



# 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

February 22, 2017, 7:00 P.M.  
330 Fair Lane, Conference Room A  
Placerville, CA 95667

1. Call To Order by Commissioner Nelson at 7:00pm
  - 1) Roll Call – Nelson, Weddle, Byrne, Babbitt, Garlough, Denega, Mikkola
  - 2) Supervisor John Hidahl, DFW Shelly Blair, DFW Mitch Lockhart
2. Minutes of 1/25/16 Approved unanimously as written and one amendment to agenda unanimously approved as amended.
3. Public Comment - Public comment on non-agenda items - Supervisor Hidahl spoke about his discussions regarding potential clerical type help with Clerk of the BOS Jim Mitrisin. Further discussions will be necessary to finalize the amount of County's staffs help with clerical issues this commission faces.
4. Mitch Lockhart Environmental Scientist with CDFW gave the commission a very informative and detailed summary of the regional fishery, wildlife, and wilderness issues the County can expect this year that his department has their hands in. He shared a draft of this year's plans to stock fish in this county for 2017. The overall outlook is very positive. Full production for 2017 is expected. Touched on FW work regarding regulation simplification and comment periods. Spoke about renewed momentum regarding LCT recovery efforts. Mitch discussed foothill yellow-legged frogs and desolation wilderness and the Mountain yellow-legged frog populations.
5. Shelly Blair Environmental Scientist with CDFW thanked Commissioner Byrne and Weddle for their work on the citation research. Shelly talked about a building relationship with the USFS biologists and the importance of their work together. She has a positive outlook on more wildlife area acquisitions such as the South County Ervin Ranch property. Summarized some beaver and lion issues. The Highway 50 corridor wildlife connectivity progress was touched upon. Commissioner Mikkola passed around Lieutenant LaFave's most recent Warden's status report.
6. BOS communication –
  - 1) A motion to authorize designated County staff to purchase the deer decoy and game camera was unanimously approved.
  - 2) A motion to authorize designated County staff to proceed with the registration fees requested by Shelly Blair to attend the training workshop in Idaho was unanimously approved.
  - 3) A motion to authorize County Ag Department employees Myrna Tow and Charlene Carveth to process claims and purchase orders on this commission's behalf was unanimously approved.
  - 4) Mikkola shared some communications he has had with many other County employees and the overwhelming desires to help us as much as possible.
  - 5) Commissioner Byrne summarized the research he and Commissioner Weddle have been working on regarding the citations issued in this county and has a meeting planned with Lieutenant LaFave to further the progress.

7. Fishing Derbies – Three dates are set which include Lumsden 4/8/17, Lake Walton 6/3/17, and Sawmill Pond 6/3/17. Denega is working on a derby for Finnon Lake and Babbitt is working on one for Barren Lake. We have committed this Commission's support to these for this year. A partner meeting will be held at the Georgetown Ranger Station on 3/21/17 to plan for the Lake Walton Derby.
  
8. Finance Report – Commissioner Mikkola went over the bottom lines on the two accounts. Sawmill Pond has \$7,704.54. Preservation fund has \$7,103.54 after adding the previous month's F&G fine monies of \$11.16. The 2016-2017 approved budget of \$20,000.00 has not been used as of yet due to multiple issues that needed to be addressed in order to facilitate purchases.
  
9. A Motion to have this commission fund 2ea interpretive signs for a total amount of \$1,960.00, for the educational benefits of many school-aged children and other guest of the Wakamatsu Farm was approved by majority vote. Mikkola will formulate the request to authorize the payment with County Staff.
  
10. There were no legislative summaries or reviews.
  
11. Commissioner Reports – Mikkola shared the communication he has had with Karen Feathers - Assistant to CAO regarding the eminent F&G meeting relocation notification. Mikkola will work on a new location in a scheduled meeting with Supervisor Veerkamp. Commissioner Byrne has spoken with SMUD and they have offered to tour some of their UARP facilities. Also Byrne has prepared some literature for us regarding the Foothill Yellow-legged frog.
  
12. Next meeting – 3/29/17 at 330 Fair Lane, Conference Room A, Placerville CA
  
13. Adjournment at 9:20pm