



**COUNTY OF PLACER
FISH & GAME COMMISSION**

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**PLACER COUNTY
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Minutes**

TIME/DATE: 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, March 27, 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, Chairperson
- II. **ROLL CALL** – Mark Fowler, Mickey Daniels, Don Gould, Gary Flanagan, Kari Freidig, Pam Cubbler

Absent: Gregg McKenzie

- III. **Approval of agenda for March 27, 2012 and minutes for February 27, 2012**

Commissioner Freidig motioned to accept the agenda.
Commissioner Daniels seconded the motion.
All commissioners voted to accept the agenda.

Unable to approve meeting minutes due to lack of quorum of commissioners who attended the February meeting.

- 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 three (3) minutes. ***No action can be taken on items addressed under Public Comment***

None.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Budget Update – Ed King

Expenditures for FY 12/13, through February 28, 2013, total \$5422.13 including, \$1230.00 in commissioner's fees, \$600.00 in secretary fees, \$1202.16 in mileage reimbursement and \$2000 in grant awards.

Revenues through February 28, 2013, total \$851.80, including \$758.64 in fine monies and \$93.16 in interest. A total of \$1200.00 was budgeted for the fiscal year.

VI. AGENCY REPORTS

A. Commission Updates

Commissioner Fowler updated the commission on mercury studies. The State Water Board will hold a hearing on April 15. No action will be taken at the meeting.

Commissioner Flanagan attended the Sierra Club presentation: "Living with Wildlife and Leaving it Wild." Sara Holm, DFW biologist, addressed nuisance call responses, depredation, and public safety in dealing with wildlife issues. Placer County Agricultural Commissioner Josh Huntsinger presented on the county's wildlife services program.

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

Turkey season opens weekend of March 30. Junior season opened weekend of March 23.

Lt. Lawson inquired about fine revenue collection from the dove baiting case.

Ed indicated that the commission's share of the base fine, anticipated to be \$2250, had not yet been deposited into the County Fish & Game Fund.

Ninety percent of the fish and game laws are prosecuted as misdemeanors, which allow judges to reduce base fines to \$10. Infractions cannot be lower than \$100. Wobblers can go as infractions.

Until cases go through the judicial system, Lt. Lawson is reluctant to release complete case information. He indicated he could provide the citation number and the violation. He can direct file some cases. For example, fishing with a barbed hook should not go to the DA.

Commissioner Flanagan asked Ed King to follow-up on the dove baiting case.

The weekly reports are not indicative of all DFW activities. They contain only major cases.

There are several issues on Lake Tahoe, including out of state guides and craw fishing industry. They will be working with Nevada Fish and Game on enforcement.

In Sierra County, a recent case resulted in a settlement payment of \$9000 to the Fish and Game Commission.

They are still working to find a boat slip on Lake Tahoe.

C. Nevada Irrigation District – Sue Sindt

Storage is well above average—125%.

Snow pack is 50% of average.

Carry over storage may be a little behind average.

FERC relicensing Draft EIS due in March has been delayed 3 weeks due to complexities with combining Yuba-Bear and Drum-Spaulding projects.

Non-Action Items

VII. George Dellwo, Assistant Director of Development Services, City of Lincoln: Village 1 Plan, Auburn Ravine, and the recovering Salmon/Steelhead populations & habitat.

Mr. Dellwo presented an overview of Lincoln's Village 1 plan, which was entitled at the end of 2012. Village 1 is part of the city's plan, which ultimately will comprise seven villages.

Village 1 is located on the east side of Lincoln and covers 32 square miles on either side of Hwy 193, and includes 45 different property owners and has 5400 planned dwelling units based on smart growth principles.

Auburn Ravine will be designated as open space preserve and maintained as such in perpetuity. One-hundred year flood plain will be protected.

Commissioner Fowler asked about the setbacks from the flood plain.

Setbacks will vary depending on biological resources, but in no case will be less than the 100-year flood plain.

