



# EL DORADO COUNTY

## Fish & Game Comm.

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

### MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2017, 7:00 P.M.  
330 Fair Lane, Conference Room C  
Placerville, CA 95667

1. Call To Order at 7:06pm
  - 1) Roll Call – Denega, Weddle, Nelson, Mikkola
  - 2) Shelly Blair – DFW, Dist. I Supervisor Hidahl
2. Adoption of Minutes of 10/25/17 and Agenda for 12/6/17 were unanimously approved.
3. Public Comment - None
4. Biologist's and Warden reports –
  - 1) Mikkola passed around both October's and November's Warden Reports submitted to our committee by Lieutenant Stacey LaFave. It was noted that a lot of excellent work is going on with the wardens. Warden Stevenson has retired. He will be missed. His position is vacant and this committee is in full support of a replacement warden for the Tahoe region as it is a critical position now left vacant. The Lieutenant announced that Warden Dave Moskat has been selected as the National Wild Turkey Federation Officer of the year.
  - 2) CDFW Environmental Scientist Shelly Blair summarized some ongoing issues with a neighboring county's Land Pass program. Shelly discussed the very early discussions about implementing a similar program in El Dorado County. Enforcement seems to be an issue needing to be addressed. Shelly initiated a discussion about commercial cannabis issues with some concerns being extensive environmental impacts. Shelly discussed a recent media interview she gave regarding the perceived increase in local mountain lion sightings. The deer collaring study indicates two more mortalities one definitely was poached the other appears to have been killed by a lion.
5. Wildlife that has met their demise on HWY 50 – Denega started the discussion regarding the noticeable increase of, mainly deer, mortalities alongside Highway 50 from Placerville Drive westbound and the Ray Lawyer Dr over-pass. The upcoming Cal Trans project impacting the freeway and Forni road was discussed and there are no plans to include a passage way for the local deer to safely pass in that area. This committee feels it necessary to have early enough input on upcoming roadway projects to have wildlife connectivity included in early stages of planning in order to resolve these increasing deadly occurrences. Supervisor Hidahl will connect us with a local Cal Trans representative to discuss issues and ideas.
6. Comm. Reports –
  - 1) Nelson shared multiple articles relating to local wildlife programs and issues. Nelson initiated the discussion regarding the vacancy on our committee. Mikkola passed around the resignation letter that we will submit to the Clerk of the Board in order to make it formal and post the vacancy. Weddle brought up the committee name change idea and we discussed how to proceed if that is going to

be the direction we take. The pending sale of Bass Lake was discussed and there is great interest on our part to have some input in the planned usage of the lake and surrounding wildlife sanctuary that is present. Denega shared very valuable information about the lake's history and has very good ideas and concerns about the lake and surrounding lands future use. There are upcoming meetings that some members will be invited to in order to share facts and ideas.

7. BOS communication –
  1. Power point presentation – Mikkola passed out copies of our proposed power point we want to share with the BOS in the first quarter of 2018. A request for input and comments was made.
  2. At-Large Vacancy – was previously discussed so in the interest of time Mikkola limited our discussion to a re-cap of how we plan to proceed
8. Finance Report – Mikkola gave a summary of our financial status and mentioned that Lieutenant LaFave has sent in another \$400.00 related to various fines recovered because of their efforts in prosecution of recent wildlife crimes.
9. Lumsden Pond Fish Derby
  - 1) 4/14/18 is tentative date and Mikkola discussed the upcoming increase in costs to supply fish for the derbies
  - 2) Fish Stocking Permit – the January 2018 permit application has been submitted to the CDFW Ben Ewing along with a letter requesting a waiver of the fees in order to use that money towards fish planting. Mikkola will ask Ben if we can include the lake in Village Green Park in the Serrano Subdivision.
10. Legislative Report – a quick mention of proposed legislation relating to the Cascade Frog for informational purposes only. The closest region with the frog is Northern California near Red Bluff and Redding. Weddle continues to research the Foothill yellow-legged frog and impacts to our region.
11. Next meeting – 1/31/18 at Conference room C, 330 Fair Lane Placerville CA and Mikkola will begin discussions related to request we re-locate meetings back into conference Room A
12. Adjournment was at 9:05pm.