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SECOND: _____

STANISLAUS COUNTY

FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE

PARKS AND RECREATION

Sonya K. Harrigfeld, Director
Ed Channing, Chairman

3800 CORNUCOPIA WAY, SUITE C, MODESTO, CALIFORNIA 95358



JULY 24, 2008 AT 4:00 P.M.
3800 CORNUCOPIA WAY, 2ND FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM
 (Minutes and Agendas can also be found online at <http://www.stancounty.com/er/parks/fish-wildlife-committee.shtm>)

MINUTES

FISH & WILDLIFE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

FISH & GAME REPRESENTATIVE:

- Nathan Graveline
- Greg Gerstenberg
- H. Steve Tsao

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

- Margarita Ramos
- Mae Song
- Richard Morgan
- James Pursley
- Rob Edmondson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

GUESTS PRESENT:

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

- Ed Ayers called the meeting to order. Those in attendance introduce themselves.
- Minutes and agendas are also available at www.stancounty.com/er/parks/fish-wildlife-committee.shtm.

B. CORRESPONDENCES

1. Members reviewed a notice from the Department of Fish and Game in regards to the Bay Delta Sport Fishing Enhancement Stamp Program. The Stamp Program is requesting proposals for Bay-Delta projects that benefit sport fish populations, sport fishing opportunities, and anglers. This is a source of funding involving different types of project related to research and habitat restoration. Proposals are due 3:00 p.m. on August 1, 2008. The Stamp Fund is approximately \$1 million dollars this year and may continue on a yearly basis.
2. Members reviewed and discussed the new requirement to the Brown Act which "requires, among other things, that local legislative bodies make copies of agendas, staff reports and other agenda-package materials available to the general public at the time those materials are provided to members of the legislative body" effective July 1, 2008.

REPORTER

*Board of Supervisor
Correspondence Item*

Mae Song

C. ACTION ITEM

1. Consensus to a send letter in support of the Stanislaus County Bail Schedule proposal from Lt. Phil Mckay of the Department of Fish and Game.
2. Approved request for mileage reimbursement of \$438.95 for Wood Duck Program at California University of Stanislaus. This is a routine distribution of funds.

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__Bartley, Vanwey,
unanimous approval

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| <p>3. The proposal to purchase and seed wildflowers at three proposed sites were tabled due to question in qualification. Members suggested reviewing the Department of Fish and Game code section 13100 and to run by Lt. Mckay whether this proposal qualifies to receive funds. The three sites proposed were the Old La Grange Bridge area, Modesto Reservoir area, and Joe Domecq wilderness area.</p> | <p>___ Motion tabled for revision.</p> |
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D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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| <p>1. Minutes for April 24, 2008 were approved upon motion and second.</p> | <p>___ Bartley, Johnsen, unanimous approval</p> |
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E. PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF UPDATE

ACTIONS/REPORTER

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| <p>1. Waterfowl Blind Draw Registration deadline has been extended a week. Modesto and Woodward Reservoir has been preparing for the upcoming draw on Saturday, August 2nd, 2008.</p> | <p><i>Mae Song/Rob Edmondson</i></p> |
| <p>2. A question was raised whether members can go out to Frank Raines to do work there without having to go through the extensive process at United Way. Volunteers accepting one-time assignments will complete the One-time Event Form and are not required to participate in the extensive background process.</p> | <p><i>James Pursley/
Richard Morgan/ Mae Song</i></p> |

F. WILDLIFE REPORT

ACTIONS/REPORTER

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| <p>1. Greg Gerstenberg introduced Nathan Graveline who will also be sharing reports for Stanislaus County. In the Stanislaus Fawn Survivorship Program, some GPS collars were recovered recently. A draft progress report was submitted of accomplishments. The final report for the project will soon be completed. There are currently 24 collared deer. GPS collars were placed on in spring of 2007 and recovered in spring of 2008. Fawn collars were placed on last June of 2007 through the middle of July with the last one recovered a month ago. 20 of the 21 collared fawns were recovered while 1 turned out missing. The purpose of study is to determine the best techniques to use on a full study of fawn survivorship. The study will be proposed this year to begin the next collaring of fawns in two years out. The fund estimates radio collars at \$100,000-150,000; GPS collars are \$1700 each and cost between \$600-800 to refurbish (after each data download), fawn collars are \$200 each.</p> <p>The Grassland Deer Reintroduction Project is currently tracking 11 collared deers—8 deer and 3 bucks.</p> <p>Quail brute count is 1.6 immatures per adult. Average group size of 6. 438 birds counted in 5 different units. Chuckers count had 3.5 immatures per adult, average group size of 14 with only a count of 36 birds.</p> | <p><i>Greg Gerstenberg</i></p> |
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G. FISHERY REPORT

ACTIONS & REPORTER

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| <p>1. At the Mossdale trawl, the salmon out-migration study was completed with low numbers this year. The juvenile Chinook dropped over fifty percent from last year. Caught only four rainbow trout compared to last year of forty. The Tuolumne River is being closely monitored for temperature changes. Concerns exist in the finding of Steelheads in the river.</p> | <p><i>Steve Tsao</i></p> |
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H. FINE MONEY STATUS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

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| <p>1. No report.</p> | |
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I. WOOD DUCK REPORT

ACTIONS & REPORTER

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| <p>1. An unusual case of a Wood duck banded in this area was recovered in South Carolina. Pictures of a female Wood duck and ducklings in the Wood duck boxes were shared.</p> | <p><i>Ed Ayers</i></p> |
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The 1.5 inch pipes were cut up and received from the steel company where they were purchased. The pipes and duck boxes will be installed this winter.

J. GREAT VALLEY MUSEUM

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. The Great Valley Museum is in the process of relocating to the new facility on their West Campus. The new facility is in the design phase at this time. In preparation for the move, the museum is sorting through existing collections and is planning for new exhibits focusing on the central valley and its habitat. The museum will be keeping their current African collection that started the museum as a part of the museum's exhibit.

Sandra Vanwey

K. NEW BUSINESS

ACTIONS & REPORTER

1. None.

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, October 23, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.
Conference Room, 2nd Floor
 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto.

___Channing, Ayers,
 unanimous approval