



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

AGENDA

April 26th, 2017, 7:00 P.M.
330 Fair Lane, Conference Room C
Placerville, CA 95667

1. Call To Order by Commissioner Nelson at 7:00pm
 - 1) Roll Call – Nelson, Byrne, Weddle, Denega, Mikkola
 - 2) Kathy Jermstad and Sierra Harris – public
2. Minutes of 3/29/16 and Agenda for 4/26/17 were approved unanimously
3. Public Comment –
 - 1) Sierra Harris gave a self-introduction and explained her motivation for attending her first F&G Commission meeting.
 - 2) Kathy Jermstad explained her interests, passion for, and progress with wildlife connectivity proposals within our County and surrounding locations. The Commission will help propel local support that will include recommendations to our BOS that these projects will benefit and enhance wildlife in this county. Kathy passed out copies of a pilot wildlife crossing mitigation credit system agreement that explains the transportation funding package which includes 30 million dollars for advanced mitigation strategies involved in the projects.
4. Biologists and Warden Reports –
 - 1) Mikkola passed out copies of Lt. LaFave's warden reports. Weddle began a conversation related to the reportedly immediate usefulness of the game camera the wardens are employing in their pursuit of violations.
5. BOS communication –
 - 1) Weddle and Byrne have facilitated BOS recognition to the Eagle Scout Mark Weinhardt and his project at the May 9th BOS meeting at 11:00am.
 - 2) Weddle reports that Supervisor Ranalli has put on his calendar his attendance in/at both the upcoming May 17th Tri-counties Commission meeting and the June 3rd Walton Lake Kid's fish derby.
 - 3) Byrne has begun research and plans to rally support for this commission to assist with the two upcoming Kid's fishing derbies on June 3rd at Lake Walton and Sawmill Pond with additional funds to help purchase additional trophies for the kids that come in 2nd and 3rd place.
 - 4) Byrne initiated discussion regarding the budgets and a discussion followed with a task to all to begin to formulate ideas on how to fund things next year. Mikkola will ask about the state of this year's proposed budget items.
6. Fishing Derbies –
 - 1) Lumsden Derby summary – Mikkola explained the details of the claim voucher submitted to the auditor's office to pay for the fish for the derby. \$1220.95 total. Summarized the day and declared it was seemingly very successful. Warden Stevenson's appearance was welcomed by all the kids and his interactions with them was appreciated.
 - 2) Byrne will communicate with Jennifer House regarding trophies. Mikkola will

communicate with Shelly Blair about duplicating her awesome and very popular display table she had at the Lumsden derby at both Lake Walton and Sawmill. Byrne will try to duplicate the banner in time for the June 3rd derbies.

7. Tri-County Commission Meeting –

- 1) Weddle discussed the upcoming meeting agenda for the Tri-County F&G Commissioners meeting scheduled for Wednesday May 17, 2017 @ 6:00pm at Planning Commission Hearing Room, 3091 County Center Dr, Auburn, CA

8. Finance report –

- 1) Mikkola summarized the accounts, detailed the recent transaction, and explained upcoming plans to impact the accounts.
- 2) Mikkola motioned to partially fund the initial stocking of the Barron Lake fisheries project from the approved budget proposal for \$2000.00. Weddle made the second. Discussion ensued. The motion was approved by majority vote with District 1 Commissioner voting no and also requesting the Chair seek advice and direction from the County Legal Dept. to determine if a conflict of interest exists. A request to put the subject on the next agenda was made.

9. Legislative Report –

- 1) Discussions about ammunition, lawsuits, wolves, and how this commission will advise our BOS on upcoming legislative issues.

10. Commissioner Reports –

- 1) Mikkola led the discussions with a USFS announcement seeking committee members to assist with local projects and ideas.
- 2) Denega summarized FW Mitch Lockart's study of the Finnon Lake Fishery. Shocking occurred last week. Appears the lake is in good standing and seems sustainable.
- 3) Byrne to discuss with Mitch Lockhart the needs to have the Bass Lake DNA study completed. Also pushing for follow up with the DA regarding prosecution of violators.

11. Next meeting –

- 1) Mikkola reported that our next meeting is 5/31/17 at South Lake Tahoe and Nelson will confirm date and location with USFS.

12. Adjournment was at 8:45pm