

## COUNTY OF PLACER FISH & GAME COMMISSION

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# PLACER COUNTY FISH & GAME COMMISSION MINUTES

TIME/DATE: 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, January 25, 2012

LOCATION: PLACER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ROOM

Community Development Resource Agency, DeWitt Center, Auburn 3091 County Center Drive (corner of Bell Road and Richardson Drive),

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- I. CALL TO ORDER Gary Flanagan, Chairman
- II. ROLL CALL Mark Fowler, Don Gould, Mickey Daniels, Gary Flanagan, Ron Salter, Kari Freidig, Robert Haswell
- III. APPROVAL OF Minutes for November 16, 2011 and Agenda for January 26 2011

Commissioner Gould motioned to accept the agenda.

Commissioner Daniels seconded the motion.

All commissioners voted to accept the agenda.

Commissioner Fowler motioned to accept the minutes from November 16, 2011 Commissioner Gould seconded the motion

All voting commissioners voted to accept the minutes.

Commissioner Haswell abstained from voting.

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Individuals may address the Commission on items under the jurisdiction of the Agricultural Commission not included on this agenda for no longer than five (5) minutes. *No action can be taken on items addressed under Public Comment* 

None.

#### V. FINANCIAL REPORT

#### **A. Budget Update** – Ed King

Expenditures to date for FY 11/12 total \$6,926.49 including \$5,000 in grant awards, \$816.66 in commissioner's fees, \$400.00 in secretary fees and \$701.54 in mileage reimbursement. Budgeted expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year total \$3443.51.

Revenues to date total \$299.52, including \$151.18 in fine monies and \$148.34 in interest. A total of \$1,200.00 was budgeted for the current fiscal year.

#### B. Status on funding the Commission for Fiscal Year (2012-2013) – Ed King

Commissioners discussed the funding for the next fiscal year. Topics included fine money and the costs per meeting. They discussed the possibility of submitting a supplemental budget request for \$5000 from the county's general fund for operating costs. They discussed the fact that there is a line item for \$1500 in the budget for Professional Services/Overhead Costs. The cost for 10 meetings is approximately \$5000. They directed Ed King to increase the request from the general fund to \$6500 to cover the Professional Services/Overhead Costs.

Commissioner Flanagan asked if he could get a breakdown of fine moneys for years past.

## VI. AGENCY REPORTS A. Commission Updates

Commissioner Fowler gave an update of Placer county conservation land. This is a plan for the next 10 years. The projection of population grow rates have changed. Right now, the county is not growing as fast as projected and at the current rates the county will not be built out within the next 50 years. The plan is progressing slowly and is not finalized.

Commissioner Freidig indicated that a wolf has entered California.

Commissioner Freidig announces that there is a study to identify ways to reduce the number of deer being hit on the roads.

Commissioner Gould indicated that the mercury group has not meet recently.

Commissioner Flower indicated that Sierra Club is going to be hosting a talk on mercury in fish.

Commissioner Salter indicated the Central Sierra's Fish and Game Commissions confirmed their next meeting date to be held in Nevada County.

Commissioner Daniels indicated that the state agencies are going to have to turn in some vehicles. This commission donated two ATVs to fish and game a few years back. The commission voiced concerns that they might be included in the State's work to collect vehicles.

Commissioner Gould talked to the Roseville Police Chief about the city annexing land that used to be county property. He announced a that individual can get permission to hunt the within city limits.

#### B. California Department of Fish & Game

None

#### C. Nevada Irrigation District

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The district is above average in storage and below average in rainfall and snowpack.

This year has been a dry year.

NID did finish the Highway 65 gauging station to be more fish friendly. However, there has not been enough water to enable fish to cross.

The salmon counts were not done because the flows have been too low. Commissioner Gould indicates there are a few in Roseville. Commissioner Flanagan indicated that on Dry Creek the pipes were removed that were behind the theaters.

# VII. Presentation on Groundwater in Southern Placer County by Derrick Whitehead, P.E., Director of Environmental Utilities, City of Roseville

Mr. Whitehead discussed some of the challenges facing California in terms of water.

Commissioner Flower asked if they have any representation in the Bay Delta conservation plan.

