MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 23, 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 6:02 pm.

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

3. **Approval of October 23, 2019 Agenda** - Motion by Mark Fowler, second by Gary Flanagan, 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.**

   Michael Garabedian - Friends of North Fork and Placer County Tomorrow. Raised concerns about the fundamental impact recreational usage has on land where there is wildlife, which is affecting seasonal hibernation and reproductive seasons, unless there is management.

5. **Financial Report**
   - October operational expenditures to date total: $1,032.00
   - Court fines and penalty assessments collected to date: $74.00.
   - Overall balance: $20,806.

6. **Agency Reports**
   **A. Commissioner Reports:**
   a) Kari Freidig – Sacramento District Attorney office convicted someone for crime against wildlife. That person was turned in to the police for shooting hawks. The incident was then reported to the Department of Fish and Wildlife.
   b) Gary Flanagan – Kids Fishing Day on Dec 14th. Sent an email out to all commission members to ask for volunteers to this event.
B. State Fish & Game Commission Subcommittee: Mark Fowler –

- Snipe birds season starts on October 19, 2019 through February 2, 2020, with a daily limit of 8 per bag.
- Guided tours to the Gray Lodge Wildlife Area is open. Passes are available on-line, by phone or in person where fishing licenses are sold. Schools and youth groups are exempt, but should schedule.
- Mountain quail season begins October 19, 2019 through January 26, 2020, with a daily limit of 10 per bag.
- Sea Otter survey - To be considered for removal from threatened species listing, the population index would have to exceed 3,090 for three consecutive years, according to the threshold established under the Southern Sea Otter Recovery Plan by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Prior to 2019 the index was over that amount, but with 2019 numbers slightly under, that is yet to be decided.

C. Land Use Subcommittee: Don Gould – No report

D. Department of Fish & Wildlife: Lt. Brian Moore – No report

E. Nevada Irrigation District and Placer County Water Agency - Mickey Daniels

   NID: As of October 16, 2019: storage is at 195,243 acres/feet, 125% of average for this date and 72% capacity. Ended the irrigation season with well above average carry-over storage.

   PCWA:
   a) Water Supply:
      a. Reservoir storage in the Middle Fork project (French Meadows and Hell Hole – 53% of capacity, 99% of average for this time of year.
      b. Folsom Reservoir is at 65% of capacity, 150% of average.
      c. Lake Spaulding precipitation accumulation reached 118% of average. Snowpack accumulation reached 200% of average.
      d. Current climate forecasts project dry and above average temperatures for the 3-month outlook.
   b) Recreation:
      a. Campgrounds in Middle Fork Project: closed for the season.
      b. Boat ramps at Hell Hole & French Meadows: accessible and functional
      c. Ralston Ridge Road: Closed above Ralston Powerhouse due to landslide
      d. Mosquito Ridge & Eleven Pines Roads: open
      e. White-water boating season below Oxbow Powerhouse: closed for the year.
      f. Middle Fork Hydro project is offline: Maintenance through mid-November.

7. Action Item

   Commission Grant Proposal Review and Awards –

   1/ Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care: $500 – Electrified Bear Mats
   To be used by homeowners who already have encounters with bears. This dissuade them from coming back. Serves the entire Tahoe Basin. Motion by Fowler, second by Freidig. MPUV.
2/ Placer Sportsman: $500 – Kids Fishing Derby in March
To help cover some of the expenses: food, beverages, prizes such as fishing poles and trips. Motion by Flanagan, second by Gragg. Gould abstain for reason of conflict of interest. MPUV.

3/ Auburn Area Recreation District: $250 – Kids Fish Day – December 14, 2019
To help cover expenses for food and beverages for all participants. Motion by Fowler, second by Flanagan. MPUV.

To help with cost associated with removing blackberries bushes and replacing them with native trees to provide shade for salmon. Partnered with Fish and Wildlife & CA Conservation Corps. Run by volunteers only. Motion by Gould, second by Gragg. The motion passed with Gould, Fowler, Freidig, Gragg, Ragle and Daniels voting in favor and Flanagan voting against.

5/ Friends of Auburn Ravine: $484 – 3 Garmin GPS Units
To help monitor fish and identify if they are descendant from stream or if they are strays. Motion by Fowler, second by Freidig. MPUV.

6/ Gold country Wildlife: $500 – Operational costs
To help with funding operational cost and to fill in gap of volunteers in order to continue to provide care for the animals. Motion by Flanagan, second by Ragle. Freidig abstain for reason of conflict of interest. MPUV.

7/ Placer Nature Center: $500 – repairs damaged exhibits.
To replace and upgrade props and exhibits damaged by squirrels, rodents and aging technology. Center is an environment educational center, run by volunteers only. Motion by Flanagan, second by Freidig. MPUV.

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8. Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm. Next meeting moved to Wednesday, November 20, 2019, due to Thanksgiving being the day before original regular meeting date.