



**COUNTY OF PLACER  
FISH & GAME COMMISSION**

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**FISH & GAME COMMISSION MEMBERS**

<b>DISTRICT 1</b> Don Gould	<b>DISTRICT 2</b> Mark Fowler
<b>DISTRICT 3</b> Vacant	<b>DISTRICT 4</b> Gary Flanagan
<b>DISTRICT 5</b> Kari Freidig	<b>DISTRICT 5</b> Marc Wyatt
<b>DISTRICT 5</b> Mickey Daniels	

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**PLACER COUNTY  
FISH & GAME COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**TIME/DATE: 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, February 24, 2016**

**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 – Marc Wyatt**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Daniels, Fowler, Flanagan, Freidig, Wyatt  
**Absent:** Gould

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR February 24, 2016 AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF January 27, 2016**

**Agenda:** Daniels/Fowler/MPUV  
**Minutes:** Flanagan/Freidig/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***  
N/A

**V. FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Budget Update – Ed King**

Expenditures through January 31, totaled \$2,017 including \$690 in commissioner's fees, \$726 in mileage reimbursement, \$270 for media services, and \$303 A-87 costs.

Revenues through January 31, totaled \$814, including \$456 in fines, \$275 in penalty assessments and \$83 in interest.

King also reported that there are two restitution payments in the pipeline. Freidig asked for clarification on what constituted the media services in the budget. King replied that it was for someone from Telecommunications to set up our use of the microphones, computer, and screen for presentations. Flanagan confirmed with King that media services were calculated into the budget. Wyatt and Flanagan reported they had spoken to their respective district Supervisors about increasing the Commission's budget to be able to fund more meetings; Fowler reported he was meeting with Supervisor Weygandt tomorrow.

## **VI. AGENCY REPORTS**

### **A. Commission Updates**

Wyatt brought a flyer for the 2016 Wild & Scenic Film Festival showing on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the State Theater in Auburn.

#### **1. State Fish & Game Commission Subcommittee- Mark Fowler**

Applications are due March 11 for the Fisheries Restoration Grant Program. Nominations are also due May 2 for the Fisheries & Restoration Program Peer Review committee for a 4-year term. There will be four turkey hunts offered in Yolo County at the Bobcat Ranch as part of the SHARE program. Because the invasive mud snail has been detected in the lower Feather River, CDFW asks that people take care to clean off and dry fishing and recreation gear. The snail is 4-6 mm long and competes for food with native species. CDFW is proposing to close all fishing in the Sacramento River from 650 feet below the Keswick Dam to the Hwy 44 overpass to protect winter-run salmon, from April 1 to July 31. CDFW and USFS seek volunteers to assist in a bighorn sheep survey in the San Gabriel Mountains.

Freidig wanted to follow up on the bear problem that was touched on in October. Freidig had put together some ideas and requested that the Commission discuss in the future whether any projects are feasible. For instance, Freidig wondered about creating brochures for residents to instruct them on steps they should take to deal with bear issues.

Wyatt reminded those present that Gregg McKenzie's Commission position for District 3 was vacant, and that his own position in District 5 would be vacant in April when he moves to Montana. Wyatt said to contact Ed King for information on how to apply.

### **B. California Department of Fish & Wildlife- Lt. John Lawson**

Lawson stated that having one brochure with input from every organization dealing with bear issues would be difficult, as they all have different policies and opinions on what should be done. CDFW works with the Bear League, who helps

educate the public about living in bear country. Lawson stated that a bear population increase means that Grass Valley and Nevada City have become bear hotspots. Lawson reported a bear shooting incident in the Tahoe basin in which a very large bear was living under a cabin's deck, and was discovered when it pushed up on the floor. The homeowner called the Sheriff's office, and while the responding deputy was trying to drive the bear off, the bear reportedly charged the deputy, who shot it.

Freidig asked Lawson if there were anything he could recommend to the Commission to do to help spread information about bears. Lawson suggested it would be helpful to distribute information to public.

Lawson also reported that turkey season was coming up. Lawson also reported on the plans for training with the new Tahoe boat. Lawson has also been taking instruction on using drones, which have already been used in southern California to mark positions of fish poachers in the water. Lawson stated that there are many difficult to access areas in the forest where a drone would be useful.

Lawson introduced Warden Ian Berry, the new Colfax officer, who is also boat patrol. Berry was assigned in Los Angeles and San Francisco, where he got his boat certification, but is originally from Auburn.

### **C. Nevada Irrigation District/PCWA**

#### **February 2016 NID Report - Sue Sindt**

Storage = 198,300 AF; 116% of average for this date; 75% of capacity

Precipitation at Bowman Lake = 51.13"; 111% of average for this date.

We are going to do snow surveys at the end of the week. For Feb 1 we were at 122% of average. With the below average February precipitation, I'm estimating we are at 90-95% of the March 1 average for snow water equivalent.

#### **February 2016 PCWA Report – Ben Ransom**

French Meadows is at 5,201' (63,285 AF)

Hell Hole is at 4,511' (91,235 AF)

There's a good chance both reservoirs will fill this spring

Whitewater boating releases will be determined later this spring

Middle Fork Project campground facilities are planned to be opened by the USFS between May 15 and Memorial Day weekend, pending accessibility/snow

Folsom is at 432' (632,000 AF); releases have been increased to 7,200 cfs in order release water that is currently being stored within the flood reservation, flows are forecasted to be back to 4,600 cfs by Feb 28.

## **NON-ACTION ITEMS**

**VII. “How the Family Water Alliance is saving hundreds of juvenile fish in Auburn Ravine” – James Haufler, Friends of Auburn Ravine**

Haufler presented a slideshow of the installation of the Pleasant Grove canal fish screens.

**VIII. “Wildlife of Auburn Ravine - a photo essay” – O Truman Holtzclaw, retired educator and professional photographer**

Holtzclaw presented selections of his wildlife photographs, all taken near his home in Lincoln.

**IX. Next Meeting and Future Agenda Items**

March 23, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

Flanagan stated that Mitch Lockhart has offered to report on the American River Hatchery’s spring running.

**X. Adjournment**

7:30