



# EL DORADO COUNTY

## Fish & Game Commission

Larry Nelson - At Large  
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

July 27, 2016, 7:00 P.M.  
330 Fair Lane, Conference Room A  
Placerville, CA 95667

1. Call To Order by Commissioner Nelson at 7:03pm
  - 1) Roll call – Nelson, Weddle, Denega, Byrne, Babbitt, Mikkola
2. Adoption of Minutes of 6/29/16 and Agenda for 7/27/16 – Approved unanimously.
3. Public Comment - Public comment on non-agenda items - None
4. Biologist and Warden Reports – Mikkola spoke on behalf of Shelly Blair and asked that an Eagle project presentation be agenzized for the August meeting. Mikkola passed around Lt. LaFave's warden report.
5. BOS communication
  - 1) Budget news
    - i. August 17<sup>th</sup> we will have a better idea what is in the two separate accounts as the books close then.
  - 2) Fish and Game violation records request
    - i. Discussed the contents and intents of a letter to be sent to the DA Vern Pierson requesting his departments help in understanding the violations and processes. Mikkola will polish Byrne's draft and send out to the commission for approval.
  - 3) Strategy for violation resolution
    - i. Weddle summarized a work plan outline based on previous meetings with interested stakeholders that is being referenced as the South Fork Trout Improvement Project. He went on to discuss the planned workflow.
  - 4) County Access Issues
    - i. Denega summarized the progress of the access letter and it is now back in the hands of Denega who will craft a letter to our BOS for certain sign removal issues.
6. Finance Report – Mikkola reviewed the recent financial reports and reviewed some line items. No new claim vouchers or deposits.
7. Auburn SRA Management plan – Commissioner Garlough was absent so in the interests of time this was tabled until a later date.
8. Tahoe Area –
  - 1) Commissioner Babbitt talked about stocking at Sawmill pond. The biggest hurdle is the continued poaching of the fishery. Suggestions to look into docents to work the pond in order to help control the poaching was discussed at length.
  - 2) Babbitt submitted a check for \$3000.00 from the South Lake Tahoe Rotary club to be used for the fish being purchased this weekend to stock the pond. Mikkola made a motion to add \$1000.00 from the preservation fund to help with stocking. Discussion ensued and the motion failed.
  - 3) Babbitt discussed the USFS and the USFW have hired an outreach specialist for

the Lahontan Cutthroats. A management plan is being crafted.

9. Central Sierra Assoc. of Fish & Game Commissioners – Commissioners Nelson & Byrne will be meeting with John Turner and are looking into holding a fall meeting. One topic will be how the 5 other counties deal with their FW violations. There are a few speakers being lined up to further the discussions.
10. Legislative Report – Mikkola shared some legislative reports passed on to him. Nelson shared a list of bills that were signed or vetoed by the Governor. Nelson shared some upcoming events including a State F&W meeting in Folsom, a NWTF dinner at the American Legion, and a couple of CA Waterfowl events at various locations.
11. Commissioner Reports – Byrne invited all commissioners to help him band doves prior to the opening of dove season.
12. Next meeting – 8/31/16 in Placerville - 330 Fair Lane, Conference Room A
13. Adjournment – at 9:07pm