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PLACER COUNTY FISH & GAME COMMISSION MINUTES

TIME/DATE: 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, January 23, 2013

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

Present: Fowler, Daniels, Flanagan, Freidig, McKenzie

Absent: Don Gould Resigned: Ron Salter

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR January 23, 2013 AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF December 19, 2012.

Agenda motion to approve: McKenzie/Freidig/MPUV

Minutes motion to approve: Fowler/Daniels/MPUV

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*

None.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT Budget Update – Ed King

Expenditures for FY 12/13 through December 31, 2012, total \$2736.67 including \$960.00 in commissioner's fees, \$500 in secretary fees and \$888.58 in mileage reimbursement. Grant award checks were issued and those expenditures will be reflected in February's budget report.

Revenues through November 30, 2012 total \$482.36, including \$401.03 in fine monies and \$81.33 in interest. A total of \$1200 was budgeted for the fiscal year.

Fine revenues for FY 11/12 totaled \$355.

VI. AGENCY REPORTS A. Commission Updates

Freidig — Bill Carnazzo, avid fisherman, member and past president of Granite Bay Flycasters, passed away on January 15.

McKenzie — Placer Land Trust hosted a tour of the Bruin Ranch/Harvego Bear River Preserve attended by Department of Fish and Wildlife staff Marc Kenyon and Victoria Barr, Commissioners Flanagan and McKenzie and Placer County staff to review possibly implementing DFWs SHARE program on the Preserve.

Flanagan — Request for Commissioner's to consider funding service appreciation plaques for past commission members Rob Haswell and Ron Salter.

Ken Kundargi, DFW biologist, committed to supplying 500 lbs of fish for Placer Sportsmen's Auburn Fish Derby in 2013. Planting size is ½ lb per fish.

B. California Department of Fish & Wildlife – Lt. John Lawson

Department name change to Fish and Wildlife became effective January 1.

Waterfowl season ends weekend of January 25-26 with one additional weekend for junior hunting February 2-3.

Deer season yielded higher than normal harvest rate due to increased snowfall at end of season. Roseville Meat took in 150 deer in one week—one of their best years for local deer.

Case recently closed regarding a March 2012 bear killing in Nevada County that Warden Karnow investigated. A convicted felon confessed to shooting a bear with an AK-47. He removed claws and a portion of the backstrap and buried the carcass. The shooting was not in self-defense. Judge deemed it a depredation kill and fined the individual \$200—none of which will go to the Nevada County Fish and Game Commission. No jail time was sentenced even though the subject is a convicted felon who was in possession of a firearm.

Dove hunting-baiting case closed. Each of the 9 subjects were fined \$2000 (base fine \$500) each. DFW is considering revoking the hunting club license.

Warden Kraft operated a decoy operation at the end of deer season at French Meadows Game Refuge. Six individuals were cited for shooting at DFWs decoy or for carrying rifles in game refuge.

DFW is reviewing depredation policy—potential changes upcoming.

C. Nevada Irrigation District Sue Sindt

NID will conduct its first snow survey January 25. Storage remains above average and precipitation is 128% above average. FERC relicensing is ongoing, nearing resolution on management plans.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

VII. Presentation-Stewart Perry, owner of Fawnridge Winery - Use of rehabilitated owls for rodent control in grape vineyards

Fawnridge Vineyard/Winery has been releasing rehabilitated owls—screech and barn owls—for three years in coordination with a Sacramento based non-profit wildlife rehabilitation group. Fawnridge uses organic farming methods and is concerned with raptors and other predators being affected by pesticide use. Winery dedicates \$2.00 per bottle of a special wine release each year to the rehabilitation group they work with.

ACTION ITEMS

VIII. Request by Jack Sanchez, Save the Auburn Ravine Salmon and Steelhead, (SARSAS) for the Commission to look into the Village 1 Plan for property Development on Auburn Ravine Near TCGC Lincoln. SARSAS believes this development may adversely affect recovering salmon and Steelhead habitat and populations in Auburn Ravine of these listed species

Steve Hubbard presenting on behalf of SARSAS. SARSAS's review of the City of Lincoln's Village 1 EIR indicates that the development will have significant impact on salmon and steelhead in Auburn Ravine. SARSAS documented 273 Chinook salmon returned to Auburn Ravine to spawn in 2012 and counted 43 redds. The Village 1 EIR, approved by the City of Lincoln, has no mention of salmon.

Village 1 is one of seven villages Lincoln is planning. The property is within Lincoln's sphere of influence, but has not been annexed into the city.

Auburn Ravine is a unique stream and habitat that cannot be replaced or mitigated elsewhere.

Turkey Creek Golf Course currently owns two parcels along Auburn Ravine within the Village 1 proposal area that have high quality fish habitat.

SARSAS requests the Commission become the lead agency in reviewing the Village 1 plan and development and ensure proper mitigation measures are implemented t protect fish habitat.

The Commission reminded SARSAS of their role as an advisory to the Board of Supervisors and stated that it would be inappropriate to serve as a lead agency monitoring Lincoln's development plans. However, the Commission offered to research the Village 1 proposal and possibly make a recommendation to the Board.

Motion: Commission research the City of Lincoln's Village 1 development plans and evaluate related potential impacts to salmon and steelhead in Auburn Ravine and make appropriate recommendations to the Board of Supervisors (Freidig/Fowler/MPUV).

IX. Determine grant awards budget for fiscal year 2013-2014

Motion: Budget \$5000 for the FY 2013-14 grant awards program. (Fowler/Daniels/MPUV).

- X. Adjournment 8:10 PM
- XI. Next meeting: February 27, 2013