



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

March 27, 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 7:03pm.
 - 1) Babbitt, Byrne, Denega, Horan, Mikkola, Nelson, and Weddle.
 - 2) CDFW – Shelly Blair- Biologist
2. Adoption of Minutes of 2/27/19 and Agenda for 3/27/19 – Both approved unanimously.
3. Public Comment – No public comments.
4. CDFW Biologists and CDFW Warden reports –
 - 1) Mikkola passed around the latest Warden report.
 - 2) Shelly Blair shared highlights on the Alpine County Commission meeting she attended. Their commission oversees a \$99,000.00 annual budget for fish stocking to help stimulate the economy within that County. Shelley touched upon the bear projects she is involved with, stating things are moving forward and a Tahoe operations strategy is in the making. Shelly is working on crafting a letter with data regarding the bear issue in Apple Hill to help our Comm. with recommending to our BOS an ordinance be created to safely manage the bears in Apple Hill. Her hunter safety class was successful. Kevin Thomas is the new Regional Manager.
5. Comm. Reports –
 - 1) Inland Trout Angling Regulation Simplification – Babbitt began the discussion regarding the regulation changes. The discussions led to the creation of a sub-committee to help give advice to our BOS on the seemingly adverse effects these regulations will have on our County's resources and also submit a suggestion to employ a resource management strategy better suited for our County to pursue.
 - 2) Byrne summarized the June 1st Kid's fishing derbies. There will be one in El Dorado Hills, one at Lake Walton, and one at Sawmill Pond on June 1st. He summarized his attendance at the Lake Walton planning meeting. He will be attending the El Dorado Hills Derby, Weddle plans on attending the Lake Walton Derby. Sawmill Pond may not have a Comm. member in attendance. Dennis emphasized the need for our Comm. members to attend other Commission meetings. Byrne asked that the call box project be put on next month's agenda for status updates. Summarized his participation in gathering information regarding fine money disbursements. Byrne submitted T-MO's fishery's registration for inclusion to the fish stocking permit.
 - 3) Denega read a thoughtful thank you letter from the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Department for our assistance in the purchase of rock for stabilization to the boat ramp at Finnon Lake. Denega also shared the facts about the awesome

interpretive signs installed at the Wakamatsu Farm that were funded in part by this commission. Photos are available if needed.

- 4) Weddle re-iterated his earlier account of his progress with an investigative reporter, Scott Anderson, and the development of an informative article explaining the poaching issues this County faces. Weddle will inform Bill Thomas the progress that has been made regarding the signs on High Way 50 to help reduce wildlife mortality. Weddle was contacted by a resident of Greenwood regarding the impacts the GPUD ditch re-lining project is having on Georgetown Creek. Some deeper investigations are planned.
 - 5) Nelson created a motion to fund Serrano and Governor Ponds in El Dorado Hills with fish for up to \$2500.00. The motion passed by majority vote. Nelson discussed SB 395 and hopes to have our BOS sign a letter of support for the bill. Nelson shared the beginning draft of our Comm. by-laws for review and suggestions. Add to next month's agenda.
 - 6) Babbitt read some comment he received regarding the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout (LCT) recovery plan and project. This sparked a debate which ended in a motion being made to become a watchdog of this recovery. It failed by majority vote. A request for all of us to get more information from various affected agencies to include CDFW, USFS, and others, in order to have more focused approach to creating a resolution that can be supported by our BOS to oversee and become involved in this recovery plan.
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6. LCT discussion –
 - 1) Babbitt also led this discussion and will continue to be looked at by some members of this Comm.
 7. Finance Report –Mikkola shared the status to each account and recent activity along with expected activity.
 8. Legislative Reports – Nelson shared literature regarding ammunition restrictions which led to discussions about enforcement and credibility.
 9. Next meeting – 4/24/19 – Conference Room A - Placerville
 10. Adjournment was at 9:08pm