

**MEMORANDUM**  
OFFICE OF THE  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Kirk Uhler, Supervisor, District 4

DATE: November 27, 2007

SUBJECT: COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS – Fish and Game Commission -  
Approve the appointment of Gary Flanagan to Seat 4 as requested by  
Supervisor Uhler.

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve the appointment of Gary Flanagan to Seat 4 as requested by Supervisor Uhler.

**BACKGROUND**

The purpose of the Fish and Game Commission is to advise the Board of Supervisors on all issues affecting fish and wildlife in Placer County. The Commission coordinates efforts in habitat improvements, public awareness and natural resource education. The committee is composed of seven (7) member's serving four-year terms. The committee meets the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM at 11414 B Avenue, Auburn

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None



PLACER COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON  
ADVISORY BOARD OR COMMISSION

THE FOLLOWING IS PUBLIC INFORMATION

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON: Fish And Game Commission  
(NAME OF BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE)

IF THIS BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE CALLS FOR A SPECIFIC TYPE MEMBER, PLEASE INDICATE THE  
POSITION FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING: n/a

NAME: Gary W. Flanagan

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT IN WHICH YOU RESIDE: District Four

TIMES YOU ARE AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS: DAYS: Mon-Fri TIMES 6:30-9:30PM

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE/PROFESSION (A RESUME MAY BE ATTACHED): See Attached

ORGANIZATION/COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE: See Attached

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE: See Attached

APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETAINED FOR TWO YEARS

APPLICATION MUST BE FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
175 FULWEILER AVENUE, ROOM 101, AUBURN, CALIFORNIA 95603

DATE: September 19, 2007 SIGNATURE: Gary W. Flanagan

# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON PLACER COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

## EMPLOYEMENT/PROFESSION

Attended the Sacramento County Sheriff's Academy in 1975 and worked as a sworn peace officer until retiring in October of 1999.

While employed as a deputy sheriff I received several letters of commendation and was presented a life saving medal by then Sheriff Glen Craig at our annual awards ceremony.

I was a firearms training instructor for the Fire Arms Training System (F.A.T.S). This program was instituted in the mid 1990s and has a strong training emphasis on firearm accuracy in real life shoot don't shoot situations.

I was one of the first officers trained as a field sniper to carry and assault rifle on duty to meet the increased frequency of well-armed suspects. I served as a field-training officer for several years and trained new and returning officers in patrol services as street deputies.

I belonged to the Sheriff's Trap team. I received several shooting metals including a silver medal in the California Police Olympics Trap Competition.

I was also employed and trained as a hydrographer by Verrie Pearce, owner of **Pearce Hydrology** and worked on Pacific Gas and Electric consulting contracts for FERC relicensing. I mainly did stream measurements for fish studies. I also assisted Mr. Pearce in surveying the aftermath of flood elevations in Placer County. Verrie Pearce designed the City of Roseville's Real Time Microcomputer Flood Alert System.

## ORGANIZATION/COMMUNITY SERVICE

I bought a home in the Granite Bay Area in 1986. My wife Karen and I became involved in local children's sports when our children played baseball and soccer.

I was tournament director, along with my wife for "Hot August Blast Off", an annual select soccer tournament that occurs in Granite Bay each year and draws thousands of players and spectators to our community.

I co-founded, **California Herpteculture Industry Advisory Council**, (CHIAC). CHIAC represented hundreds of breeders and pet storeowners ensure their legislative right to Commercially breed three species of California Native Snakes for commercial purposes. After working with the California Department of Fish and Game and the California Fish and Game Commission in closed door sessions the Department asked me and my partner

to rewrite the **California Code of Regulations**, (CCRs) that pertained to the collecting, breeding, and humane housing requirements for Captive Bred California Reptiles. The captive propagation program is still in effect and has remained unchanged. At the time, I owned a business called, **California Native Reptiles** in which I bred and produced native and non-native reptiles for sale to the pet trade industry.

My wife Karen served as president of **The Touchdown Club**, a parent run organization of **Granite Bay High School Football**. My wife and I organized and ran "**Day on the Green**", for two years. Day on the Green is a fundraiser that provides badly needed money for football uniforms, equipment and field maintenance for GBHS students. It also provides an annual social outing for friends, family and residents of Placer County and surrounding areas. Proceeds were additionally provided to help build the new weight room at Granite Bay High School.

I am a current member of **Granite bay Flycasters**, a non-profit organization that encourages fly-fishing education and conservation. Since becoming a member, I have served on the Board as a director for seven years and was president of two terms. During that time, we grew our membership to 250 members, donated thousands of dollars to groups like, Trout Unlimited, California Trout, Dry Creek Conservancy and South Yuba River Citizen's League to name a few. We also donate money each year to graduate students under the direction of Professor Peter Moyle at UC Davis to fund fishery research.

I also teamed up with Ken Davis, an independent biologist who discovered the New Zealand Mudsnail at Putah Creek. I went before the California Fish and Game Commission to request the closure of the creek to fishing until a survey could be done to determine the infestation of these invasive species that have been proven to be devastating to native fisheries and stream habitat. The Commission and the Department agreed to the closure and studies were completed in record time. Research into the problem is ongoing.

Currently, I am the Membership Coordinator and Fisheries Manager at **Horseshoe Bar Fish and Game Preserve**. The preserve is a private access fly-fishing club that leases many thousands of acres in Placer County and El Dorado Counties and fronts over five miles of the Middle Fork of the American River, below Oxbow Dam.

Because of this involvement with the Preserve, I am a level 1 stakeholder, involver in the FERC relicensing of Placer County Water Agency facilities on the Rubicon River, the Middle Fork of the American River and the North Fork of the Middle Fork of the American, I have been attending meetings the are addressing power production, water delivery, recreation, environmental needs and several other issues.

## **EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Attended and graduated from Rancho Cordova High School in 1972

Attended American River Junior College and earned an Associates of Arts Degree in General Education.

Transferred to California State University where my major was Criminal Justice.

## **CONCLUSION**

I am convinced I would be a valuable asset to Placer County Government as a Fish and Game Commission Board Member. My past and current track record proves that I have brought positive changes to Placer County since moving here in 1986 from Rancho Cordova, where I grew up.

I am an avid angler, hunter and conservationist. In the next several years, it will be extremely important to balance the needs of Placer County's rural and urban populations with recreational outdoor use. There is still a lot of wild and scenic country in Placer County and I would like to be an active part of the sound management the county must provide to keep our County a special place to live, work and play.

