

COUNTY OF PLACER FISH & GAME COMMISSION

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PLACER COUNTY FISH & GAME COMMISSION MINUTES

TIME/DATE: 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, October 26, 2011

LOCATION: PLACER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ROOM

Community Development Resource Agency, DeWitt Center, Auburn 3091 County Center Drive (corner of Bell Road and Richardson Drive),

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- I. CALL TO ORDER Gary Flanagan, Chairman
- II. ROLL CALL Mark, Don, Mickey, Gary, Ron, Kari, Rob
- III. APPROVAL OF Minutes for September 28, 2011.

Commissioner Fowler motioned to accept. Commissioner Gould seconded. All in favor. No opposed

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Individuals may address the Commission on items under the jurisdiction of the Agricultural Commission not included on this agenda for no longer than five (5) minutes. *No action can be taken on items addressed under Public Comment*

Marilyn Jasper – the commission or the BOS should not lobby on behalf or against a legislative bill.

Cindy McAyeal – Bear League

Asked how many bears been destroyed in Placer County? Relocations have been done successfully. Bear League wants to work with the community.

Indicated she wants the county to look at alternative sources to trapping and shooting the bears.

Greg Jandea – Citizen – Rocklin – Saw mother bear and 3 cubs. She wants to have something done, other than killing the bears.

James Hersinger – Citizen – Loomis - Prefers non-lethal means to addressing bear situation.

Charlene Sharp – Would like to see a non-lethal means to deal with the bears. She wants to see education programs to teach residents how to live with bears.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Budget Update – Ed King

Expenditures to date for FY 11/12 total \$487.05, including \$216.66 in commissioner's fees, \$100.00 in secretary fees and \$170.39 in mileage reimbursement. Budgeted expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year total \$9882.95.

Revenues to date total \$68.01, including \$8.03 in fine monies and \$59.98 in interest. A total of \$1,200.00 was budgeted for the current fiscal year.

VI. AGENCY REPORTS

A. Commission Updates

Commission Salter – Nov 10 the Central Sierra Fish and Game Commission meet will be meeting at the Dewitt Center.

Commissioner Gould indicated that he met with the Derrick Whitehead, director of environmental of water and sewer and garbage in the city of Roseville. Mr. Whitehead is willing to give a presentation on water issues being addressed in the City of Roseville.

B. California Department of Fish & Game

Warden Brian Moore – past month has been working a lot with deer season. Bear season is open. Nothing significant to report at this time. Lt. Vincent final day is Monday, Oct. 31.

He has limited information about the bears (talked about earlier in public comment) – 10 phone calls from the Sherriff department. Bears over the weekend were looking to find a safe place to get out of the public. A

depredation permit was issued. They have gotten into chicken coops and gone back to them more than once. Trappers have set traps.

Commissioner Flanagan – Why are the bears so low?

The bears are frequenting a restaurant with a trash bin at the end of Lincoln Way in Auburn. Bears have been in Granite Bay. Usually able to persuade people to not request depredation permits.

Commissioner Freidig asked what the alternatives to a depredation permit are.

Warden Moore indicated that education is the best way to prevent bear incidents. A landowner that has property damage due to wildlife has a legal right to obtain a depredation permit.

Last year there was a program to run off problem bears with rubber bullets, loud noises and dogs.

Commissioner Flanagan asked if there have been any enforcement actions taken in the last month in Placer County.

No, there most likely has been none.

C. Nevada Irrigation District

None

VII. Proposed Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant - Presented by Robert Weygandt, District 2 Supervisor

His interest stems from an incident back in 1995 where hundreds of fish were killed in Auburn Ravine.

Current the County is out of compliance with fines of \$225K.

The county has received about \$10M of federal grants to make improvements.

If a regional plant is built, there are

Environmental benefits

- Only way wastewater reclamation can occur
- Better protection from rate increases

City of Lincoln commissioned a study to offer Auburn and Placer county to take the waste. And the county is thinking about making SMD 1 into compliance at a cost of \$63M.

Small plants cannot handle spikes as easily as larger plants.

2 new regional treatment plants have been constructed.

The county has decommissioned two old plants.

Need agreement with Auburn, Lincoln and Placer country.

Commissioner Freidig – Asked about the cost of increasing rates and costs of the projects.

In his opinion, both options are about equal in costs (SMD1 upgrade vs. using Lincoln's plant). One thing to consider is the add-on costs. Building a pipeline might have less than a plant upgrade.

Commissioner Gould – Asked if water can be recycled (sold).

Yes, the city of Lincoln can resell the water. One user might be rice farmers.

Roseville uses it on their golf courses and to industrial plants for landscape.

Commissioner Haswell – Wanted clarity on working relationship between Lincoln, Auburn and Placer. What if Auburn didn't want to be involved?

The Lincoln proposal includes the fact that Auburn might be involved. The plan is for decommissioning SMD1 quickly. Then bring on Auburn.

Commissioner Haswell – Biggest problem is the city fo Colfax, why?

Yes, Colfax is the biggest polluter. The costs of the pipes are very expensive from Colfax to SMD1. There is reserve capacity in the pipes to take Colfax's water.

Presentation on Raptor Electrocution in Placer County - Andy McBride, PG&E, Co-Founder of the California Foundation for Birds of Prey, Master Falconer, Owner of Gos Creek Consulting specializing in raptor safe power lines

PG&E will raptor proof 5 poles around the spot of a raptor electrocution.

