



# EL DORADO COUNTY

## Fish & Wildlife Commission

Larry Nelson, Chair -At Large  
Stephen Horan - At Large  
Dennis Byrne - Dist I  
Mike Denega - Dist II  
Kurt Mikkola, Treas. - Dist III  
Pat Weddle, V.C. - Dist IV  
Victor Babbitt - Dist V

### MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2020

330 Fair Lane, Placerville

Conference Room A - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

1. Call to Order & Roll Call – Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Present were Denega, Weddle, Nelson, Horan, and Mikkola. Dignitaries present was Shelly Blair and Lieutenant Bob Pera both with CDFW.
2. Adoption of Minutes of 09/30/20 and Agenda for 12/02/20– Both the Agenda and the minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Public Comment – None
4. CDFW Biologists and CDFW Warden reports -
  - a. Warden – Newly appointed CDFW Lieutenant Robert Pera introduced himself to our Commission and gave a brief history and outline of his duties. Each commissioner congratulated him and welcomed him.
  - b. Biologist – Shelly Blair reported that CDFW now owns the 1700 acre Irving Ranch in Latrobe out South Shingle Rd and is formulating a land management plan for that area and also the land management plan for the El Dorado Ranch is progressing with parking issues being currently being addressed. Shelly then reported on our CDFW regional funding structure issues which are limiting and closing projects due the minimal financing available. Shelly is interested in moving forward with promoting an upland game bird project and will keep this commission posted. Vectronics Areospace has been paid which keeps the Pacific Deer Herd collaring study active and may need to be updated soon. Shelly encouraged us to look into the Bear Naked Truth blog to keep informed of the conflicts being dealt with.
5. Commissioner Reports and sub-committee reports -
  - a. Dennis Byrne has been working with Cal Trans to finish up installing signs for wildlife crossings. 11 signs have been installed. 3 of the signs are nearly hidden by vegetation. There is still some more work to be done on this project.
  - b. Larry Nelson opened up a discussion regarding the State Fishing Regs that were simplified.
6. Finance Report –
  - a. Mikkola reported on current balances in the Preservation and Sawmill Pond accounts.
  - b. Discussion related to the trophy cases and where and who the penalties go to. Tracking has been non-existent and confusing.
7. Commission Strategic Priorities –
  - a. Covid-19 – alternate commission meetings and other COVID-19 issues were discussed. 2021 meetings remain the same however the new conference room for the meetings is changed to Conference Room C.
  - b. Fishing Derbies – Mikkola shared that the new Fish stocking permit will need to be sent in next month and he promised to show Patrick how that can be done.
  - c. Denega made a motion to fund a re-stocking of fish at Wakamatsu Farm. The invoice would total \$4,120.00. Discussion ensued and the vote taken was unanimously in favor of funding the re-stocking with the inclusion that the commission get a plan

and guidelines from Denega when it becomes available. Denega reported on the Bass Lake Planning project with forward progress is being made and promised to keep the Commission informed of any new progress.

- d. The Commission presented Mikkola with a retirement gift.
8. Legislative Reports – in the interest of time this was tabled until the next meeting.
9. Next meeting – 01/27//2021 – Placerville in new Conference Room C
10. Adjournment was at 8:45pm

**COUNTY POLICY COVID-19**

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- Interacting in-person with any member of the commission and/or public while performing any function relative to the commission's duties.*
- Working in any space visited by members of the public including our regularly scheduled conference room; regardless of whether anyone from the public is present at the time.*
- Working or walking through common areas, such as hallways, stairways, elevators, and parking facilities, and restrooms.*
- In the conference room or other enclosed area where other people are present regardless of physically distancing a minimum of 6 feet.*
- While outdoors in public spaces when maintaining a physical distance of 6 feet from other persons in not feasible.*