MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 26, 2019, 6:00 P.M.
Placer County Planning Commission Hearing Room
3091 County Center Drive, Auburn, CA
County Contact: Corrie Larsen

1. Call to Order – Chair Mark Fowler called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Roll Call - Present: Don Gould, Mark Fowler, Mickey Daniels, Frances Ragle and Kari Freidig.

3. Approval of June 26, 2019 Agenda - Motion by Gould, second by Daniels, MPUV & May 22, 2019 Minutes - Motion by Freidig, 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.

Joshua Huntsinger, Placer County Agricultural Commissioner introduced Corrie Larsen as the new Placer County Deputy Agricultural Commissioner and county contact for the Fish & Game Commission.

5. Financial Report
Operational expenditures to date total $6,328 including $2,450 in grant awards. Court fines and penalty assessments collected to date total $22,039.

6. Agency Reports
A. Commissioner Reports:
   ● Ragle – Todds Valley Miwok-Maidu Cultural Foundation is planning an extended clean-up of 18 acres of BLM land at 2650 Foresthill Rd, Foresthill. Clean-up scheduled for Saturday, June 29, 2019.
   ● Gould - attended Ag Tour Day – Weed abatement in Rocklin area with sheep. Aguilar Farm visit discussed difficulty in finding skilled labor. Fowler Nursery lunch also discussed labor difficulties.

B. State Fish & Game Commission Subcommittee: Fowler
   ● CDFW graduated 6 new canine cadets, none specifically for this area.
   ● Bats at Yolo Bypass, there are 30 days to view from June-Sept.
   ● July 6 and August 31 are free fishing days.

C. Land Use Subcommittee: Gould - no report
D. Department of Fish & Wildlife: Lt. Brian Moore (CDFW) –

- Fishing not great due to high water levels.
- Placer County expected to get a few fish plants in coming weeks.
- Lead ban on ammunition goes into effect July 1. Will need to wait and see if it affects the number of hunters.
- Auburn warden position open. May be filled by Colfax warden which will trigger another opening.
- Wildlife management hired an environmental scientist to cover nuisance and injured wildlife calls. Stationed in Rancho Cordova will cover all of Region 2. Should help take some workload off of wardens for those type of calls.
- Grant monies used for game camera and security box. Has not yet been put into use due to security concerns. Waiting to purchase security cables and SD cards.

E. Nevada Irrigation District and Placer County Water Agency

NID: None.

PCWA:
French Meadows (FM) Storage = 135,000 acre feet (AF) of 135,000 AF = 100% Capacity. Middle Fork American River (MFAR) above FM Inflow (R24) = ~900 cubic feet per second (cfs) (15 day AVG). Spill at French Meadows is ~200 cfs Run-off dropping relatively quickly and French Meadows will stop spilling soon Hell Hole (HH) Storage = 198,000 AF of 207,590 AF = ~95% Capacity. Five Lakes Inflow (R23) = ~600 cfs (15 day AVG). Rubicon Inflow (R22) = ~675 cfs (15 day AVG). Potential for small amount of spill at end on June; run-off dropping relatively quickly. Combined Storage (FM+HH) = 333,000 AF/342,590 AF = ~97% Capacity = ~116% of AVG. 1975-2016 AVERAGE for June 20th = 286,000 AF  
POWER PRODUCTION Full Load 24/7 unless negative pricing occurs. MFAR flows below Oxbow; Last 7 days AVG= 1,600 cfs; peak= 2,200 cfs; min= 1,300 cfs.  
RECREATION  
Blacksmith Flat Road just above Ralston Powerhouse – 2017 slide reactivated – NO ETA. All campgrounds, day-use areas, and boat ramps are open and accessible EXCEPT Big Meadows Campground, which should open soon (closed due to hazard trees)
Ragle – signs being removed from Ralston Ridge, as if preparing to close roads off and limit public access to areas. Going with water agency and forest service to French Meadows and will try to get answers as to why signs are being removed.

7. **Informational Item:**
   2018 Grant recipients presented the outcomes of their grant projects.
   - Dry Creek Conservancy, Gregg Bates, Secret Ravine Water Monitoring Sensor - Interns from Sierra College working on project to estimate volume of stream water, taught interns to use manual instruments, traveled to USGS for stream gauging presentation, refurbished electronic loggers that measures elevation of water. Hoping to use data for future stream restoration projects.
   - Gold Country Wildlife Rescue, Greg Grimm - Brought wildlife educational ambassador *Bella*, a great-horned owl who is an imprint and cannot be released into the wild. Provides service to greater Placer County area. 2018 – 3,354 intakes, so far in 2019 – 2,057. 91% of donations used directly for programs. 12,053 phone calls last year. Recent cases of note include a bobcat from Paradise fire found with 5th degree burns on paws, foxes with burned off nails, botulism ducks from the state of Nevada (200-300) provided with supportive care, turkey stuck in truck grill, jarhead coyote and jarhead fox.
   - Placer Nature Center, Linda Desai – Nature Bowl is science based educational competition program for 3rd/4th graders and 5th/6th graders. Events included Nature Relay and Team Questions. Coaches are trained in January, semi-finals held in April, finals in May at Sacramento State University. 2 Placer County schools placed in the Finals.

2019 Grant applications - Freidig would like to add a request for photos from grant recipients to be used in County advertising. Corrie Larsen will edit application to reflect request for photos.

8. **Action Item** – Commission Officer Nominations
   - Freidig motions Daniels as Chair and Ragle as Vice Chair, seconded by Gould. MVUP. Elections will be held at next Commission meeting.

9. **Adjournment** - the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.