Shared with the commission his golden eagle "Tesla" – she is about 30 yrs old. US Fish and Wildlife says she is the only surviving golden eagle of electrocution.

VIII. Garden Bar Dam – Approve the Commission's draft letter prepared for the Board of Supervisors recommending opposition to construction of a dam on the Bear River at Garden Bar.

Commissioner Salter motioned to accept the letter and forward it to the board. Commissioner Daniels seconded the motion All approved.

Petter Van Zant – Sierra Watch – thanked the commission for taking action.

Grant Requests – Consider annual grant proposals submitted to the Commission and award funding consistent with California Fish and Game Code Section 13103 and the Commission's Operating Procedures. Total awards are not to exceed \$1,000 per recipient

The commissioners discussed how to procedurally process applications. 1st identify who the commission will support. 2nd identify the amount the commission will allocate to each recipient.

Placer Sportsmen Inc.

(David Greg member) – request for support for the fish derby for children 15 years old and younger. This is for the regional fish derby. Costs may go up.

Commissioners discussed the process to determine how they will decide if the organization is worthy to receive money.

Commissioner Haswell motioned to accept this grant application for Placer Sportsman and determine the amount later.

Commissioner Daniels seconded

All voted in favor, Commissioner Gould abstained.

Wildlife Heritage Foundation

Commissioner Freidig pointed out that the organization has plenty of money.

Commissioner Haswell pointed out that this is for a Salmon Festival next year.

Commissioner Fowler motioned to accept this grant application for Wildlife Heritage Foundation and determine the amount later.

Commissioner Flanagan seconded

All voted in favor.

Placer Nature Center

Linda Desai – The contribution is for the Nature Bowl. The commission is not the only funding. For children in the 3rd - 6th grades and teaches them about wildlife. The money used to cover the costs. Usually there is about 10 teams of about 7 students each. The finals are 18 teams.

Commissioner Daniels motioned to accept this grant application for Placer Nature Center and determine the amount later.

Commissioner Salter seconded

All voted in favor.

Placer Nevada South Sutter North Sacramento Subwatershed Group

Tom Aguilar - President

Goal is to meet or improve on the water quality as dictated by the state. Send out two newsletters annually to educate their members on water quality. The money is to cover the costs of the newsletters. All members pay dues plus \$2 per acre they irrigate. Money goes to testing of the runoff water. They try for three newsletters per year, but funding has limited them to two per year.

Commissioner Gould – motioned to accept this grant application for and determine the amount later.

Commissioner Daniels seconded

All voted in favor.

Sportsmen Legacy Foundation

This is for one scholarship with proof of enrollment after working for the foundation for 7 months. Need to donate the money to the organization and not directly to the student.

Commissioner Daniels motioned to accept this grant application for and determine the amount later.

Commissioner Gould seconded

All voted in favor. Commissioner Fowler abstained.

Placer Land Trust

They discussed that there were salaries involved and were interested if approving this grant is a violation. The law was read to the commissioners. This grant is specifically for the construction and maintenance of the wood boxes.

Commissioner Haswell motioned to accept this grant application and determine the amount later.

Commissioner Salter seconded

All voted in favor.

Wildlife Shelter, Inc.

Someone made a complaint and Fish and Game should have taken action. Commissioner Daniels indicated that the group has been in the classroom. The commission discussed if they are a worthy organization to receive funds and the conflicting reports about the organization. Concerns about them being perceived as a wildlife shelter and they are not licensed

Commissioner Flanagan read to the audience the Wildlife Shelter, Inc mission statement.

Commissioner Flanagan read the internship program to the audience.

Commissioners pointed out the letter they received from the fish and game about a complaint forwarded to the board.

Commissioner Daniels – motioned to accept this grant application for and determine the amount later and that it be contingent on website to change her mission statement and goal.

No one seconded motion.

Commissioner Daniels – motioned to accept this grant application for and determine the amount later.

Commissioner Gould seconded

Commissioner Gould, Daniels and Salter voted in favor. Commissioners Fowler, Flanagan, Freidig and Haswell voted to opposed.

Motion not passed (vote 4 to 3.)

Fruitvale School

The purpose is to get town kids into the outdoors. Commissioner Fowler is on their board and spoke about the benefits of the program.

Commissioner Salter motioned to accept this grant application for and determine the amount later.

Commissioner Gould seconded

All voted in favor. Fowler abstained

Department of Fish and Game

Brian Moore spoke for the department and they are looking for towing equipment.

Commissioner Haswell motioned to accept this grant application and determine the amount later.

Commissioner Salter seconded

All voted in favor.

The commissioners discussed the budget and how to allocate the funds.

Commissioner Haswell motioned to reduce the grant amounts request by 21% for each organization

Commissioner Gould seconded.

All voted in favor

Final Awards:

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	Amount	Amount
	Requested	Awarded
Wildlife Heritage Foundation	\$1,000	\$785.55
Placer Nature Center	\$500	\$392.77
Placer Nevada S. Sutter N.Sac	\$645	4500.00
Subwatershed Group		\$506.68
Placer Sportsmen, Inc	\$1,000	\$785.55
Sportsmen's Legacy Foundation	\$500	\$392.77
Placer Land Trust	\$1,000	\$785.55
Fruitvale School	\$720	\$565.59
California Department of Fish & Game	\$1,000	\$785.55

Moving the November Commission meeting to another day

Commissioner Gould motioned to have the meeting a week earlier on Nov 16th.

Commissioner Daniels seconded All voted in favor

IX. ADJOURNMENT at 10:30