



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

April 24, 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) Weddle, Denega, Byrne, Horan, Nelson, Mikkola
 - 2) Lieutenant LaFave-CDFW, Jim Mitrisin-EDC Clerk to the BOS, Kathy Jermstad
2. Adoption of minutes of 3/27/19 and agenda for 4/24/19 – Both approved unanimously.
3. Public Comment - Public comment on non-agenda items - None
4. County Ordinance update – Jim Mitrisin spoke about the progress and direction the change of the ordinance is going. EDC Counsel and Mitrisin suggest that the ordinance should be dissolved and proposed changes to the ordinance be made by resolution for multiple simplification reasons. Details were discussed at length. A motion passed unanimously to follow the recommendation offered by Mitrisin. Nelson will move the changes forward. An error in the draft was corrected regarding the name change. The name that was agreed upon is El Dorado County Fish and Wildlife.
5. Wildlife Undercrossing – Kathy Jermstad discussed the new wildlife crossing that is scheduled to be installed on Highway 50 in the Camino area near the top of Rupley's Grade. A public meeting will be held at the Camino Elementary School on April 30th beginning at 6:00pm through 7:30pm and within that meeting a discussion regarding Caltrans's proposal to construct and install a new wildlife undercrossing as part of the Camino Safety Project. She asked about the progress of the wildlife alert signs on Highway 50 and Mikkola reported that coordination between DOT and SACOG is ongoing and that our committee needs to pick some locations to offer as a suggestion to the group trying to determine if the old Highway 50 emergency phone locations can be used for the new signs.
6. CDFW Biologists and CDFW Warden Reports – LT. LaFave reported that Brittany Griffith is being promoted and in her footsteps a new contact for the DA will be introduced. This committee voted on a motion to fund up to \$100.00 towards a plaque honoring Griffith's achievements and recognizing her efforts in helping the County prosecute fish and game violations headed by Byrne the sub-committee leader for this endeavor. Lt. LaFave reported on the upcoming ride-a-long planned with the investigative reporter that will tell the story this County faces with poachers. Lt. LaFave also offered to provide a ride-a-long for the new supervisor Lori Parlin. Lt. LaFave will send Mikkola a link to a camera that they are seeking in hopes that this committee will fund its purchase. The last one we secured for them has been influential in multiple prosecutions of poachers.
7. Comm. Reports –

Inland Trout Angling Regulation Simplification – Weddle led the discussion regarding this upcoming change to regulations. There are three steps to complete. The first, is time sensitive and needs to be completed on-line which involves everyone's comments about the proposal. The second step involves crafting a letter that we can have our BOS support and put it on our County letterhead and mail before the August Fish and Game Commission meeting that will be hearing comments. The third step would be to attend the August public hearing and represent our County and committee by standing up and voicing our concerns.

Fishing Derbies – Mikkola summarized the Lumsden Kid's Fishing Derby. It was definitely a successful event. Photos have been posted to our web site. Weddle will attend the Lake Walton Derby. Byrne will attend the El Dorado Hills Derby. Mikkola passed around a letter proposing the BOS create an ordinance requiring bear proof disposal bins in Apple Hill during tourist season and harvest season. A motion was made and passed unanimously to make the proposal.

By-laws – Nelson and Byrne reported on the advancement of proposed by-laws for this committee. More work to be done before finalization occurs.

Byrne suggested we still attend other county commission/committee meetings.

Others -

8. Finance Report – Mikkola summarized recent action and planned actions to the Preservation Funds and Sawmill Pond account.
9. Legislative Reports - Nelson reported on some legislation including the wildlife safety bill and a Nutria invasion.
10. Next meeting – 5/29/19 – South Lake Tahoe – Nelson will secure the location and inform everyone. Mikkola announced he cannot attend next Month's meeting.
11. Meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.