



EL DORADO COUNTY

Fish & Game Comm.

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

Minutes

October 31, 2018, 7:00 P.M.
330 Fair Lane, Conference Room C
Placerville, CA 95667

1. Call To Order & Roll Call – Meeting called to order by Chairman Nelson at 7:02pm
 - 1) Denega, Byrne, Weddle, Nelson, Horan, Mikkola
 - 2) Shelly Blair - CDFW
2. Adoption of Minutes of 9/26/18 and Agenda for 10/31/18 - Both approved unanimously.
3. Public Comment - Public comment on non-agenda items - None
4. Biologists and Warden Reports – Shelly Blair updated the comm. on the deer study. The mortality rate is increased. Poaching is 25% of the cause at this point. Adenovirus has been discovered in two of the deer causalities. The study continues. Shelly reported an increase in reports of bear and human interactions. Many encounters in South Lake Tahoe with some resulting in injuries to humans and property damage. An alarming increase in bear sightings and encounters in Apple Hill due to the abundance of food available from all the farms. This comm. discussed how to advise our BOS to look into ways to get ahead of this problem. Perhaps an ordinance, some sort of education, partnership with waste management, meet with key Apple Hill Farmers and discusses the situation, and other ideas. We will add an agenda item for our next meeting. Shelly also reported the sale of additional property to be included in the El Dorado Ranch. The title will be transferred to the DFW for implementation of an appropriate management plan in a couple more years.
5. Comm. Reports –
 - 1) Ordinance update – Weddle and Nelson made a couple of minor edits and when the edits are accepted we will remove the draft version and send to Jim Mitrison for approval.
 - 2) Rocky Bar Rd - Non Motorized designation – Weddle detailed the issues of the current use of this road to access the river. The overuse of motor vehicles has been destroying the road which is being maintained by property owners alongside the road. This comm. agrees it has some detrimental effect to the streambed during winter rain run-off events. This comm. agrees that easements need to be investigated further by County Council. The findings could then help guide the County as to how to respond to the property owner's requests to somehow regulate or restrict motor vehicle access but not hamper public access to fish and recreation activities. This will be placed on next month's agenda for further discussion.
 - 3) Funding request for stocking fish at Serrano Pond – Byrne made a motion to have this comm. financially contribute to the brood stocking efforts in Serrano pond in the not to exceed amount of \$500.00. Horan seconded it. Discussion ensued. Vote was unanimous to authorize funding in the amount of \$500.00. Denega

mentioned he has observed increased use by the public.

- 4) Mikkola is trying to prepare the 2019 meeting schedule and requests that we move our meetings back into Conference room C. Nelson suggests we ask for the BOS meeting room instead so that we can encourage more public participation.
 - 5) Byrne wants to add to next month's agenda time for the CSD to attend and present to our comm. an initial plan to manage Bass Lake.
 - 6) Mikkola shared a notice forwarded by Kathy Jermstad regarding an upcoming Town Hall Meeting in Placerville to consider and make recommendations to the City Council regarding cannabis within the City limits.
6. Finance Report – Mikkola summarized recent activity regarding the preservation fund and the Sawmill pond fund. He relayed the status of each account. Sawmill has funding in place to allow \$5851.06 and the general Preservation fund has accumulated \$30,344.97 however the majority of that is based on projected revenues. Further investigation into the actual available amount is ongoing.
 7. Legislative Report – Mikkola passed along an endangered species request for Summer Steelhead by the Friends of the Eel River.
 8. Next meeting – 12/5/18 – Placerville
 9. Adjournment at 8:40pm