



EL DORADO COUNTY

Fish & Game Commission

Larry Nelson - At Large Chairman
Grady Garlough - At Large
Dennis Byrne - Dist I
Mike Denega - Dist II
Kurt Mikkola - Dist III
Pat Weddle - Dist IV
Victor Babbitt - District V

MINUTES

January 27, 7:00 P.M.

330 Fair Lane - Conference room A
Placerville CA

1. Call To Order – by Commissioner Nelson at 7:04pm
 - a. Roll Call – Babbitt, Byrne, Nelson, Garlough, Mikkola
 - b. Shelly Blair – DFW Environmental Scientist, Kathy Jermstad - USFS
2. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Public Comment – Kathy Jermstad and Shelly Blair both discussed recent BOS presentation regarding the road ecology topics. Kathy summarized an observation of a high visible number of deer versus vehicle collisions resulting in many fatalities to deer on Highway 50 during the past rutting season.
4. Biologist reports -
 - 1) Shelly discussed positive and helpful interactions with the new Warden Michilizzi with issues with the deer collaring study involving continuous illegal poaching that is hampering parts of the study. Obvious illegal poaching continues. The Folsom Cougar has a collar and is also being tracked.
 - 2) Shelly spoke about the bear activity in the Tahoe region even though hibernation of bears should be expected.
 - 3) Shelly also discussed more updated information regarding the beaver impact in El Dorado Hills.
 - 4) Shelly pointed out that ARC still owns the deed for the El Dorado Ranch and a management plan is still needed and the DFW is working towards a mutual resolution.
 - 5) Commissioner Mikkola shared recent reports from Lieutenant LaFave. Mikkola shared that Warden Elliot is making plans to attend the April 9th Lumsden kids fishing derby with K-9 Rusty.
5. BOS Communication
 - 1) Commissioner Byrne discussed the upcoming budget proposal workshop. The time will be changed to 8:00am. Commissioner Byrne asked that those attending to please bring project descriptions at that time.
 - 2) The banner discussion lead to a possible community oriented proposal that will be pursued to offer a contest to re-do the logo in a format that can be used by printers and improve a banner.
 - 3) Commissioner Mikkola proposed that the Commission lead efforts to obtain funds to purchase a new deer decoy for the game wardens since the current one has been nearly destroyed.
 - 4) Mikkola commented on the EDC F&G Commission web site. Asked for more updates and input.
6. Finance report -
 - 1) Commissioner Mikkola summarized the numbers in each account. Preservation fund has about \$7940.00 and Sawmill Pond fund has about \$9167.00.

7. Auburn SRA management plan -
 - 1) Commissioner Garlough explained his recent attempts to gather more information and when he is successful he will share his findings. The spring meeting is not yet determined. There is a revenue stream idea that he shared and suggests we look into supporting the idea.
8. Tahoe Area –
 - 1) Commissioner Babbitt summarized a successful Barron Lake kids fish derby even though the fish allotment was less than previous years. Sawmill Pond kids fish derby is scheduled for 2nd Saturday in June. Barron Lake management is high on Victor's list of things to accomplish.
9. County fishing access –
 - 1) Commissioner Mikkola summarized communications he had with Commissioners Weddle and Denega. The fish stocking proposal letter crafted by Weddle was discussed. The upcoming meeting with Sherriff Dept. and Fish and Wildlife was discussed.
10. Central Sierra Assoc. of Fish & Game Commissioners –
 - 1) Commissioner Byrne discussed the new proposed date and location since the postponement of the January 23rd meeting. Mikkola explained the email response to other counties in the group that were wondering if continuing to pursue a coalition was in the plans.
11. Nominations for appointments were tabled until the next meeting.
12. Legislative Report – Mikkola shared multiple legislative news items recently sent our way.
13. Commissioner Reports –
 - 1) Mikkola updated nearby lake levels. Mikkola has secured this meeting room for our next three meetings with big thanks to Christine Kloczko. May meeting to be held in SLT.
 - 2) Nelson mentioned the upcoming CDA banquet.
14. Next meeting – February 24, 2016 7:00 PM, 330 Fair Lane Bld. A, Placerville
15. Adjournment was at 9:20pm.