



# 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

January 25, 2017, 7:00 P.M.  
330 Fair Lane, Conference Room A  
Placerville, CA 95667

1. Call To Order by Commissioner Nelson at 7:02pm
  - 1) Roll Call – Nelson, Weddle, Byrne, Babbitt, Mikkola
  - 2) Supervisor John Hidahl
2. Minutes of 12/7/16 and Agenda for 1/25/17 – Approved unanimously as written
3. Public Comment - Public comment on non-agenda items - None
4. Introduction of Supervisor Hidahl was made by Commissioner Byrne. Hidahl spoke and the rest of the commissioners spoke briefly.
5. Commissioner Mikkola read an email from DFW Biologist Shelly Blair where she touched upon the deer collaring study, beaver impact in EDHills, and about the future Highway 50 work in Camino regarding the wildlife crossing. Kathy Jermstad is fully involved and speaking up for the wildlife impact. Mikkola shared Warden LaFave's most recent status report.
6. BOS communication –
  - 1) Mikkola discussed the proposed purchases of the game camera and the deer decoy that was approved by the BOS. Mikkola will seek advice to properly obtain and pass on to the DFW wardens.
  - 2) A motion was made by Babbitt to pay the registration fees requested by Shelly Blair to attend the training in Idaho. Unanimous approval followed the commission's discussion. Her research will be shared with them and she will report back about the experience.
  - 3) A discussion about this commission obtaining assistance was followed with a task to review our bylaws and come up with a request that will go to the BOS for approval.
  - 4) CDFW letter regarding the J-18 Pacific-Grizzly Flat Apprentice Either Sex Deer Hunt was shared and discussed. This commission continues to recommend approval to our BOS.
  - 5) A roundtable discussion ensued about the Foothill Yellow Legged Frog proposal to be included in the endangered species list. The Center of Biodiversity has begun the process to have them included in the list. The impacts of this decision were the key to the discussion and how it possibly could impact this county. The task is for all commissioners to continue the research to be able to make an informed recommendation to the BOS on the action they may take.
7. Fishing Derbies – fish stocking permit for 2017 has been received and on file. The request to have the application fee waived was made and approved by DFW Ben Ewing. Placerville's derby is scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup> this year. #0 year anniversary of the derby.

8. Finance Report – Commissioner Mikkola went over the bottom lines on the two accounts. Sawmill Pond has \$7700.93. Preservation fund has \$7088.81 after adding the previous month's F&G fine monies of \$20.64.
9. Auburn SRA Management plan – Commissioner Garlough – In the interest of time this topic was tabled.
10. Tahoe Area – Commissioner Babbitt commented how important it is to have the USFS become more involved in the Sawmill pond site and that thinks we need to be more involved with our County's fishery biologist. He will make contact with Mitch Lockhart.
11. Legislative Report – Nelson spoke about the Gaines report briefly.
12. Commissioner Reports – Al Commissioner Nelson shared the dates of Feb 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> as the next State Commission meeting to be held in Rohnert Park. Shared his reviews of the recent sports exposition in Sacramento. Commissioner Byrne shared the progress he has made with the citations for this county the past two years. He continues to review in order to come up with a summary. He mentioned the wood duck project is too far behind this season to make a move on them so there will be some budgeted money left for next season. Commissioner Weddle passed on some news from Commissioner Denega specifically about the access issue and the Finnon Lake stocking proposal. Weddle also summarized some of the progress and issues surrounding the new Bridge to Swansboro and effects it has on access. Mikkola mention lake capacities and that the snowpack is very good.
13. Next meeting – 2/22/17 at 330 Fair Lane, Conference Room A, Placerville CA
14. Adjournment at 9:10pm