Activities Center, UCen 3151, beginning Thursday, April 8 through Monday April 19, 1993.

POLLLING LOCATIONS
GRADUATE STUDENTS: polling locations will be in each graduate department and in the Graduate Division Office from Thursday, April 8 through Wednesday, April 21. The hours will correspond with the office hours for each graduate department except the polls will close at 3:00 p.m. on April 21.
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS: the four polling locations will be by the University Center, the Arbor Mall (Library), the Bus Loop, and Buchanan Hall. The hours will be 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, and Wednesday, April 21.

VOTER TURNOUT REQUIREMENTS
A minimum of 20 percent voter turnout is required in order for the election to be considered valid. A 50% plus one voter approval is needed for the ballot measure to pass.