They do not have a seat at the table; however, they are asking questions and pointing out issues.

Folsom Lake is a first responder if there are water quality issues in the delta. Folsom Lake is small in storage.

Commissioner Haswell asked about the stewardship counsel's work to come up with a plan by the deadline of this month.

The plan has not been completed. Portions have been completed and submitted. There will be pressure to take a draft to completions.

Commissioner Haswell asked if the environmental groups have difference in opinion on how to handle the issues.

It really depends on the group and their focuses.

Commissioner Flanagan asked about the involvement of the county and local levels. He asked why California does not have a central agency that is charge of water for the entire state. Therefore, it is difficult to put something in place to manage the state's water. How would you address an agency that looks at things holistically?

Ideally, that would be a good idea. However, they are a long, long, away from that possibility. It would take a huge shift in mentality and culture to make this effective.

Commissioner Gould asked if farmers are selling their water instead of growing crops.

More than likely, the farmers were selling their rights to their ground water.

Commissioner Gould asked what are the possibilities of storing water underground.

In the Sacramento area, the vacated space is about the total capacity of Folsom Lake. Recharging the aquifers is a possibility in the future.

There are two types of aquifers

Surface water recharged is shallow and these are the ones that have the contaminants. The railroad yard, Aerojet, and McClellan and Mather bases.

Semi confined that is down 150 to 300 feet.

Marylyn Jasper asked if the water plan is dependent on the water bond issues passing.

The answer is yes and the feeling is that this plan might be in lawsuits for a while.

Marylyn asked about the quality of water.

The answer is the water they are using is not below a wastewater treatment plan. Therefore, they do not have the same level of contaminates.

#### VIII. Updated Communication Tools for the Commission

Commissioner Flanagan indicated they are going get more information out the public.

Ed King indicates they are in the process of adding a web page to the county Agriculture Department's website to house commission agendas and minutes. This is under constructions now. The site should have historical agendas and minutes. It will done within a couple of weeks.

Most commissions in the county have a generic page which contains names and description.

The office of the county clerk of the board is indicating that they would prefer not to insert and maintain a weblink on the commission page they manage.

The commissioners discussed the issues why they cannot have a page for the fish and game commission.

On the ag website, there is a page for the fish and game and it is up and running. There is no content at this time. They need to add agendas and minutes for past meetings. There will be key word search helpers. And by the next meeting, this page should be fully functioning.

Commissioner Haswell asked that there be a count of of other commissions that would have an interest in having a website. And the county has had a transparency issue in the pass. And if this is a board issue, he would be willing to go to the board of supervisors. He would like to know where this **stop** message is being done.

Commissioner Flanagan would like to know the names of the people that are saying no to adding the weblink in question.

### IX. Discussion on the Feasibility of Creating a County Fish and Game Warden Position

Commissioner Flanagan put this on the agenda to foster a discussion and the want to protect the resources in Placer County. There are four game wardens assigned to this county and they are averaging about 2 citation per game warden per month in

Placer County. They understand they are state agency and work throughout the state. And therefore placer county is not receiving the protection it deserves.

Fish and game codes do allow each county to have one warden for that county. Commissioner Flanagan wonders if this is a good time to bring this up again.

Commissioner discussed the options and value of the position.

The way it could potentially work is to hire a retired Sherriff or DFG warden. It would be a provisional position and therefore the county would not have to pay benefits. The county would have to pay the salary.

Commissioner Haswell was concerned that the county would not currently want to fund the position because they are facing challenges with realignment.

Commissioner Flanagan indicated there might be grant money and other methods to fund this position. And before they present it to the county, the commission would have to do some research to come up with a presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

Commissioner Freidig indicates that there needs to be solid examples of what is not happening.

Marilyn Jaspers indicate this is a great idea and many groups out there would be supportive of this idea. Indicate that the Sherriff would have to be on board. Strategic Vision is dealing with some of these items.

Ann Bryant indicated that they need a warden for some the issues the Bear League faces. The county pays for the service of killing dangerous animals (depredation permits). They pay about \$40,000 to 60,000 each year. This money could be redirected to fund this position.

#### IX. ADJOURNMENT at 9:10 pm

X. Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 22, 2012