



County of Placer  
**Fish and Game Commission**  
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District 1 – Don Gould	District 5 – vacant
District 2 – Mark Fowler	District 5 – Mickey Daniels
District 3 – Justin Gragg	District 5 – Frances Ragle
District 4 – vacant	

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, February 24, 6:00 P.M.**

Placer County Planning Commission Hearing Room  
3091 County Center Drive, Auburn, CA  
County Contact: Corrie Larsen

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chair, Frances Ragle.

### 2. Roll Call

Present: Amber Beckler, Mark Fowler, Don Gould, Justin Gragg, Frances Ragle, Alexia Retallack.  
Absent: Mickey Daniels.

### 3. Approval of agenda for February 24, 2021 and approval of minutes from October 28, 2020

Agenda: Motion by Fowler, second by Gragg, MPUV.

Minutes: Motion by Gragg, second by Fowler, MPUV.

### 4. Public Comment: Michael Garabedian with Placer County Tomorrow shared information regarding Fish and Game code in relation to the ecosystem landscape in the Placer County Conservation Plan. Jeff Darlington, Executive Director of Placer Land Trust, welcomed new Commission Members, thanked both as well as thanking leaving member, Gary Flanagan, for his many years of service.

### 5. Financial Report

#### FY2021 to date

- Current Balance: \$20,682.57
- Court Fines: \$64.32
- Grants Issued: \$0
- Commissioners Per Diem & Mileage: \$90
- Pending IT Charges: \$750.00

### 6. Agency Reports

#### A. Commissioner Reports: no reports

#### B. State Fish & Game Commission Subcommittee:

Mark Fowler reporting on the following: California Department of Fish and Wildlife transitioning to e-booklets of regulations and going paperless to save money. The State has a new Commission President, Peter Silva, and Samantha Murray remains as Vice President. There is a Salmonellosis outbreak in the California Finch population. There is a concern with feeders on the North Coast, the Sierra Foothills, and in the Sierras. Camping reopened as of 2/1/21. The California Upland Game Bird Stamp contest won by Oregon resident. The stamp is a morning dove. Stamp purchased by game hunters. The Veterans and active military had opportunities for their Waterfowl Hunting Days to participate. 650 people participated throughout the State. The hunts are held on State and Federal managed public hunting areas. Gray Lodge had an output of 6 birds per hunter on the weekend of February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.



**C. Land Use Subcommittee:** no report

**D. Department of Fish & Wildlife:** not present

**E. Nevada Irrigation District and Placer County Water Agency**

- NID's latest total reservoir storage numbers as of 2/17/21 – We are 86% of average for this time of year in total reservoir storage and are at 65% of capacity. Our precipitation as measured at Bowman Lake is 25.85" which is 59% of our historical average for February 17<sup>th</sup>. While the rain percentage is low, the one bright spot is the amount of snow we have so far. Based off our snow surveys completed in early February, we had 17.1" of water content in the snowpack which was approximately 85% of the February average.
- PCWA – no report

**7. Introductions:**

District 4 Fish & Game Commissioner, Amber Beckler: grew up in rural and agricultural community in South Dakota, lots of fishing and hunting, moved to California 15 years ago, started studies in Environmental Engineering, worked in Nevada County with GIS, land use, zoning, general plan, then moved to healthcare, more active in the last few years and is passionate about environmental management and conservation, wants to learn and make a difference.

District 5 Fish & Game Commissioner, Alexia Retallack: Placer native, born and raised in Auburn, work and live here, worked for 21 years in the State Fish and Wildlife in education, then with spill response organization – environmental enforcement in response to pollution, assisted with regulations, an angler with a hunting license, come from hunting/fishing family, enjoy camping, hiking, outdoors, worked for Placer County, then moved to energy sector, excited to join Commission and look forward to serving representing constituents and opportunities to help improve the outdoors.

**8. Presentation:** Commendation to Gary Flanagan for his 13 years of service on the Fish & Game Commission.

Gary stated he enjoyed serving his time on the Commission and work on environmental issues. Thanked the Commission for the plaque, a map of Placer County. Enjoyed working with Placer County Agriculture. He was appointed to the Granite Bay MAC and wants to continue serving.

**9. Action Item:** none

**10. Adjournment** – 6:55pm