MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 22, 2019, 6:00 P.M.
Placer County Planning Commission Hearing Room
3091 County Center Drive, Auburn, CA
County Contact: Ed King

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Mark Fowler called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2. **Roll Call** - Present: Don Gould, Mark Fowler, Mickey Daniels, Frances Ragle and Gary Flanagan.

3. **Approval of May 22, 2019 Agenda** - Motion by Gould, second by Daniels, MPUV & April 24, 2019 Minutes - Motion by Flanagan, second by Ragle, MPUV

4. **Public Comment**: Individuals may address the Commission on items under the jurisdiction of the Fish and Game 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.

5. **Financial Report**
Operational expenditures to date total $6,228 including $2,450 in grant awards.
Court fines and penalty assessments collected to date total $21,966.

6. **Agency Reports**
   A. **Commissioner Reports**
   B. **State Fish & Game Commission Subcommittee**: Mark Fowler reported on the recent State meeting:
      1) Nomination are now being accepted for Fisheries Grant Program Peer Review Committee - the deadline is May 31st.
      2) CDF&W is seeking applicants for Natural Resource Volunteer Program. Some programs are in the Sacramento area; help CDF&W staff, 16 hours per month, 18 years of age, deadline is June 14th.
      3) Recreational Ocean Salmon season reopened on May 18th - and goes until October 31st in the San Francisco and Fort Bragg areas.
      4) Feather River Smolt were released May 8th into the Feather River at the Boyd’s Pump Launch facility. One million fall run Chinook were released. The experimental in-river release is a study of how the fish respond compared to release sites.
5) The first public meeting was scheduled for today for the Recreational Red Abalone Management Plan Project Team.
6) CDF&W awarded $48.5 million for Ecosystem and Watershed Restoration Protection and Scientific Study Projects including Sierra Valley Mountain Meadow $648,077 (Feather River Land Trust) and Oroville Wildlife Flood Stage Reduction and Restoration $3,139,136 and $1,716,847.
7) New Native Trout Challenge kicks off in 12 Western States with different levels and 21 species of native trout

C. Land Use Subcommittee: Don Gould - no report
D. Department of Fish & Wildlife: Lt. Brian Moore - Not much activity lately because of the weather. French Meadows is open and has some activity. Recently there are some mountain lion issues.

E. Nevada Irrigation District and Placer County Water Agency

NID:
As of May 20:
Storage = 254,780 AF; 94% capacity; 106% of average for this date.
Jackson Meadows and Bowman are still filling as the snowmelt continues. We will be doing June snow surveys will be done at the highest snow courses; which we rarely do.
Reservoirs are going to stay near full into June and carryover storage will be above average.

PCWA: None.

7. Informational Item
Deer DNA Study in the Sierra Nevada and Central Coast Ranges – David Casady and Rhonda Paiste, California Department of Fish & Wildlife. David and Rhonda are both Environmental Scientists within CDFW’s Wildlife Branch, Big Game Unit.

David and Rhonda shared information on their efforts to study deer populations including demographic data collection and analysis, population modeling, and conducting applied research on population dynamics. They compared the present method of helicopter surveying (probability detection) to on-the-ground camera and feces sampling. They have hired 20 new field techs to help with this project. This method is one developed by the Sacramento Field Office (based on a method used in Alaska) and hopes to prove a lot more exact in estimating deer population. This will be used for population modeling in the “B” zone and hunting allotments. There is an article published on this study in the Journal of Wildland Management - peer reviewed.

8. Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.