



EL DORADO COUNTY

Fish & Wildlife Commission

Mike Denega-At Large
Stephen Horan-At Large
Dennis Byrne-Dist I
Eric Harnage sec/ tres- Dist II
Kathleen Jermstad VC -Dist III
Pat Weddle, Chair – Dist IV
Vacant – Dist V

MEETING MINUTES

August 25, 2021

ZOOM Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm

1. Call to Order & Roll Call –Chairman Weddle called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. This meeting was conducted by video conference due to COVID-19. Present were Denega, Jermstad, Horan, Byrne, and Harnage.
2. Adoption of Minutes of 7/28/21 and Agenda for 8/25/21– Both the Agenda and the minutes were approved.
3. Dignitaries present were CDFW Lt. Pera, CDFW Biologist Shelly Blair and Cal Trans Biologist Hannah Clark
4. Public Comment – Hannah Clark provided information regarding the Greenstone and Camino Wildlife Undercrossings. She detailed the work involved in determining the location of the Camino Undercrossing and the success of the Greenstone Undercrossing in reduction of traffic collisions. The Camino Undercrossing is nearly completed. Great information, Thank You Hannah!!
5. CDFW Biologists and CDFW Warden reports -
 - a. Biologist-Shelly reported multiple projects that included Dove Banding and signage issues on the Irving Ranch. Tahoe was still having multiple bear issues and the Tamarack Fire caused an issue on the highway 89 wildlife undercrossing in Alpine County. She is involved in a virtual fence/deer collaring project and a deer collaring project in the X zones for deer survivability. She has been involved in gathering up equipment and getting transmitters attached for the Quail Project. She reported monies available for getting samples from meat processors and Kevin Vella was issuing grants for habitat work for wildlife.
 - b. Warden-Lt. Pera reported that since the opening of the Greenstone Undercrossing he has personally patrolled it, as has his staff. He also noted that bats were using the undercrossing as well. Their agency has experienced an increase in bear calls throughout the county with two citizens encounters that led to two bear fatalities. Both incidents were ruled justifiable shootings. He expressed appreciation to EDSO for their assistance in helping with the multiple bear calls being reported. He noted that there were not many archery hunters out and only two contacts were made. One contact resulted in a citation being issued. With the forests being closed he anticipates this will have an impact on hunting this year. Lt Pera will be reporting to the command center to assist with the Caldor fire and his staff will be deploying to assist in public safety issues. BE SAFE!!
6. Finance Report-
(See Attached PDF)
7. Fair Booth-After brief discussion, having a booth at the fair is not likely.

8. Cameras for Wildlife undercrossing- This was covered by Hannah and the undercrossing will be monitored again in the near future.
9. Banners- Two Fish and Wildlife Banners were made and are in the possession of the commission. The hats and shirts for the commission are in the process of obtaining vendors and will be reported on when available.
10. Training issues put on by the county for commissioners was discussed.
11. Commission Reports –

At Large- Mike Denega reported that Bass Lake has been closed to fishing and it was to reopen September 15. The September 15 reopen date was cancelled, with no reopen date known. Mike suggested the commission put efforts into stocking the Village Green Pond and Dennis believed that approval for stocking was made and would be in October.

At Large- Steve Horan
No Report.

District 1- Dennis Byrne: Dennis reported that six flashing deer signs were recommended and was moving to the state for approval. A letter thanking SMUD for their stocking program was in the works. Weddle obtained mailing information.

District II-Eric Harnage
No Report

District III-Kathleen Jermstad
Kathie was working on the commissions photo collage for our website. Photos have been submitted by members. She has been working on putting a simple flyer together pertaining to wildlife information for the commission's website. She posted the "Hoot Owl" bulletin on the commission's website (CDWF Guidance for Fishing during the drought). She has also submitted an article to "Around Here" regarding wildlife avoidance while driving. She is also involved in a research project regarding fencing and is finding some issues with the local/state statutes/codes.

District IV-Pat Weddle
Patrick visited the Chili Bar Park and met with Park Manager Kelly Crofoot. There has been extensive planning on this project to include such items as fishing, rafting etc. This is a county project and Patrick provided positive feedback to it.

District V-Vacant

12. Legislative Report-Kathie Jermstad
 - a. Wildlife Conservation Act HR 3684
 - b. Waters of the US- WOTUS Clean Water Act
13. Next meeting – 09/29/2021 – 6 pm - Video Conference (Zoom)
14. Adjournment was at 7:55pm

COUNTY POLICY COVID-19

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- *Interacting in-person with any member of the commission and/or public while performing any function relative to the commission's duties.*
- *Working in any space visited by members of the public including our regularly scheduled*

- conference room; regardless of whether anyone from the public is present at the time.*
- Working or walking through common areas, such as hallways, stairways, elevators, and parking facilities, and restrooms.*
 - In the conference room or other enclosed area where other people are present regardless of physically distancing a minimum of 6 feet.*
 - While outdoors in public spaces when maintaining a physical distance of 6 feet from other persons is not feasible.*