



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

January 30, 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 Chairman Nelson at 7:00pm
 - 1) Byrne, Weddle, Denega, Horan, Nelson, Mikkola
 - 2) CDFW – Mitch Lockhart, CDFW – Shelly Blair, Dist III Supervisor Brian Veerkamp
 - 3) Public – Mr and Mrs Bill Thompson of Shingle Springs
2. Adoption of minutes of 12/5/18 and agenda for 1/30/19 – Both approved unanimously.
3. Public comment on non-agenda items -
 - 1) Mr and Mrs Johnson brought up their concerns and observations about the increasing number of deer casualties caused by vehicle collisions. They suggested an increase in signage in hopes of decreasing speeds and collisions was discussed. Their observations regarding the increased incidents of deer casualties that include decapitation of the deceased deer was also discussed.
 - 2) Supervisor Brian Veerkamp summarized his observations and offered his support.
 - 3) Shelly Blair provided comment and perspective on the deer casualties.
 - 4) Supervisor Veerkamp presented the Dist III EDC Volunteer of the Year Award to Mikkola.
4. CDFW
 - 1) Mitch Lockhart – Mitch gave a presentation that summarized the 2018 year relative to the CDFW fisheries and stockings and 2019 stocking plans. He touched upon many things including progress made with the simplified regulations package, which is now ready for the public comment stage, the South Fork American River Angler Survey Project which may result in additional re-stocking efforts, the preliminary 2019-2020 fish stocking allotment plans including stocking strategies, and the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act.
 - 2) Shelly Blair – discussed hunting education classes she is hosting, progress with the deer herd study, bear impacts and strategies including Lake Tahoe's and Apple Hill's, and El Dorado County Junior deer hunts.
5. Warden reports – the most recent report was discussed at the December meeting.
6. PR suggestion for the poaching issues – Weddle proposed that the Comm. engage local media to publicize issues and stories regarding poaching. Supervisor Veerkamp offered his assistance.
7. Comm. Reports –
 - 1) Mikkola shared the progress of the Ordinance update and we still look to changing the at-large term to 6 years instead of the suggested 4 years. Mikkola

asked for volunteers to create by-laws using a template he was provided. Byrne and Nelson volunteered.

- 2) Weddle summarized his exit meeting with past Supervisor Ranalli and his appointment to this Comm. by Dist IV supervisor Lori Parlin.
 - 3) The BOS approval of 2019-2020 EDC Apprentice Either-sex Deer hunt was discussed. This Comm. fully supports the approval.
 - 4) Mikkola submitted the 2019 fish stocking application permit and request for the fee waiver letter. The fee was waived and the permit is finalized.
8. Mikkola summarized the status of the Preservation fund and Sawmill Pond fund. Mikkola and Nelson will continue to hold the signature authority for this Comm and a new form was signed and returned to the Auditor/Controller's office.
 9. Mikkola shared correspondence with the State Fish and Game Commission regarding upcoming legislation.
 10. Next meeting – 2/27/19 – 7 PM, Conference Room A - Placerville
 11. Adjournment was at 9:35pm.