MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 25, 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 Mickey Daniels called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.


3. **Approval of September 25, 2019 Agenda** - Motion by Mark Fowler, second by Don Gould, MPUV
   
   **Approval of August 28, 2019 Minutes** - Motion by Justin Bragg, second by Frances 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**
   - September operational expenditures to date total: $457.06.
   - Court fines and penalty assessments collected to date: $46.87.
   - Balance: $21,295.

   It was requested to have copy of report available at meeting.

6. **Agency Reports**
   
   A. **Commissioner Reports**: Kari Freidig –
      - 30 high end species, trout, were successfully relocated
      - Commission planner was sent out to all members for review and comments. Adjustment will be needed to account for the holidays.

   B. **State Fish & Game Commission Subcommittee**: Mark Fowler –
      - Registration are now open for San Joaquin County Sandhill Crane Tours. Tours begin October 5, 2019 through February 2020, from mid-to-late afternoon during the first 3 weekends of each month.
• Chronic Wasting Disease identified in Deer and Elk populations, has not been detected in California. California is at a low risk; but surveillance will remain a priority.
• California’s 2019-2020 tree squirrel season will be open from Saturday, September 14, 2019 through Sunday, January 26, 2020.
• Mountain quail season begin October 19, 2019 through January 26, 2020, with a daily limit of 10 per bag.
• Band-tailed Pigeon 2019-2020 season: Northern region September 21-29, Southern region December 21-29, with a limit daily bag limit of 2.
• Deer hunting season begins on September 28 through December, 2019.

C. Land Use Subcommittee: Don Gould – No report

D. Department of Fish & Wildlife: Lt. Brian Moore –
• Dove season started on September 1st. No Doves, no hunters.
• No violations. Squirrel and Mountain quails had a low turnout. Check points outside of Foresthill.
• Deer season started Saturday 9/21/19 locally. Cool weather and rain helped.
• Bear season anticipated to be well, plenty of bears in the mountains.
• Investigated an issue outside of Pilot Hills. New department to focus on property growth and legal commercialization -

E. Nevada Irrigation District and Placer County Water Agency

NID: As of September 18, 2019 212,006 acres/feet, 78% capacity, 126% average for the state. Expecting to end the irrigation season with well above average carry-over storage.

PCWA: None

7. Informational Item:
Bret Storey (Placer County Public Works) – French Meadows Project –

Placer County situation:
• Over 50% of County is forested land with a majority designated High Risk
• Significant supplier of statewide water resources
• Significant Hydro-Electric generating infrastructure at risk
• 9 severe wildfires in past 20 years
• History of collaboration between local, state and federal agencies as no single agency has enough funding to protect region

Community protection:
• Placer County and Placer County Water Agency have a JPA/Business Partnership
• Local Community Fire Safe Councils and Successful Multi-Agency Regional Fire Alliance in place
• Developed Grant Program with Funds from PCWA’s Hydro-Electric Project to Support Community Fuel Reduction
• Fuel Reduction Management Program
  Provide annual amount of matching funds to organizations that propose projects or have programs that 1) have a direct nexus to the project area and 2) reduce fire danger through some form of fuel management projects.
  Since 2014: Program has funded 23 Projects with $875,000 bringing an additional $1,535,000 in matching dollars.

**American River Watershed protection**
**French Meadows Project**
• 22,000 acres Federal Land at Top of Watershed
• Estimated cost @ $1200 per acre
• Ten Million Board Feet Removed and Utilized
• Four Years on-the-ground Mechanical/Hand Work via a Master Stewardship Agreement (MSA) with Tahoe National Forest
• Eight to Ten Years Prescribed Fire over 7,000 acres after Adequate Thinning Accomplished
• Over 1,600 Tons of Criteria Air Pollutants + 8,600 tons of GHG Benefits (CO2 equivalent) Avoided due to Biomass Removal
• Supports another 10,000 acres of Private Checkerboard Land Undergoing Thinning Operations.
• Future Adjacent Projects in Planning Stage

Treatments this year are focusing on areas nearest to recreation sites.
• Campground thinning
• Mastication
• Mechanical thinning
• Hand thinning
• Road rehabilitation

**2019 Fish & Game Commission Grant**
  Deadline for application 10/04/19 – Board to vote at next meeting.

8. **Adjournment** - the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 23, 2019