



Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 21, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Others
David Cook	Brock Dolman	Cynthia Button, CDFW
Al Gerhardt	Jeff Holden	Cary Olin, SCWA
Jim Lynch	Don McEnhill	James Reed, CDFW Warden
Julian Meisler	Al Ferris	Gwendolyn Fry, WFR
Crystal Norris		Suzanne Cassell, WFR
Andy Pozzi		Lisa Bell, FWC Secretary
Dagny Thomas		

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Norris called the meeting to order at 7:04.

II. Adoption of Minutes (September 2013)

A motion to accept July 2013 minutes was made by Dan with a second by Julian. Motion carried.

Passed with Ayes: 7; Nays: 0; Absent: 4; Abstain: 0.

III. Correspondence

- A. CA Fish and Game Commission Regulatory Action Notice
- B. Pamela Gunsalus. Thank you for funding Upp Road Gully Project

IV. Financial Reports (October 2013, general fund and Abalone)

October 2013 financials were presented. The balance as of October 31, 2013 in the Abalone fund was \$350.00, balance in the General Fund was \$35,494.20.

Motion to accept the financial reports as presented was made by Jim with a second by Dagny. Motion carried. Passed with Ayes: 7; Nays: 0; Absent: 7; Abstain: 0.

V. Old Business

A. Cary Olin, Sonoma County Water Agency - Steelhead in the Classroom, Equipment for Educators. *Second Reading*

Cary brought in educational posters that teachers receive as part of the program. She reported that 13 Sonoma County teachers were now in the program and they are expecting more in their next workshop coming up soon. There was no quorum, no vote.



B. FWC marketing and publicity – Dagny Thomas

Dagny added text to brochure and requested Commissioners to read and comment on it. She got 2 quotes for printing 1000 copies: AJ Graphic will shrinkwrap them in bundles of 25 for \$689.80; SC Reprographics' quote is \$725. Commission Secretary will mail brochure to AI F.

C. Change in scholarship structure

Dagny suggested the website will need changes to reflect the structure change, soon. And the website could be updated in general. She asked the Commissioners to look at the scholarship application and give suggestions for changes.

VI. New Business

A. Suzanne Cassell, Wildlife Fawn Rescue - Care of orphaned, ill and injured fawns. First Reading.

WFR is asking for funds for 13/20 lbs. buckets of formula, enough to rehabilitate 13 fawns for 4 months. She gave Commissioners a WFR newsletter.

B. Cynthia Button, California Department of Fish & Wildlife - Changes in Sonoma County abalone regulations.

Cynthia described Abalone research in general and the reasons for the changes in regulations. The main reason for the changes is the August 2011 mass mortality on the Sonoma Coast due to toxin released by algae. There was a 60% decline in Sonoma Coast Abalone density between the 2003-7 and 2009-12 reporting periods. Changes include closing Fort Ross; 8 am start time; and reduction in state and county take limits. CDFW is doing outreach in several ways to get the word out.

VII. Reports/Comments

- A. Public
- B. Board

VIII. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 8:11.

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on January 16, 2014, in the Sonoma County Agricultural Commissioner's Office Conference Room, 133 Aviation Blvd., Santa Rosa, unless otherwise canceled by the Commission.

Note: Please call the Agricultural Commissioner's Office by Monday the week of the meeting if you are unable to attend. Remember, we cannot conduct our business if we do not have a quorum.