



EL DORADO COUNTY

Fish & Game Comm.

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

Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2018, 7:00 P.M.
330 Fair Lane, Conference Room C
Placerville, CA 95667

1. Call To Order at 7:03pm
 - 1) Roll call – Denega, Weddle, Byrne, Nelson, Mikkola
 - 2) Shelly Blair/CDFW, Kathy Jermstad/retired USFS, John Hidahl/Dist I BOS
2. Adoption of Minutes of 12/6/17 and Agenda for 1/31/18 were unanimously approved.
3. Public Comment – Kathy Jermstad summarized her presentation to the Placerville City Council regarding local wildlife connectivity road crossings on Highway 50. Key points were to not negatively impact current crossings during upcoming construction projects and her request to have CalTrans document the death of deer caused by vehicles alongside Highway 50.
4. Biologists and Warden Reports – Shelly Blair/CDFW, began by summarizing major bear impact issues in Tahoe. TRPA has a Feb. meeting she will be attending. Bear boxes and other issues to be discussed. Shelly is managing a bear scat DNA study to help determine population size and other information. She updated us on the deer collaring study. A baiting project appears to be successful and a netting plan is in the works. A local deer disease has the attention of the deer veterinarian and a study is in progress. She talked about the mountain lion depredation issues down south that appear to be the direction this state will go with regards to managing mountain lion depredation permits. Shelly mentioned ARC is acquiring 1000 more acres that will add to the El Dorado Ranch reserve that ultimately would be managed by CDFW. The Lewis ranch is in the works to be acquired by ARC also. The current cannabis issues were discussed and she offered the newly formed CDFW unit Supervisor and staff to speak at an upcoming Comm. meeting. Mikkola passed out Lt. LaFave's recent warden report.
5. Comm. Reports – Mikkola reported that Mitch Lockhart is planning on meeting with our Comm. in the Feb. or March meeting. Mikkola requests we update Hal Thomas on our recent accomplishments related to fine money recovery. Mikkola shared information he received from Lt. LaFave regarding the recent poaching case. Weddle summarized the ppt. presentation to the rest of the Comm. and discussed some tasks that were assigned as a result. Weddle discussed the recent discussions with El Dorado County Water and Power Authority (EDWAPA) regarding acquiring additional 40,000ac.ft. of water and potential impacts. Formal protests from ARC were mentioned. Weddle and Denega will work on the ordinance update and bring it to our attention for approval before submitting. Nelson mentioned a Feb 8 ribbon cutting ceremony for our DA's new location. Public is invited. Larry brought up the current Comm. vacancy and the discussion ensued. Dennis is serious about a need to hold another special meeting to discuss budget and map out our plans. Dennis related to the Comm. a swan issue that he encountered in El Dorado Hills and the Sierra Wildlife Rescue response. Denega shared a recent waterfowl extravaganza he was involved in.

6. BOS communication – Supervisor Hidahl commented on the ppt. and retrieved one of the applications for the vacancy for our perusal. Supervisor Hidahl pointed out some strategy we might take regarding cannabis, vacancy, ordinance changes, and budget.
7. Finance Report – Mikkola shared the bottom lines in our Preservation account and Sawmill Pond account. After transferring the budget to the account there is \$15,487.00 not including the recent deposit of \$1000.00 from the warden's collection of restitution in a poaching case. Sawmill Pond has \$2916.00.
8. Lumsden Pond Fish Derby – the date is set for the City of Placerville Kid's Fishing Derby and Mikkola will contact Matt Lishman and share our permit with him. The permit was approved and finalized on Jan. 5, 2018 and in our records. The dates for Lake Walton Derby and Sawmill Pond Derby are yet to be determined. Byrne discussed the two derbies in El Dorado Hills that were successful.
9. Legislative Report – Multiple current legislative issues were discussed including waterfowl, abalone, bull frogs, cannabis, and mountain lions.
10. Next meeting – 2/28/18 at Conference room C, 330 Fair Lane Placerville CA
11. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm.