

COUNTY OF PLACER

FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

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PLACER COUNTY FISH & GAME COMMISSION MINUTES

February 23rd, 2011 7:00 P.M.

Placer County Planning Commission Hearing Room

CDRA Building 3091 County Center Drive Auburn, CA 95603

Members Present: Don Gould, Gary Flanagan, Mickey Daniels, Kari Freidig, Mark

Fowler, Ron Salter, Robert Haswell

Members Absent: None

> I. CALL TO ORDER - (Roll Call) - Gary Flanagan, Chairman at 7:00 pm

II. Roll Call- Paul Meyers, Secretary

a. Opening Statement

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES January 26, 2011

> Salter motioned to approve the minutes as written Daniels seconded

Minutes approved unanimously

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - Individuals may address the Commission on items under the jurisdiction of the Fish and Game 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 Josh Huntsinger

Expenditures to date are \$7,217.11, which includes \$970.00 in Commissioner fees, \$864.49 in mileage reimbursement, \$500 for secretary services, and \$4,874.62 in grant funding.

Remaining budgeted expenditures total \$3,157.89, including \$1,130.00 for Commissioner fees, \$1,135.51 for mileage reimbursement, \$500 for secretary services, and \$125.38 for donations. The remaining budget allows for a total of 5 meetings between February and June, which would be one meeting every month for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Revenues to date through January 31, 2011 total \$1,047.00, including \$765.56 in fines, and \$281.44 in interest.

In addition, Huntsinger presented the commission with State of California Fish and Game Commission proposed regulatory actions or changes. Comments are due back to the California State Fish and Game commission by the middle of April.

The commissioners discussed the proposals at a high level.

VI. AGENCY REPORTS

a. California Department of Fish and Game (DFG)

Lt. Vincent reported:

This is the slow time of year for hunting and fishing violations. The only hunting available right now is for pigs and jack rabbits.

The squad got a new boat which was previously used by the State Water Quality Control Board. DFG has taken it out twice on two different lakes, which resulted in a number of citations issued for fishing without a license.

Turkey season starts March 26th.

Local wardens have been attending armorer, defensive tactics, and other instructional courses. There are 48 new cadets in the warden academy. Placer County wardens will be teaching at the academy on occasion.

b. Commissioner Updates

No updates.

c. Nevada Irrigation District

No updates

VII. Old Business

a. Final Approval of 2011 Donation Request Application Form

The commission discussed the changes they directed Huntsinger to make to the donation request form.

Commissioner Daniels commented on the wording of the following phrase:

"Additional documentation may be required at the discretion of the Agricultural Commission prior to the disbursement of grant funds."

The commission discussed the wording and the issue of checks and balances.

Commissioner Haswell suggested that the wording be changed to:

"At the time of the approval, the Fish and Game Commission may require addition documentation prior to disbursement of grant funds"

The commission directed Huntsinger to indicate that grant applications must be postmarked or received by September 30th.

Freidig motioned that the grant application be accepted with the suggested changes Gould seconded

Motion approved unanimously

VIII. New Business

a. Placer Land Trust Presentation- Jeff Darlington, Executive Director

Placer Land Trust (PLT) was incorporated in 1991.

7,171 acres have been preserved through the efforts of the Placer Land Trust

PLT only works with willing landowners.

PLT can acquire fee-title to the property, or a conservation easement to the land.

Land is acquired for a variety of purposes including wildlife habitat, public recreation, open space and agricultural preservation, and other reasons.

Latest projects:

A conservation easement was secured near Michigan Bluff (Big Gun Mine). This is the largest single location of endangered California Red Legged Frogs. There is no public access; the purpose is to protect the frogs. Some of the ponds are very small and people might unknowingly do damage.

Bruin Ranch, which is one of the last large pieces of undisturbed oak woodland in Placer County. Placer County partnered with PLT on the funding and worked to acquire the property. In the future, PLT would like to see the land used for fishing and potentially hunting. Phase 1 was the purchase of 1,772 acres. Phase 2 is to acquire another 526 acres. There was a long negotiation process with the previous land owners.

Placer Land Trust is not a pro or anti hunting or fishing organization. There is no specific mandate to allow or prevent hunting or fishing on their lands.

PLT has a typical organizational structure (9 board members) for a non-profit organization.

PLT is currently working with Nevada County Land Trust to acquire a piece of land adjacent to the Bruin Ranch on the north side of Bear River

About half of their projects do create public access. Bruin Ranch was specifically intended for public access.

Their website is http://www.placerlandtrust.org

b. Placer County Conservation Plan- Loren Clark – Assistant Director, Placer County Community Development Resource Agency

The Placer County General Plan of 1994 sets forth the policies led to the establishment of the PCCP.

Clark presented a slide show about the Placer County Conservation Plan (PCCP).

His presentation included the projected growth scenarios for Placer County through the year 2060.

This growth plan would convert 57,000 acres (one fifth) of the current open land space in Placer County to residential or commercial use.

The PCCP plan identifies areas of higher value for preservation. This plan is based on the species richness, proximity to growth, proximity to other conservation lands, and the size of the parcel of land.

The basic premise of the PCCP is to consolidate the authority of the federal, state, and local regulatory agencies who oversee development within the Placer County, and place that authority within the county's Community Development Resource Agency. Outside agencies include the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the California Department of Fish and Game, the California State Water Quality Control Board, and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.

The PCCP would position Placer County as a one-stop shop for regulatory compliance related to new land development. In exchange for providing a streamlined development process, PCCP would also provided a more proactive plan for development to ensure that wildlife habitat and open space is preserved in a better prioritized and more uniform fashion.

PCCP has the support of both the development and environmental communities, which is unprecedented.

The Coon Creek watershed has salmon and steelhead. It is a watershed that goes from the valley to the headwaters in the hills untouched and not through an urban area.

Growth will dominate the landscape in Placer County. The PCCP works to maximize the acreage that can be conserved.

16,341 acres are currently preserved county-wide.

Salmon and steelhead have to pass through Sutter County to get into Placer County. Placer County is working with Sutter County to protect the waterways that are used by salmon and steelhead.

The County Aquatic Resources Plan (CARP) addresses work in "waters of the County" for a variety of activities.

The CARP was submitted for review three weeks ago.

In addition to conserving the landscape, PCCP also involves performing restoration projects. Therefore, the county has to show improvements to the landscape. Auburn Ravine is a great example of what can be done to restore an area. The creek may be restored back to the conditions that existed 100 years ago.

Significant costs will be incurred to implement and maintain the PCCP.

It will be more difficult to re-zone agricultural (Farm or Timber Production) zoned lands once PCCP is implemented.

The City of Auburn has very few endangered species and they have a small foot print of growth. The City of Loomis is very similar to Auburn. Rocklin is land locked and cannot grow. Roseville can grow, and it is to the west, but Roseville has chosen not to participate in PCCP. Only the City of Lincoln is participating with Placer County in the PCCP.

IX. ADJOURMENT

Commissioner Flanagan adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM

Paul Meyers – Recording Secretary

Next Meeting - Wednesday, March 23rd 2010