



**COUNTY OF PLACER
FISH & GAME COMMISSION**

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**PLACER COUNTY
FISH & GAME COMMISSION
Minutes**

TIME/DATE: 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, September 25, 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 – Don Gould, Chairperson

II. ROLL CALL – Mark Fowler, Gary Flanagan, Mickey Daniels, Don Gould

Absent: Kari Freidig, Gregg McKenzie

III. Approval of agenda for September 25th , 2012 and minutes for August 28th, 2012

Commissioner Daniels motioned to accept the agenda.

Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion.

All commissioners voted to accept the agenda.

Commissioner Daniels motioned to accept the minutes from August 28, 2012.

Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion

All voting commissioners voted to accept the minutes.

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

There were no recorded expenditures through August. A total of \$10,370 is budgeted for FY 13/14 including \$2,100 in commissioner's fees, \$1,000 in secretary charges, \$2,000 for mileage reimbursement and \$5,000 for grant awards.

Revenues through August 31, 2013, total \$112.51, including \$45.81 in court fines, \$29.45 in penalty assessments and \$37.25 in interest.

VI. AGENCY REPORTS

A. Commission Updates

Commissioner Flanagan suggested the Commission follow up on recent dove and deer baiting cases reported in Lt. Lawson's weekly DFW report.

Commissioner Daniels raised concerns about commercial crawdad traps in Lake Tahoe and the issues with submerged buoys. Fishermen are getting lines and propellers caught in the trap lines because buoys are positioned underwater. Commissioners suggested Commissioner Daniels contact DFW and place the issue on next month's agenda as an action item.

Commissioner Flanagan reported that he will contact the Glenn County Fish and Game Commission regarding their letter requesting joint support to oppose anti-hunting and trapping bills.

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

Lt. Lawson reported he was on vacation the last couple of weeks and the weekly reports were not sent.

Robert Pelzman, DFW Foresthill warden, has been promoted. Lt. Lawson is relocating the Foresthill warden position to Colfax to help accommodate Nevada County coverage. Pelzman's replacement will start on December 1.

Warden Brian Moore has been reassigned to DFW's volunteer program creating another warden position vacancy.

Lt. Lawson returned an older 35 mm camera donated to DFW by the Placer County Fish and Game Commission.

Warden Kraft and Lt. Lawson caught two individuals hunting doves over bait early on the September 1st dove opener.

Kraft and Lawson also witnessed and cited an archer hunting deer over bait on September 1.

There seems to be many cases (9 or 10) of deer baiting cases. There are 3 that they are likely to be cited. DFW is receiving information from the CALTIPs program.

The 27' Grady White boat is fully functional. This will be a split boat (El Dorado and Placer Counties). Spring/Summer it will be used in Tahoe. In the Fall/Winter it will be used in the delta. Ideally, Lt. Lawson would like to have it docked in the Homewood area of Lake Tahoe.

Lt. Lawson will check into the litigation on the Wal-Mart and Target developments in Loomis.

Commissioner Flanagan asked about the safflower fields at Spenceville Wildlife Area. It was reported that the department plants those fields for upland bird habitat.

C. Nevada Irrigation District – Sue Sindt

None

Non-Action Items

VII. 2013 Grant Program - Ed King

Grant applications have been received by SARSAS, Placer Nature Center, and the City of Roseville Stormwater Dept.

October 4 is the deadline for requesting a Grant.

VIII. Briefing on Representative LaMalfa's Public Forum on the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Proposed Critical Habitat Designation for the Sierra Nevada Yellow-Legged Frog in Placer County

The Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog, northern distinct population of the Mountain Yellow-legged frog and the Yosemite Toad are all proposed to be listed

as either threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is proposing critical habitat designations necessary for recovery. Rep. Doug LaMalfa held a public forum in Auburn on September 4 to discuss the critical habitat designations and seek public comment.

There were over 100 in attendance and all but one of the commenters spoke against the critical habitat designations with concerns over potential restrictions on land and resource uses—fishing, grazing, timber, mining. No Placer County Fish & Game Commissioners were able to attend. There was concern over the actual cause of species decline, be it habitat degradation, non-native fish or the chytrid fungus.

Only proposed habitat designations in Placer County are for the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog, and total 9,000 acres, most of which is on U.S. Forest Service lands. The total critical habitat designations total around 2 million acres for all 3 species. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff explained most of the proposed designations are on public lands and that the critical habitat designations require evaluation of public agency activities within those areas. Supervisor Montgomery expressed concern about potential restrictions in developed areas that are included in the critical habitat areas. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff stated that developed areas, although within critical habitat boundaries, would be excluded from any critical habitat requirements.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service opened a comment period for the critical habitat designations, which was supposed to close in June, but has been extended to November 18 at the request of Reps. LaMalfa, McClintock and others.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is also contracting an economic study of the proposed critical habitat listings.

IX Letter of Request from the Glenn County Fish & Game Commission to Oppose Anti-Hunting Legislation

Commissioner Gould read a letter from Glenn County Fish and Game Commission that requested interest in working with them to oppose anti-hunting or trapping legislation.

Commissioner Daniels pointed out that they cannot form a group. This is up to the Board of Supervisors. This commission cannot officially work with Glenn County. The commission agreed they could not do anything politically.

Commissioner Flanagan volunteered to follow up with Glenn County.

Christine Rydell from Sen. Jim Nielsen's office reported that AB 711 (ban on lead ammunition) is on the Governor's desk and he has until October 4 to approve or veto the legislation.

Commissioner Gould reported that there are 52 bills currently in the legislature. Of the 52 bills, 25 of them that are anti-hunting or anti-gun bills. Most of the legislation is coming from the urban areas.

X. ADJOURNMENT at 7:55

Commissioner Daniels motioned to adjourn the meeting.
Commissioner Flanagan seconded the motion.
All voting commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

XI. Next meeting will be Wednesday October 23, 2012