



EL DORADO COUNTY

Fish & Wildlife Commission

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

MINUTES

August 28, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
330 Fair Lane, Conference Room A
Placerville, CA 95667

1. Call To Order & Roll Call – Meeting was called to order by Mikkola @7:03pm
 - 1) Denega, Weddle, Byrne, Babbitt, Mikkola
 - 2) Kathy Jermstad-Retired USFS, John Hidahl - Dist. I Supervisor
2. Adoption of Minutes of 7/31/19 and Agenda for 8/28/19 passed unanimously.
3. Public Comment – Kathy Jermstad explained her participation in the collaborative poster for the September 22 through 26, 2019 International Conference on Ecology and Transportation to be held at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento. Jermstad will define local areas of road ecology concerns and share them with Hidahl.
4. CDFW Biologists and CDFW Warden Reports – Mikkola shared the warden report and will send an email to Lieutenant LaFave in pursuit of initiating contact with the newest local Warden so that we can share some additional information not being observed regarding angling activity on tributaries to Lake Tahoe.
5. Commissioner Reports and sub-committee reports –
 - 1) Byrne summarized a positive meeting he had with District Attorney Erin Tognetti regarding recent poaching cases she handled and also some upcoming cases. Byrne updated on his project regarding revitalizing the overgrown Serrano Parkway median. Byrne shared some communication he had with the CSD regarding stocking fish in the ponds in a few ponds in El Dorado Hills.
 - 2) Babbitt has tried to re-establish communication with the USFS management in the hopes he can spark renewed interest in the Sawmill pond issues specifically the misuse by many adults and to establish some type of meaningful enforcement of the rules at the pond. Babbitt has made initial contact with Mitch Lockhart in order to voice concerns he is seeing first hand on the tributaries to Lake Tahoe and offer some ideas to help improve what is going on.
 - 3) Denega is seeking an update on the letter voicing concerns to the State Fish and Game Commission regarding the simplification of rules proposal that will have obvious negative impacts on the health of fisheries within our State, and more specifically our County. He summarized some recent communication he has had regarding the development of a Bass Lake management plan and also regarding the proposal regarding the Serrano Parkway median.
 - 4) Weddle discussed the power point being created for an upcoming presentation to our BOS regarding information that highlights this commission's efforts of the past year or so and future plans that we are working on. Weddle shared his concerns about the support the biologists and scientists are getting within their entities and how it can ultimately have negative effects in the conservation of

our County's wildlife including missing out on grants and funding for important environmental studies and projects.

- 5) Mikkola shared the written documents regarding the final repeal of the Fish and Game Committee ordinance and the passing and adoption of the resolution establishing the Fish and Wildlife Commission by the BOS.
6. Request to fund Baron Lake Kid's Derby 2019 for up to \$2000.00 – Babbitt made a motion to have our commission fund in part the Moose Lodge Kid's Fish Derby to be held on September 21 of this year. Weddle made a second, the discussion included concerns about catch and release rules. The motion passed to fund \$2000.00 for fish to be planted at Baron Lake just prior to the Kid's fish derby.
7. Finance Report – Mikkola summarized recent activity to the accounts to insure that a claim voucher from Desert Springs Trout farm could be paid. We authorized Myrna Tow of the Ag Dept. to transfer funds from accounts to facilitate the payment and we authorized her to also transfer funds as needed to bring our accounts up to date and establish beginning amounts that will inform us of the status of each account.
8. Annual BOS presentation –Weddle is calling for photos and comments to finalize the power point to be presented to our BOS.
9. Legislative Reports – Mikkola summarized three documents sent to our BOS from the State Fish and Game Commission regarding Nutria issues, an endangered Kangaroo Rat, and new experimental fishing permits.
10. Next meeting – Mikkola will email Nelson and request that he secure the meeting room for South Lake Tahoe meeting next month scheduled for– 9/25/19.
11. Adjournment was made at 8:55pm