



# EL DORADO COUNTY

## Fish & Game Comm.

Larry Nelson - At Large  
Stephen Horan - At Large  
Dennis Byrne - Dist I  
Mike Denega - Dist II  
Kurt Mikkola - Dist III  
Pat Weddle - Dist IV  
Victor Babbitt - District V

### Meeting Minutes

May 30, 2018, 7:00 P.M.

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

1. Call To Order & Roll Call by Chairman Nelson
  - 1) Babbitt, Nelson, Byrne, Weddle, Denega, Mikkola
  - 2) Heather Noel - USFS
  - 3) Victor Lyon - USFS
2. Adoption of Minutes of 4/25/18 and Agenda for 5/30/18 were unanimously approved with one correction to the date.
3. Public Comment - None
4. Biologist's and Warden reports –
  - 1) Our USFS host for the meeting was Heather Noel. She introduced herself, explained her roles with the USFS, and briefed the Comm. on a couple of past and future projects the USFS is involved with.
  - 2) Victor Lyon with the USFS within the restoration and vegetation division introduced himself, explained his roles, and expanded upon topics including yellow-legged mountain frogs, wildlife including bears, cats, and fish, and various environmental issues including stream health, meadows, and forest thinning. He explained future projects including the Lake Tahoe West project. Victor was very interesting and informational.
5. Comm. Reports –
  - 1) Bass Lake update – Nelson opened up a discussion about the plans for Bass Lake. Byrne will meet with Supervisor Hidahl and discuss what level our Comm. should partake in the eventual plan that the EDH CSD will follow. Byrne will also meet with the EDH CSD General Manager to request we be included in the input to the plan.
  - 2) Fiscal year 2018-2019 forecast/future projects – Mikkola explained the current path and direction the fiscal year 2018-2019 is taking.
  - 3) Weddle asked that we include in July's agenda the approval and adoption of the updated F&G ordinance governing this body that has been in draft form for comments. Mikkola will re-send the updated version for final comments before the next meeting.
  - 4) Byrne commented on the report to our BOS regarding the cannabis issues our county faces and will have some more information after the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. A portion of the fines that are sanctioned for violations will be passed on to this committee pending the upcoming decisions. Byrne also commented on the upcoming trials in the 3 large poaching cases that our Wardens have been involved with that has had great impacts to our natural resources. The trials are nearing completion.
6. BOS communication –

- 1) A motion by Byrne to have our Comm. pay \$465.00 of an upcoming fish stocking plan in multiple ponds in El Dorado Hills was seconded by Mikkola. The discussion about this included future plantings and funding sources. Byrne will seek reimbursement as the entire cost will be split in multiple parts with the comm. portion of \$465.00 being paid in advance by Byrne. The motion was unanimously approved.
  - 2) A motion by Denega to fund the purchase and installation of three picnic tables at a cost of \$950.00 that will be used by students in the Nature Camp that the ARC hosts was seconded by Mikkola. The discussion included how it relates to furthering fish and wildlife education to children 4yrs – 11yrs old. The ARC will send the invoice to our comm. The motion was unanimously approved.
7. Finance Report –
- 1) Mikkola summarized the recent activities and status of the Preservation Fund account. Mikkola explained that in the preservation account we expect to pay out a voucher for trophies to Byrne, the invoice for gravel at Finnon Lake to Sierra Rock, planned payment to Mt. Lassen Fish for the plantings for Lake Walton and Barren Lake, and for the STV license renewal.
  - 2) Mikkola summarized the Sawmill Pond fund account. He stated that a deposit totaling \$5000.00 that Babbitt submitted was made this past week. Mikkola will craft thank you letters to get to Babbitt for generous donations to fund the Kid's Fish Derbies at Sawmill Pond.
8. Fish Derby
- 1) Sawmill Pond – June 2 – Babbitt explained a total of 1600 lbs of trout will be planted for this year's June 2<sup>nd</sup> Kid's fish derby. He will plan on attending and helping out where he can.
  - 2) Lake Walton – June 2 – Mikkola discussed the plans for the Lake Walton Derby. Unfortunately all Comm. members have other plans that will keep them from participating this year. Mikkola will inform Jen House of the USFS.
  - 3) Lumsden Pond – Mikkola shared a thank you letter from Matt Lishman for our support of this year's Kid's Fishing Derby at Lumsden Pond.
  - 4) Fishing in the City – Nelson presented an opportunity for our comm. to see if a partnership can be formed with California Department of Fish and Game to develop an watershed education program that would ultimately create a community based approach in creating repeatable fishing opportunities and aquatic education for our communities in this county.
  - 5) Others.....
9. Legislative Report – None pertaining directly to our county
10. Next meeting – 6/27/18 – 330 Fair Lane, Placerville
11. Adjournment was made at 9:15pm.