Commissioner Fowler asked what they are doing on the flood plain.

Predominately Auburn Ravine, including the flood plain, will remain in its natural state. Access in some areas will be restricted. Invasive species removal and other restoration work will be conducted along the ravine.

Annex applications will be initiated in the next few months.

EIR was certified in December 2012. City of Lincoln will to adhere to all required mitigation measures.

Commissioner Flanagan asked when USGS last updated their flood plain.

Lincoln hired Civil Solutions to computer model and define the Auburn Ravine flood plain in greater detail that available from USGS.

Commissioner Flanagan asked if salmon and steelhead were present during compilation of the EIR?

Yes, they have observed steelhead and salmon in the creek. The Department of Fish and Wildlife has flagged redds and is watching them.

Commissioner Flanagan asked if Lincoln has considered teaming up with Placer Land Trust to manage open spaces.

The city will manage areas designated as open space preserves.

Commissioner Fowler asked about setbacks in other areas.

Setbacks in other areas with larger banks are more narrow than in Auburn Ravine. DFW requires fencing on all properties that back up to Ravine.

Downstream of Villiage 1 the city has worked to prevent flooding.

Commissioner Flanagan asked about siltation resulting from asphalt and concrete runoff.

Natural swales, filtering catch basins at discharge points and other low impact development techniques will be used.

Commissioner Fowler asked who the property developers are.

Epic Homes
Elliot Homes
Lake Homes

Commissioner Flanagan indicates that these small creeks are keeping the salmon and steelhead fisheries healthy.

Public Comment:

Steve Hubbard, SARSAS/concerned citizen – Expressed concerns about this project. The level of the plan is very vague. Environmental review of the Village 1 development should be as extensive as other similar projects. Ensure the same degree of public access is maintained. It is unclear if access is integrated into the existing plan. EIR has no mention of salmon or steelhead.

Jack Sanchez, SARSAS – Nowhere in the EIR are salmon or steelhead mentioned. Village 1 is as large as Sun City and right on the Auburn Ravine. SARSAS recently worked with NID to enhance fish passage below Lincoln Blvd and 300 Salmon have been counted in the area. It is early in the process and the developer has time to do something about it. As it stands currently, Village 1 is a poorly crafted plan with no mitigation for salmon and steelhead.

Mr. Dellwo responded that the project is approved and salmon and steelhead are addressed in the EIR.

Epic and Lake Homes are under the project-level EIR. Elliot Homes is going to use the programmatic EIR. Adrian Graham and Associates did the EIR.

Action Items

VIII. Discussion and vote on Fish & Game Budget and number of meetings for the 2013/14 fiscal year

Commission operating expenses for the current fiscal year are being supported by the County General Fund. The County Executive Office is recommending General Fund support for FY 13/14 in the amount of \$4000, a \$1370 reduction from the current FY.

Commissioner Fowler indicated that his supervisor didn't think the budget should have been cut.

Commissioner Flanagan indicated his supervisor said that \$4000 was enough and suggested each commissioner talk to their supervisor regarding the proposed budget reduction.

Commissioner Daniels indicated that all meetings should have an action item.

Commissioner Flanagan stated that a regular meeting schedule at a rate of 10 meetings per year helps maintain momentum and the meetings are informational to the public.

Commissioner Daniels indicated that each meeting cost \$500 which is money that cannot be used to fund grants.

Commissioner Freidig indicates that 10 meetings per year are adequate.

Commissioner Fowler indicated that the meetings without actions items have informational value.

There is almost \$9000 in reserves that can be used to balance annual commission operating expenses.

Commissioner Gould motioned to continue to hold 10 meetings per year.

Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion.

Commissioner Daniels voted against the motion

All other Commissioners voted yes. Motion passed.

VIII. Update on ex-commissioner plaques

Two service appreciation plaques were purchased for previous commission members.

X. ADJOURNMENT at 8:40pm

XI. Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 22, 2012