



# EL DORADO COUNTY

## Fish & Wildlife Commission

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

November 6, 2019, 6:00 P.M.  
1021 Harvard Way, El Dorado Hills, EDH Community Center

1. Call To Order & Roll Call – Meeting was called to order by Chairman Nelson @6:38pm
  - 1) Denega, Byrne, Weddle, Horan, Mikkola, Nelson
2. Adoption of Minutes of 8/28/19 and Agenda for 11/6/19 – An address change to the agenda was noted and both the minutes from 8/28/19 and the agenda for 11/6/19 were approved unanimously.
3. Public Comment – No public comments.
4. CDFW Biologists and CDFW Warden Reports – Mikkola passed out copies of the Warden's reports. Byrne pointed out that multiple poaching cases are pending and will keep the commission updated as to dates and outcomes.
5. Commissioner Reports and sub-committee reports –
  - 1) Mikkola went over the County's business card policy and procedures to obtain business cards. He will share the policy and procedures via an email.
  - 2) Denega shared some details and his participation that have been put into place to rejuvenate the Wakamatsu pond back to its original state and fishery expectations. The outlook is promising that full restoration will return in the very near future. This Commission will support the efforts as best as we can.
  - 3) Nelson brought up initial discussions regarding the possibility of the Cameron Park CSD holding a traditional fishing derby at the Cameron Park Lake. The discussion led to several ideas that included tight restrictions, cooperation encouragement with all the stake holders, possibility of stricter rules, and ultimately led to a majority of the commission supporting a collaborative Family Fishing Day rather than a traditional fishing derby.
  - 4) Byrne shared the progress he has made with the Serrano Parkway rehabilitation project he is proposing. Lots of collaboration efforts with several stakeholders including DOT, developers, Core of Engineers, CSD and others. Byrne also shared a summary of how he has been supporting the local high school fishing clubs by donating tackle for their tournaments and suggests that this commission may be asked by them for additional support.
6. Request to fund Fish Stocking in El Dorado Hills – Byrne would like this commission to continue our successful partnerships with the CSD and HOA to consider supporting the re-stocking of the Serrano Pond with more fish. The commission is in agreement to offer support with the idea, that if a study was conducted to support additional stocking then we would re-consider a motion to fund it.
7. Discretionary funds for Commissioners – Byrne will seek advisement regarding the

possibility of some sort of fund that a commissioner can tap into for limited and unusual needs, that, if we had to wait for the majority approval in a formal meeting the opportunity would be lost. He will report back to this commission regarding his research.

8. Discussion about Vice-Chairman – Byrne nominated Patrick Weddle to be this commissions Vice-chairman and the nomination was accepted and approved unanimously.
9. Finance Report – Mikkola summarized the recent activity and available funds in both the Preservation Fund and Sawmill Pond Fund
10. Annual BOS presentation – update – Weddle shared the PowerPoint presentation and took may notes as to edits and suggestions. He will share it electronically for final review and update for the BOS meeting on Dec. 17 @ 2:00pm
11. Legislative Reports – Chairman Nelson shared multiple legislative updates including a bill about ending bobcat hunting, new fur trading regulations, and mountain lion protection. He shared dates for the State Fish and Game Commission meetings locally and down in San Diego.
12. Next meeting – 12/4/19 – Placerville
13. Adjournment was made at 8:38pm.