



# EL DORADO COUNTY

## Fish & Game Commission

Larry Nelson - At Large  
Grady Garlough - At Large  
Dennis Byrne - Dist I  
Mike Denega - Dist II  
Kurt Mikkola - Dist III  
Pat Weddle - Dist IV  
Victor Babbitt - District V

### Minutes

Oct. 26, 2016, 7:00 P.M.

Building C @ Planning Commission Office  
Placerville, CA 95667

1. Call To Order by Commissioner Nelson at 7:08pm
  - 1) Meeting location changed at last minute due to remodel construction
  - 2) Roll call – Nelson, Weddle, Denega, Mikkola
  - 3) Shelly Blair DFW Environmental Scientist, Roy Griffith CRPA legislative Liaison
2. Adoption of Minutes of 9/28/16 and Agenda for 10/26/16 – A correction to the agenda format was noted and correction made. Minutes from 9/28/16 minutes were unavailable. Agenda adopted unanimously. Adoptions of 9/28/16 minutes were postponed.
3. Public Comment - Public comment on non-agenda items - None
4. Legislation Lobbyist – Commissioner Nelson introduced Roy Griffith - Legislative lobbyist with California Rifle & Pistol Association (CRPA). Griffith gave an impressive power point presentation detailing numerous legislative Assembly and Senate bills that were passed, vetoed, and are still in consideration, related to sports hunters, gun enthusiasts, and other sport related enthusiasts. He explained the successes and failures that have recently made it through the legislature related to guns, ammo, hunting, and other sporting issues. He went on to explain some things being introduced this next year.
5. Biologist and Warden Reports – Shelly Blair is wrapping up her current deer DNA study and she shared some results. She also summarized the recent deer collaring study she is involved with. Shelly shared the progress she and Kathy Jermstad are making in the very important Caltrans work planned on Highway 50 regarding road ecology efforts. This work being done well in advance of the proposed Camino undercrossing hopefully results in another needed tunnel to allow wildlife safe access across the freeway. This Commission will support the efforts and follow the progress. Commissioner Mikkola Passed out copies of Warden LaFave's recent report.
6. BOS communication
  - 1) Meeting with DA's Office
    - i. Commissioners Weddle and Nelson gave a summary of the meeting held last Thursday. The commission offered to help in any way needed that would strengthen their efforts in the pursuit of environmental crimes in this County. Next step is to set up a meeting with the local judges that administer hearings that the DA's office brings in front of them.
  - 2) Budget Planning
    - i. Commissioner Mikkola proposed that this Commission hold a meeting specifically for working out the budget and to formulate the plans to accomplish our goals that were approved by the BOS. At this point the next meeting on 12/7/16 has been proposed.
  - 3) Secretarial assistance
    - i. Weddle continued a discussion from last meeting regarding seeking advice and council about the possibility of this commission paying an interested person to assist us with follow-up, follow through, and other secretarial

type tasks. Mikkola will seek advice and report back to the Commission.

7. Finance Report – Mikkola reviewed the recent financial reports and reported how much we have in each account.
8. Auburn SRA Management plan – Commissioner Garlough was absent so in the interests of time this was tabled until a later date.
9. Tahoe Area – Commissioner Babbitt was absent so in the interests of time this was tabled until a later date.
10. County Fishing Access – Commissioner Denega spoke about a meeting Supervisor Frentzen held with the CAO, DOT, and CHP regarding access concerns. The outcome of the meeting is unavailable.
11. Legislative Report – With the highly informative presentation presented by Mr Griffith this item was pulled.
12. Commissioner Reports – Mikkola spoke about communications with the COP regarding the April 8<sup>th</sup> 2017, 30<sup>th</sup> annual kids fishing derby. Mikkola will follow up with Mitch Lockhart about the availability of State fish to be planted for the derby. This Commission plans on its annual monetary support for additional fish.
13. Next meeting – 12/7/16 in Placerville - 330 Fair Lane, Conference Room A unless the construction is still in effect. Mikkola will seek that information
14. Adjournment – at 9:08pm