



EL DORADO COUNTY

Fish & Game Committee

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

May 31, 2017, 7:00 P.M.

USFS/Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit
35 College Dr., South Lake Tahoe, 96150

1. Call To Order by Larry Nelson at 7:05pm
 - 1) Roll call – Nelson, Weddle, Denega, Byrne, Babbitt, Mikkola
 - 2) Kathy Jermstad – retired USFS
 - 3) Stephanie Heller USFS Hydrologist
2. Adoption of Minutes of 4/26/17 and Agenda for 5/31/17 were approved unanimously
3. Public Comment – Kathy Jermstad reported that wildlife activity has been slow including game camera activity. It appears the mountain lion has not returned in a while.
4. USFS Hydrologist Stephanie Heller presented an detailed and informative power point regarding the Upper Truckee River Project that she was the project manager of alongside the Tahoe Airport. The timelines were explained along with the construction process. She told the story of how the project came to fruition and what lessons were learned. Discussed impacts to fish and wildlife during the project.
5. Biologists and Warden Reports – Mikkola shared the report that Lieutenant LaFave sent us.
6. BOS communication –
 - 1) Ordinance review – Nelson will work on ideas to present to the BOS on reasons why the committee should align with other F&G Commissions regarding name change. Mikkola is working on re-naming tasks related to name changes
 - 2) Violations and fine revenue follow up – Byrne claims it is #1 project going forward to keep progress going. Weddle explained what's up with current research. He also suggested we entertain a proposal to our BOS to listen to a presentation by Hal Thomas to bring them all up to speed on our issues during a future BOS meeting.
 - 3) BOS recognition – Byrne talked about the BOS recognition of the Eagle Scout and how it's impacted this young man and his family as well as the future of this wood duck project.
 - 4) Budget – Byrne suggests we create a written report we can pass on to our BOS regarding how we spent the past year's budget and plans for this upcoming year.

7. Fishing Derbies – Mikkola talked about a letter sent to our committee from the City of Placerville thanking us for the support of a very successful Kid's Derby at Lumsden Pond. Mikkola discussed the plans for the June 3rd derby at Lake Walton in Georgetown sponsored in part by the USFS, EDC F&G Committee, Georgetown Divide Rotary, and others. Babbitt discussed the Kid's derby at Sawmill Pond planned for the same day June 3rd. This committee will try to attend both.
8. Tri-County Commission meeting – Weddle summarized a successful meeting held in Auburn and also mentioned it seems to have had less positive results than originally anticipated and therefore will not organize a future meeting.
9. Finance Report – Mikkola read the bottom lines in each account and went over recent claim vouchers and a Sawmill Pond Fund deposit.
10. Legislative Report – Nelson mentioned some new salmon legislation and passed out some literature.
11. Commissioner Reports –
 - 1) Byrne talked about some leftover CSD money that may be used to stock some ponds in El Dorado Hills. Also talked about an upcoming spot-lighting case that we might want to attend to lend our support ultimately to encourage conviction.
 - 2) Denega summarized the recent Finnon Lake electro-shocking conducted by State F&W fishery biologist Mitch Lockhart. Also talked about the river access outcome for the Mosquito Bridge project approved by our BOS.
 - 3) Kathy Jermstad mentioned she is following multiple bridge and road projects related to wildlife connectivity including the Highway 49 Bridge Project in Coloma and has been studying the impact to wildlife and the newly completed Green Valley Rd Bridge.
 - 4) Mikkola mentioned he will not be in town for our next meeting on 7/26/17.
12. Next meeting – 7/26/17 at Placerville Conference Room C at 7:00pm
13. Adjournment was called at 9:15pm.