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# STANISLAUS COUNTY

## FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE

### PARKS AND RECREATION

Sonya K. Harrigfeld, Director  
 Margarita D. Ramos, Deputy Director  
 Ed Channing, Chairman

3800 CORNUCOPIA WAY, SUITE C, MODESTO, CALIFORNIA 95358



**JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2009 AT 4:00 P.M.**  
**3800 CORNUCOPIA WAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM**  
 (Minutes and Agendas can 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

### FISH & GAME REPRESENTATIVE:

- Nathan Graveline
- Greg Gerstenberg
- Phil McKay

### PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

- Cathy Gomez
- Reece Barnes
- Amanda Fife

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Marvin D. Johnsen

### GUESTS PRESENT:

- Paul Armstrong
- Angie Wulfow
- Norm Winchester

### A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Ed Ayers called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Those in attendance introduce themselves.

### B. CORRESPONDENCES

#### REPORTER

*Ed Ayer*

1. Members reviewed the correspondences received from the Department of Fish and Game in regards to the Long Fin Smelt, the Proposed Hunt of J18 Pacific Grizzly, Apprentice of either sex deer hunt that applies to the D-5 area in San Joaquin County, and a proposed meeting invitation to the Fish and Game Commissioner of California Association; Red Bartley, Ed Ayers and Ed Channing will be attending the meeting. The meeting is an opportunity to participate in the formation of the organization that will be a collective voice with the State Commission, the legislature and a great resource for County Fish and Game Commissioners.
2. Ed Ayers shared the passing of Supervisor Thomas Mayfield and Weldon Sanford, Fish and Game Warden, who was going to take over Dr. Cazensa had also passed away.

### C. ACTION ITEM

#### REPORTER

*Norm Winchester*  
 \_\_\_Bartley, Channing,  
 Unanimous Approval

1. Members considered and approved the donation of \$2000.00 for 333 bass for the Kids' Fishing Fun Day from the Army Corps of Engineers. Norm Winchester shared information about the program and things to do differently from previous years, such as providing snacks before lunch since some kids don't get to eat breakfast, and installing a nest to isolate the plant of fishes to ensure bigger fishes don't get to it prior to the event.

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| <p>2. Members considered and approved the mileage reimbursement request for \$444.60 to the Stanislaus County Wildlife Group for surveying and maintaining Wood Duck nest boxes.</p>   | <p>__Vanwey, Bartley,<br/>Unanimous Approval</p>   |
| <p>3. Members considered and approved funds for the Wood Duck nest materials, cement to hold the poles in place and the lumber to build the duck nest boxes estimated at \$788.67 to the Stanislaus County Wildlife Group.</p> | <p>__Bartley, Channing,<br/>Unanimous Approval</p> |

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ACTIONS**

1. Paul Armstrong, resident of Oakdale, addressed a concern near the Stanislaus River area that may require clearing in hope that it may help in bringing back a Pheasant hunting habitat. Members suggested that the Committee may be able to help with obtaining a permit to raise Pheasants but may need the facility to raise them. The Boy Scouts were also a recommended group that can assist with clearing areas of any garbage and debris.

*Paul Armstrong*

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTIONS**

1. Minutes for January 22, 2009 were approved upon motion and second.

\_\_Vanwey, Bartley,  
Unanimous Approval

**F. PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF UPDATE**

**ACTIONS/REPORTER**

1. Cathy Gomez thanked the Committee for the funds for the fish plants at both Modesto and Woodward Reservoir. It was a challenge to find fishes; there was a switch in fish distributor that postponed some of the plant, however, the plants received lots of comments from the public and encouraged more people to visit and fish at the reservoirs.
2. Amanda Fife, discussed signs for fishing access areas in regards to the river closure. The Parks and Recreation department will check with Public Works to see if they can assist with providing signs of new regulations or may potentially propose to the Committee to help with funding the signs.
3. Reece Barnes from Modesto Reservoir reported that the fishermen are happy about the fish plants. The duck-hunting season is going smoothly. The reservoirs are hoping that MID will soon be able to increase the water level.

*Cathy Gomez*

*Amanda Fife*

*Reece Barnes*

**G. WILDLIFE REPORT**

**ACTIONS/REPORTER**

1. Nathan Graveline and Greg Gerstenberg shared the D-6 Deer Composition Count Route Summary, emphasizing on the ratio per 100 does that the numbers are below mark. They are working on a proposal for a full five-year study to identify fawn mortality and are looking for funding partners to help contribute. They are hoping to begin implementation of a management plan near the third year for fawn survivorship. The full study may require an estimate of approximately \$100,000 to \$150,000 per year, which includes implants, capturing fawns, and monitoring.
2. Goose trapping was not as successful in the usual capture location this year however, they are still trying in other locations. The Waterfowl survey was 921,000 for the northern San Joaquin area. The ducks were at 690,000 which was close to last years total of 740,000. The species composition changed slightly.

*Nathan  
Graveline/Greg  
Gerstenberg*

**H. FISHERY REPORT**

**ACTIONS &  
REPORTER**

1. No report.

<p><b>I. FINE MONEY STATUS</b></p> <p>1. A new commissioner is appointed every two to three years to Fish and Game cases. The fine monies status varies based on each Commissioner's ruling of dismissal or fine. Lt. Phil McKay shared a letter that was sent to the Commissioner with the support of Ed Channing, Chair of the Fish and Wildlife Committee, to adhere to the unified bail schedule and prospectively implement access of fine payments at the counter or online.</p>	<p><b>ACTIONS &amp; REPORTER</b></p> <p><i>Phil McKay</i></p>
<p><b>J. WOOD DUCK REPORT</b></p> <p>1. In the nine areas covered last year, 812 eggs were laid. There was a 58% hatch. The highest percentages of hatches were in the boxes placed on poles which had a better rate at 76% successful hatchings.</p>	<p><b>ACTIONS &amp; REPORTER</b></p> <p><i>Ed Channing</i></p>
<p><b>K. GREAT VALLEY MUSEUM</b></p> <p>1. Sandra Vanwey shared information on the progress of the new building and a few suggested new species. She spoke about a section to compare the natives with the non-native large animal section. Ms. Vanwey is working on a proposal for a female and male deer and a coyote. The museum is schedule to open in the year 2011.</p>	<p><b>ACTIONS &amp; REPORTER</b></p> <p><i>Sandra Vanwey</i></p>
<p><b>L. NEW BUSINESS</b></p> <p>1. None.</p>	<p><b>ACTIONS &amp; REPORTER</b></p>
<p><b>M. ADJOURNMENT &amp; NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m. upon motion and second. The next meeting of the Fish and Wildlife Committee will be held on:  <b>Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</b>  <b>3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto.</b></p>	<p><u>    </u> Bartley, Vanwey,  Unanimous Approval</p>