



# 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

March 29, 2017, 7:00 P.M.  
330 Fair Lane, Conference Room C  
Placerville, CA 95667

1. Call To Order by Commissioner Nelson at 7:02pm
  - 1) Roll Call – Nelson, Byrne, Babbitt, Denega, Mikkola
  - 2) DFW Shelly Blair
2. Minutes of 2/22/17 and agenda for 3/29/17 were approved unanimously
3. Public Comment - None
4. Warden/Biologists reports - Shelly Blair Environmental Scientist with CDFW plans on having a booth next to us at the Lumsden Pond Kid's Fishing Derby on 4/8/17. Shelly summarized her grant proposal to CDA that will enhance her deer study. She is holding a youth hunter's education class in Placerville on 4/22/17. She talked about a new porcupine baiting study. Also is aware of an increased amount of wildlife activity coinciding with the seasonal changes. Commissioner Denega summarized a report from Mitch Lockhart involving the 2016 electroshock study conducted on Fannon Lake and mentioned the spring of 2017 electroshock follow-up study is being planned.
5. BOS communication –
  - 1) Mikkola mentioned the camera is being passed off to Lt. LaFave tomorrow and that the deer decoy is about 4 weeks out.
  - 2) Shelly mentioned she is all set up to attend the deer study workshop and will be presenting a report for us upon her return.
  - 3) Byrne mentioned that Supervisor Hidahl also expressed his offers to help whenever we need it. Mikkola met with Supervisor Veerkamp and summarized that meeting.
  - 4) Denega discussed the interpretive sign project at the Wakamatsu Farm and the design is progressing.
  - 5) Byrne was able to attend the recent SMUD UARP meeting and was impressed with the commitment to follow through with all their obligations in the agreement.
6. Fishing Derbies – Mikkola summarized a meeting with stakeholders for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Kid's fishing Derby at Lake Walton. A motion to fund up to \$1000.00 from the Preservation fund for additional fish for the derby was approved unanimously. Mikkola and Byrne plan on setting up a table to pass out information and help in any way we can. Mikkola shared the expected price (\$1,137.65) for fish from the preservation fund for the Lumsden Pond Kid's Fishing derby. Also Mikkola will set up a table and be the official fish measurer for the Lumsden Pond Derby. Mikkola shared that visits from DFW wardens and K-9 are expected at Lumsden Pond Derby and a warden is planning on attending Lake Walton's Derby. Next year will be challenging due to fish farm constraints, prices, and minimum loads.

7. Byrne began a discussion regarding the F&G Commission meeting start times especially when guest are lined up for presentations. The outcome of the discussions was to be flexible and open for a schedule change with a request to have the needs well in advance so that we can post the time changes. Also to have the appropriate venue to hold such meetings.
8. Denega summarized the tri-county F&G Commission meeting scheduled for 5/17/17 from 6pm-9pm to be held in Auburn. Ride sharing and other methods of getting there are being worked out. An agenda yet to be finalized includes a presentation by Hal Thomas.
9. Finance report – Mikkola summarized our bottom lines. Discussed recent activity in the accounts and projected some upcoming activities related to fish derbies and fish stocking.
10. It is agreed that this new conference room is ok and that if future meeting plans call for a larger room or other facilities like computer access or video needs or just more space that an attempt will be made for accommodations.
11. Legislative news – Discussions about dogs and collars and depredation permit language was discussed.
12. Commissioner reports – Mikkola went over Lumsden Pond and Lake Walton derby plans. Byrne discussed talks with docents for Sawmill Pond. Denega talked about a fish out at Fannon being planned by TU and being stocked by DFW. Nelson has upcoming hunter education classes in April and May in Cameron Park. Babbitt discussed the stocking of fish project proposed for Barren Lake in our approved 2016 budget proposal. Babbitt went on to summarize a meeting he had with Mitch Lockhart.
13. Next meeting is 4/26/17 in Placerville in Conference room C.
14. Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm