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**PLACER COUNTY  
FISH & GAME COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**TIME/DATE: 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, November 16, 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 Fowler, Don Gould, Mickey Daniels, Gary Flanagan, Ron Salter, Kari Freidig**
- III. APPROVAL OF Minutes FOR October, 26 2011.**

Commissioner Fowler motioned to approve the November 16<sup>th</sup> agenda.  
Gould seconded  
All in favor. None opposed.

Commissioners discussed the minutes and the process of clarifying the minutes.

Commissioner Daniels motioned to accept the first set of October 26<sup>th</sup> minutes with the final grant awards table added.  
Commissioner Gould seconded.  
All voted in favor. None 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***

David Gray – Thanked the board for the contribution to the 65th annual children's fish derby.

Ann Bryant – Loomis traps set for bears (mother and her 3 cubs). According to the public, the bears have moved more into the foothills. Wanted to let the public know the Bear League is willing to help with bear issues.

## **V. FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **A. Budget Update – Ed King**

Expenditures to date for FY 11/12 total \$1,361.15 including \$636.66 in commissioner's fees, \$200.00 in secretary fees and \$524.49 in mileage reimbursement. Budgeted expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year total \$9008.85.

Revenues to date total \$216.59, including \$101.72 in fine monies and \$114.87 in interest. A total of \$1,200.00 was budgeted for the current fiscal year.

### **B. Grant Awards Update - Ed King**

**Ed King**- Sent a letter to each approved grant recipient to let them know they have been awarded funding and the amount. Checks will be dispensed the end of the month.

**Ann Bryant** spoke about the grant that she received for the dumpster stickers. The printed up 500 stickers. Cost about \$3 apiece.

She spoke about another grant they received and the work they did. They then brought carabineers and used them on the dumpsters to prevent bears from getting into the dumpsters. This season was the lowest number of calls for the last 15 years.

## **VI. AGENCY REPORTS**

### **A. Commission Updates**

Commissioner Freidig reported about an Auburn Journal article about the family that had the bear problem. They indicated they did not ask for a depravation permit and enjoyed the bears being there. Additionally, it was only 3 chickens killed by the bears, not 20 as originally reported.

Commissioner Salter reported about the Central Sierra Association of Fish and Game Commissions. Indicated the different counties have the same

issue, one being the collection of fine moneys. Another topic at the meeting was about the strategic vision project that is looking to improve the operations of the Department of Fish and Game. Commissioner Flanagan also attended the meeting.

Commissioner Freidig inquired when the current meeting's agenda was posted and emailed out to the public.

The agenda was posted a week ahead and emailed to the public on the Monday before the meeting.

Commissioner Flanagan thanked those commissioners that talked to their supervisors about funding of this commission. Discussed the fine money assessed in Placer County for the current fiscal year. Indicated the Agriculture Commissioner, Josh Huntsinger, is going to request \$5000 for the operational expenses. Each meeting cost around \$500 a night and the commission has been authorization to hold 10 meetings. Commissioners discussed the funding and getting it from the county's general fund.

**B. California Department of Fish & Game**

None

**C. Nevada Irrigation District**

None

**D. Grant Proposal Update**

Did this earlier in the night.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Presentation by Supervisor Jim Holmes, District 3 on the Proposed Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant in Lincoln**

Jim Holmes took office in Jan of 2005.

Since then has been working on the waste water issue in Auburn. Indicated the board has gone down two paths.

In August, they give permission to staff that they can go out for bid on the Auburn plant, SMD1. The bid came in at \$10M over what they estimated.

The pipe to Lincoln has issues in front of it, for example:  
Cost, time and governance

Expanding the upgrading the Auburn site. It is 1.7 MGD now and will be upgrade to a higher capacity to 2.7. At build-out they could go to 4.2M. This will take 2 to 3 years to complete.

The question about Lincoln is governance and who gets to determine rates. With the auburn proposal, there is a chance the rates might go down. The auburn project would meet State and Federal regulations.

This project has been done on other waste treatment sites. They were able to do this on a smaller site: Hangtown waste water treatment plant. That site was only on 7 acres; where the Auburn site is on 14.

The company that will do the project has won many awards and has experience. The project at Hangtown was done on time and on budget.

Going to Lincoln in the long term might be a good idea. However, right now there are too many issues.

On Dec 6, the BOS are meeting to discuss this issue.

Commissioner Flanagan asked if the BOS is addressing/get more information at the December meeting.

Supervisor Holmes indicated that the governance is in question. What a governing body consists of has not been determined.

He hopes they make a decision at the Dec 6 meeting.

Commissioner Salter asked if the two projects could be worked on in parallel.

Yes, they have. However, they do not have a design, right away, costs to name a few unknowns.

The county has worked with the City of Lincoln for 10 years now and there are still many unknowns.

Commissioner Gould asked how long would the upgrades last?

The Auburn plant would be upgraded to support future needs. The expansion has more certainty.  
Have to let the state revolving funds know if they are going to use the funds by the middle of Dec. They that passes; they will lose the funding and have to go thru the process again.

Commissioner Flanagan asks if the county was in the sewage business.

His ratepayers are paying \$82 a month, and that is one of the most expensive in the county.

**B. Derek Bloomquist, Fish Biologist for US Fish & Wildlife Services, “Reintroduction of Cutthroat Trout into Lake Tahoe” (LTC).**

Stephanie Byers – gave a presentation about the Cutthroat, habitat and species characteristics.

Lahontan Cutthroat Trout (LCT) are one of 14 subspecies of trout.

Their disappearance was because of over fishing, loss of habitat and only 2 self sustaining pops, out of 7 originally.

She then talked about conservation and recovery efforts. A recovery plan created in 1995

They then talked about the genetics of the strains of the current lacustrine LCT.

Pilot Peak broodstock is the original from the Lake Tahoe Basin. They live for 25 to 30 years.

They are doing a lot of work to manager the genetics is insure genetic purity.

Current Recovery Actions:

Stocking Walker, Pyramid, and fallen leaf lake for research and monitoring  
All fish are tag and the adipose fin has been removed.

Commissioners asked questions:

Commissioner Flanagan commented about the Pyramid lake introduction of the Upper Truckee river fish the reduced the size of the fish. Asked if they are getting the larger sizes?

Yes, they are getting good growth,  $\frac{3}{4}$  to an inch per month. They are very happy with the growth rates. They are now stocking the Pilot Peak fish in to Pyramid Lake to watch their growth rates.

Derek Bloomquist indicates the Pyramid Lake fish are three years old right now.

Indicated they are using scientific methods. They are using Adaptive Methods Development

5 steps

1. Exploratory research and method developments. (This is where they are.)
2. Analyze and adapted methods to caper with research
3. Focus research to address specify questions
4. Organize and present
5. Communicate findings. Doing this with step one.

Fallen leaf lake is 1000<sup>th</sup> the size of Lake Tahoe

Started the research in 2002. Worked with UCD, UNR, UW and FWS

Research II (07 -09) There is a refuge for LCT above the thermacline.

Commissioner Freidig asked how the cutthroat are doing in Tahoe.

Cutthroats have been caught in the lake.

Lake trout and cutthroat are in different areas of the lake. AS the cutthroat get bigger and therefore would be in the large parts fo the lake.

Commissioner Flanagan asked about the eradication of the non-native species.

He thinks they can have a divisive fishery. He sees a co-existence of the species.

What they see in fallen leaf lake is that both coexist.

Commissioner Flanagan asked about inter breeding with rainbows.

They have not seen that as an issue.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Proposed Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant in Lincoln – Possible Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors**

The commissioner discussed the two proposals.

Commissioner Flower made motion that the Placer County Fish and Game Commission recommend to the Placer County Board of Supervisors support the region plant proposal in a formal letter.

Commissioner Freidig seconded the motion.

Commissioner Gould and Salter opposed.

Commissioners Freidig, Flanagan, Daniels and Fowler vote for the motion.

Commissioner Fowler will draft the letter and send it out the commission.

**B. Schedule/Cancel commission meeting for December**

**Next meeting will be Jan 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT at 9:05 pm**