



# STANISLAUS COUNTY FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_  
SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_

## PARKS AND RECREATION

Sonya K. Harrigfeld, Director  
Ed Channing, Chairman

3800 CORNUCOPIA WAY, SUITE C, MODESTO, CALIFORNIA 95358



APRIL 24, 2008 AT 4:00 P.M.  
3800 CORNUCOPIA WAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM

## MINUTES

### FISH & WILDLIFE MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Red Bartley
- Ed Ayers
- Ed Channing
- Sandra Vanwey
- Marvin D. Johnsen

### FISH & GAME REPRESENTATIVE:

- Dennis Deanda
- Phil McKay

### PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

- Margarita Ramos
- Mae Song
- Jeff Potter
- John Lamela

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

### GUESTS PRESENT:

- Joe Merz
- Jesse Anderson

### A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

- Chair Ed Channing called the meeting to order. Those in attendance introduce themselves.
- Chair announced that Jim Fernandez is unable to continue participation with the committee.

### B. CORRESPONDENCES

- Opportunity to comment in review of ESA-Protected Species.
- Fish and Game notice of date change for Public Hearing on Proposed Regulatory Action and Notice of Addition of Document to Rulemaking File concerning the proposed regulatory action relating to nuisance Canada geese.

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Board of Supervisor  
Agenda Item

### C. ACTION ITEM

- Members discussed and approved the request of funds for the Stanislaus Wood Duck Nesting Program in the amount of \$2879.26, which includes sales tax for approximately 100 metal poles to the wood duck boxes.

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\_\_Bartley motion,  
Vanwey second,  
unanimous approval

### D. CRAMER FISH SCIENCES PRESENTATION

- Joe Merz, fish biologist with Cramer Fish Sciences, a local consulting firm in Oakdale, received contract with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, the Fish Restoration Program to perform a juvenile rearing habitat restoration on the Stanislaus River. Mr. Merz shared plans, potential issues and the Anadromous Fish Restoration Program (AFRP), a subgroup of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services. President Bush passed the Central Valley Project Improvement program to work on increasing an important contributor to a healthy ecosystem—the Salmon population in the Central Valley. Plans include

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gravel augmentation in specific sites beneficial to the fishes. There will be funding set aside for other items the community can actively be involved in i.e. removal of invasive plants, education for students, etc.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES****ACTIONS**

- Minutes for January 24, 2008 were approved upon motion and second with a correction to remove the name Phil McKay listed under *Members Absent*.

\_\_\_ Bartley, Johnsen,  
 unanimous approval

**E. PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF UPDATE****ACTIONS/REPORTER**

- Woodward Reservoir had a migratory species issue they are watching closely. Staff recently attended the Quagga/Zebra Mussel prevention seminar. Department of Fish and Game also have available mussel handouts to distribute and educate the public.
- The Parks and Recreation Department will soon provide recommendations on preventing Quagga/Zebra mussels in the reservoirs and are taking steps to working with water irrigation districts.
- Potential wild flower project in Joe Domecq, Modesto Reservoir and La Grange walk bridge area.
- Jet skier issue of getting too close to fishing lines at Fishing Access points. Fox Grove boat ramp having issues with unloading boats and blockage of the area.

*Jeff Potter,*  
*Woodward Reservoir*

*Margarita Ramos*

*John Lamela,*  
*Modesto Reservoir*

**F. WILDLIFE REPORT****ACTIONS/REPORTER**

- Greg Gerstenberg reported to Chair the following: 17 deers were captured and radio collared last month on the Stanislaus deer herd; 13 GPS collared and 4 VHF collared. Composition counts were provided.

*Ed Ayers*

**G. FISHERY REPORT****ACTIONS & REPORTER**

- No report available.

**H. FINE MONEY STATUS****ACTIONS & REPORTER**

- Criminal case near La Grange filed for unauthorized stream alterations of approximately 800 acres with no permit. Owed \$2.3 million to agencies as assessed. Passed away in January. The Fish and Wildlife Committee was to receive \$50,000 as written in injunction. Property is currently in lien.
- Non-game bird case: TID reported a bird-shooting spree. Found 3 of 4 guilty parties. Fine totaled \$6000. Location was near High Banks of the San Joaquin River.
- Three outstanding dairy cases for 2008 and one from last year; a total of four cases. Firearms were recovered from unofficial shooters in Laird Park area identified to have come from house burglaries.

*Phil Mckay*

**I. WOOD DUCK REPORT****ACTIONS & REPORTER**

- Six student volunteers checking boxes at Hatfield Park, lynches and trammels on Dry Creek.

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**J. GREATER VALLEY MUSEUM**

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

1. Two good size Pacific fish to freeze dry. Now looking for an adult size Tule fish. New building facility on the West Campus of Modesto Junior College. Would also like a deer and coyote.

**K. NEW BUSINESS**

**ACTIONS & REPORTER**

1. Waterfowl Stakeholder's Meeting will be held on May 15, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. located at the Harvest Hall.
2. Grand Re-Opening of Parklawn Park, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., light refreshments will be provided.

**L. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned upon motion and second. The next meeting of the Fish and Wildlife Committee will be held on:  
**Thursday, July 24, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.**  
**Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto.

\_\_\_Bartley, Johnsen,  
 unanimous approval