



# 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

### MEETING MINUTES

July 31, 2019, 7:00 P.M.

330 Fair Lane, Conference Room A  
Placerville, CA 95667

1. Call To Order & Roll Call – Meeting was called to order by Chairman Nelson at 7:07pm
  - 1) Byrne, Nelson, Horan, Weddle, Denega, Mikkola
  - 2) CDFW – Shelly Blair
2. Adoption of Minutes of 6/26/19 and Agenda for 7/31/19 passed unanimously.
3. Public Comment - None
4. CDFW Biologists and CDFW Warden Reports –
  - 1) Mikkola shared Lt. LaFave's Warden Report.
  - 2) Shelly Blair reported on a collaborative effort to create an informative poster for an upcoming Road Ecology Conference. Shelly is in a full blown mode culminating her final deer collaring season in preparation of a report about the Pacific Deer Herd. Due to potential litigation from the Center of Biological Diversity or other entities, some areas with beaver issues has been curtailed or eliminated. Shelly shared some information regarding the bears in the basin adding to the increasing number of human to bear interactions in camping areas. More public outreach is needed before a serious interactions results in injuries.
5. Comm. Reports –
  - 1) A motion was made to fund Lumsden Pond Kid's Fish Derby scheduled for April 18, 2020 for up to \$2500.00 passed unanimously.
  - 2) Mikkola shared a letter created by the El Dorado County Environmental Management Department with the BOS support that was sent to 78 farms in the Apple Hill region encouraging them to take advantage of new El Dorado Disposal services that are offering bear proof bins that ultimately helps protect local wildlife and tourists.
  - 3) Weddle explained the need for this commission to be even more focused on County environmental crimes including poaching and other actions that may have negative impacts to our County's natural resources. A sub-committee was established to further those efforts lead by Byrne and Weddle.
  - 4) Byrne shared a report of the final outcome resulting from a hunter who admitted to poaching a record trophy deer. Similar outcomes should occur to try and protect our natural resources was supported by the entire commission.
  - 5) Byrne is in the development stages of creating a clean-up project along the Silva Valley Parkway in El Dorado Hills. Denega will share a contact with Byrne in hopes of getting some expert assistance to get this project underway.
  - 6) Byrne passed out a flyer for a community event where he suggests our commission make an appearance and also suggested we post our upcoming

meetings in the Mt. Democrat newspaper.

- 7) Nelson reported that he will follow through on the changes to the Fish and Game committee ordinance and the creation of new by-laws for this commission to adhere to. He also shared his plans to retire from work soon allowing for expanded availability to this commission. .
6. Finance Report – Mikkola summarized the recent activity in our preservation and Sawmill Pond accounts.
7. Annual BOS presentation –Weddle and Mikkola will begin to prepare a power point that will be presented to our BOS that summarizes what has been accomplished and share plans for the near future.
8. Legislative Reports – in the interest of time this was tabled.
9. Next meeting – 8/28/19 – Placerville beginning at 7:00pm in Conference Room A.
10. Meeting was adjourned at 9:01pm.