



STANISLAUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

**WOODWARD RESERVOIR
MODESTO RESERVOIR**

WATERFOWL HUNTING RULES & REGULATIONS

1. WATERFOWL BLIND DRAW PROCEDURES

The waterfowl registration will begin on Monday July 6, 2020 and will end at 5:00pm on Friday July 31, 2020. The waterfowl draw will occur electronically on Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

The winners of the draw will pin on Saturday August 15, 2020 at Modesto and Woodward Reservoirs in priority order to select a floating waterfowl blind site. To be eligible to participate in this draw:

- a. All draw registrants **must be 18 years of age**, possess a valid picture identification card (i.e. state identification card or driver's license) **and** a current valid California Hunting License in the registrant's name. School identification cards are not permissible. These items **must** be available for verification at the time of selecting a waterfowl blind site. If appropriate documentation is **not** provided **or** the documentation does not match what was provided on the draw registration card, the registrant will **not** be eligible to secure a waterfowl blind site if drawn, and the draw registration fee will **not** be refunded.

- b. Complete the online registration card that is available on the Parks and Recreation website, which includes your name, address, phone number, e-mail, date of birth, current valid *California Hunting License* number, signature, and your certification attesting to all of the information on the online form. Registration cards must be completed in full and paid no later than August 5th at 4:00pm. The registration is not transferable and is limited to one per person per reservoir.

(Please note: Due to unforeseen circumstances, COVID-19 or construction plans, a reservoir may be closed and, thus, unavailable for waterfowl hunting season with no refunds. The Department will provide park closure information prior to registration.)

SAMPLE WATERFOWL BLIND DRAW REGSITRATION CARD

Modesto Reservoir	
2020-2021 WATERFOWL DRAW REGISTRATION FORM * Required	
E-mail Address *	<input type="text"/>
Full Name *	<input type="text"/>
Address *	<input type="text"/>
City *	<input type="text"/>
Zip Code *	<input type="text"/>

Woodward Reservoir	
2020-2021 WATERFOWL DRAW REGISTRATION FORM * Required	
E-mail Address *	<input type="text"/>
Full Name *	<input type="text"/>
Address *	<input type="text"/>
City *	<input type="text"/>
Zip Code *	<input type="text"/>

- g. All boats **must** comply with the Harbors and Navigation Code, and will be subject to periodic inspections to insure proper safety equipment is aboard. All boats must maintain current registration. Day-use decals are **not valid** on boats with expired registration.
- h. All hunters are required to pay appropriate fees or have the appropriate day-use pass. The day-use pass does not apply to dogs brought into the park and does not apply to camping fees. Separate fees for day-use, dogs, and camping are **required** upon entering the park.
- i. **AT MODESTO RESERVOIR: All dogs, horses, and pets are prohibited at all times. (Please report any violations to a Department staff immediately.)**
- j. **AT WOODWARD RESERVOIR: Due to the no body to water contact, all dogs, horses and pets are not permitted in the water during this season. (Please report any violations to a Department staff immediately.)**
- k. Each waterfowl hunter shall possess, or be with a person possessing, a valid waterfowl blind permit, or have in his possession written permission signed by the permittee of the waterfowl blind from which he/she will be hunting. Permittee shall provide copies of written permission to Director or his/her designee. Copies shall be kept in permittee's file. **(Pursuant to Stanislaus County Code Section 18.12.070B.)**
- l. Waterfowl blinds may be modified or altered with brush during the hunting season from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekdays and from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on weekends without an appointment. **However**, Department staff must be notified **in writing** in advance of the waterfowl blind number and type of brush that will be used.
- m. The Department will send a written notice to remove a blind to any permittee/owner that is not in compliance with all rules and regulations, or with any of the terms of the waterfowl blind permit. Any violation of rules and regulations or permit conditions may result in forfeiture of waterfowl blind location, hunting privileges, and revocation of waterfowl blind permit. **(Pursuant to Stanislaus County Code Sections 18.12.060 and 18.12.070A.)**
- n. If authorized Department personnel find that required waterfowl blind standards have not been met, the permittee shall have 48 hours after notification to correct identified deficiencies. If deficiencies are not corrected within 48 hours the **permit may be revoked**. No hunting will be allowed from the waterfowl blind until all identified deficiencies have been corrected and approved in writing by the Director or his/her designee. **(Pursuant to Stanislaus County Code Sections 18.12.020 and 18.12.070A.)**
- o. Operation of any and all watercraft in the area between the buoys and the water quality wall at Woodward Reservoir is punishable by a \$500 fine. **(Pursuant to Stanislaus County Code Section 18.20.040 Misdemeanor designated)**

5. REMOVAL OF WATERFOWL BLIND AND DEPOSIT REFUND

To be eligible to receive a refund of the deposit:

- a. Permittee **must** schedule a removal inspection with Department representative to check-out at least two (2) days prior to check-out.
- b. The waterfowl blind **must** be completely removed from the recreation area no later than March 10th. Violation of this provision shall be punishable as an infraction as provided in Section 1.36.020. **(Pursuant to Stanislaus County Code Section 18.12.020C.)**
- c. The complete removal of a waterfowl blind **must be verified** by Department staff by signature of the Application for Return. The application will then be delivered to the Department's main office for processing.
- d. Refunds will **not** be made for any blind left beyond March 10th, or for any blind that was taken out of the park without being inspected and signed-off by a Department staff. **(Pursuant to Stanislaus County Code Section 18.12.050.)**

- e. The County may dispose of any waterfowl blind or parts thereof that remain at the recreation area after March 10th. (**Pursuant to Stanislaus County Code Section 18.12.030.**)

- f. Permittee **will be responsible for all costs** of removal above the initial deposit. In addition, the permittee leaving a blind or any part of a blind or other hazardous debris in a recreation area may be subject to legal action. In accordance with **Stanislaus County Code Title 1, General Provisions Section 1.36**, General Penalties, failure to remove the waterfowl blind after March 10th constitutes an infraction of **Stanislaus County Code Section 18.12.020C** and is punishable by a **mandatory fine** of:
 - i. \$100 for a first violation;
 - ii. \$200 for a second violation of the same Code Section within one year; and
 - iii. \$400 for each additional violation of the same Code Section within one year.
 - iv. **Each and every day, or portion thereof that a violation of this Code Section continues or goes unabated, is deemed to be and constitutes a separate violation of the same Code Section.**