



EL DORADO COUNTY

Fish & Wildlife Commission

Mike Denega-At Large
Stephen Horan-At Large
Dennis Byrne-Dist I
Eric Harnage sec/ tres- Dist II
Kathleen Jermstad VC -Dist III
Pat Weddle, Chair – Dist IV
Victor Babbitt – Dist V

MEETING MINUTES

June 30, 2021

ZOOM Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm

1. Call to Order & Roll Call – Chairman Weddle called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. This meeting was conducted by video conference due to COVID-19. Present were Denega, Weddle, Horan, Byrne, Jermstad and Babbitt.
2. Adoption of Minutes of 5/26/21 and Agenda for 6/30/21– Both the Agenda and the minutes were approved.
3. Dignitaries present were CDFW Lt. Pera and Biologist Shelly Blair.
4. Public Comment – None
5. CDFW Biologists and CDFW Warden reports -
 - a. Warden – Lt. Bob Pera reported the turkey decoy had arrived and CDFW looks forward to using the decoy in the upcoming seasons. His agency has been busy filling in for injured/absent employees in the Tahoe/Alpine area. There was an incident in Meyers where a bear was dispatched by an individual inside of a residence. The incident was justified. He has been involved in the hiring/training for new officers as there are vacancies that need filled.
 - b. Biologist-Shelly Blair reported a high number of bear calls being received for the Tahoe area. She has been involved with the collaring of deer in the x zone as well as deer that have been collared near highway 88 and highway 4. The collared deer will assist in tracking where the deer are crossing on these roadways. Shelly will be banding doves in the next few days. There was a discussion involving the issue with bears being infected by encephalitis.
6. Finance Report-

Signs for basin were ordered and payment completed. An updated report will be provided next meeting (Myrna). Thank you, Myrna!
7. Lake Walton Fishing Derby cancellation-

Pat reported that the derby was cancelled by Forest Service apparently to the amount of work that goes into the project. They would still co-sponsor the event, but no longer want to be the lead sponsor. Supervisor Parlin was notified, and Pat will be working with some of the prior cosponsors of the event to determine if one group will take the lead sponsor. (CDFW Commission co-sponsored this event but the money was not spent)
8. EDCFW Commission Apparel etc. will be discussed at the next meeting.
9. Commission Reports –

At Large- Mike Denega
Mike reported that Bass Lake may close for fishing July/August of this year due to the low water, shallowness of the lake, and heat

At Large- Steve Horan
No Report.

District 1- Dennis Byrne:

Dennis received positive reports regarding the Serrano Fishing Derby. He continues to attempt to convince the state to place flashing deer signs to decrease the number of vehicle strikes. He may have an update next meeting. Dennis reported that Mono County suspended their wildlife commission and the Mono BOS were looking at the issue. The court fines project is still in progress.

Dennis requested funds to provide Victor Babbitt a gift for his service to CDFW. A motion was passed to fund one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Motion Passed – Fund gift for Victor \$125.00

District II-Eric Harnage
No Report (Absent)

District III-Kathleen Jermstad

Kathie reported that on June 20th the Around Here publication came out with her article on wildlife fencing. She will work on placing the article on the CDFW Commission's Website. Kathie placed the Letter to the Editor that Pat wrote regarding the Amador poaching incident onto the CDFW Commission's Website

District IV-Pat Weddle

Patrick commented about the Explicit Bias Training and there was discussion regarding it. Pat advised that the redistricting of out county will not have any impact to this commission's members. Pat visited Serrano Fishing Derby and was impressed by how the entire event went.

District V-Victor Babbitt

Victor has still been working on finding a replacement for his upcoming departure and will be submitting his letter to step down from the commission. The Sawmill Derby went well and Victor was definitely sad about this being his last derby (Thanks for all the hard work Victor)!

10. Legislative Report-

AB-391: Pollinator habitat conservation: funding

3030 Plan: Executive Order by President; 30% lands & 30% waters under federal jurisdiction by 2030

11. Next meeting – 07/28//2021 – 6 pm - Video Conference (Zoom)

12. Adjournment was at 7:15 pm

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- In the conference room or other enclosed area where other people are present regardless of physically distancing a minimum of 6 feet.*
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