



**COUNTY OF PLACER  
FISH & GAME COMMISSION**

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**FISH & GAME COMMISSION MEMBERS**

<b>DISTRICT 1</b> Don Gould	<b>DISTRICT 2</b> Mark Fowler
<b>DISTRICT 3</b> Vacant	<b>DISTRICT 4</b> Gary Flanagan
<b>DISTRICT 5</b> Kari Freidig	<b>DISTRICT 5</b> Vacant
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**PLACER COUNTY  
FISH & GAME COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**TIME/DATE: 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY May 25, 2016**  
**LOCATION: PLACER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ROOM**  
**Community Development Resource Agency, DeWitt Center, Auburn**  
**3091 County Center Drive (corner of Bell Road and Richardson Drive)**

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- I. CALL TO ORDER – Kari Freidig**
- II. ROLL CALL**  
**Present:** Flanagan, Fowler, Freidig, Gould
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR May 25, 2016 AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF April 27, 2016**  
Agenda: Flanagan/Fowler/MPUV  
Minutes: Fowler/Flanagan/MPUV
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**  
Individuals may address the Commission on items under the jurisdiction of the Agricultural 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
- V. FINANCIAL REPORT– Ed King**  
Expenditures through April totaled \$3,786 including \$1,140 in commissioner's fees, \$1,175 in mileage reimbursement, \$600 for secretary, \$540 for media services, and \$303 A-87 costs.

Court fines and penalty assessments through April totaled \$1,010 and account interest totaled \$125.

## **VI. AGENCY REPORTS**

### **A. Commission Updates**

- ~Flanagan – NID Engineering Committee evaluating alternatives for maintaining water supply to Hemphill Canal while also improving fish passage. The Committee recommended that the NID Board of Directors decide between implementing a passive gravity feed or pump system at their June 8 meeting. Both alternatives include removal of the existing diversion.
- ~Gould – Nevada County Farm Bureau Ag Tour June 15, 2016.

### **B. State Fish & Game Commission Subcommittee - Mark Fowler**

- ~Mercury Control Program meeting on June 9 in Cal EPA Bldg-updates on bio-accumulation of mercury in fish.
- ~CDFW Biologists rescued fish in Sacramento River bypasses and returned into the system.
- ~ Environmental Enhancement Fund grant program, administered by CDFW Office of Spill Prevention and Response, is accepting grant proposals for habitat preservation and improvement. Prop 1 (2014 Water Bond) Restoration Grant Program also open.

### **B. California Department of Fish & Wildlife - Lt. John Lawson**

- ~Continuous problems with bears - hotspots in Grass Valley, Nevada City, Truckee, and Tahoe. Increasing population and tourism concerns feeding bears and taking “bear selfies.”
- ~Getting a third boat for the squad— a Whaler, unmarked for patrols.
- ~Aiming to patrol Lake Tahoe 1 day/week; El Dorado wildlife officers will help with patrols; MOU with Nevada Department of Wildlife allows CDFW to issue citations on Nevada portion of the lake.

### **C. Nevada Irrigation District/PCWA**

PCWA:

French Meadows is at 5,250' (119,000 AF)

Hell Hole is at 4,610' (183,800 AF)

Combined storage is about 113% of average.

Snowpack in American River watershed about 119% of average.

Whitewater boating flows are being released 7 days per week through September.

Folsom is at 453.5' (842,000 AF); Reservoir has probably peaked, no forecast is available until Reclamation works through issues with winter-run salmon on the Sacramento River and Delta outflow requirements.

No NID Report.

## NON-ACTION ITEMS

### **VII. Department of Fish and Wildlife CalTIP program update** – Lt. Michael Milotz, CalTIP Coordinator and Jon Fischer, CalTIP Rewards Committee

Power point presentation on CalTIP. Overview of program that started in 1981 to encourage the public to turn in poachers now celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

~Currently operates a 24-hour dispatch hotline to encourage the public to turn in wildlife poachers. Can also report on CalTIP website and new smart phone app that also provides news alert. Text tips go straight to Warden.

~No state funding, all donations, \$215k rewarded since 1981.

~Rewards Committee reviews cases and approves rewards.

~2015 results – 4,613 calls (102 in Placer), 169 citations, 139 warnings, 14 arrests. Tips can be anonymous.

~Majority of calls are on fishing. Northern Cal- illegal trapping/bears. Southern Cal- ocean fishing and abalone.

Commission suggested more publicity of the program through marketing and funds toward education. Handouts available for giveaways at public events..

### **VIII. Commission Planner/District Reports – updates, feedback and additions**

General conversation on what 2 months to not hold commission meetings—will determine at a later date.

Concerns raised on the two vacant commission seats: District 5 (Foresthill) and District 3. Officer nominations in June, elections in July.

### **IX. Adjournment** 7:10 p.m.