



STANISLAUS COUNTY FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE

3800 CORNUCOPIA WAY, SUITE D, MODESTO, CALIFORNIA 95358



MINUTES

JANUARY 25, 2024

3800 CORNUCOPIA WAY, ROOM D&E, HARVEST HALL
MODESTO, CA 95358-9494

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COUNTY FISH & WILDLIFE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Sexton, D1
Kenneth Meidl, D4
Kern Hunewill, D5
Philip McKay, D5
Ed Ayers, D2
Jim Atherstone, D3
Michael Hart, D4
Brian Mallard, D2
Vernon Gladney, D1

STATE FISH & WILDLIFE REPRESENTATIVE(S):

Bernard Aguilar, CDFW

PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

LeeAnn Peterson

EXCUSED/ABSENT:

Lt. Justin Gaioran

GUESTS PRESENT:

A. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Phil McKay called the meeting to order, and introductions were made of all in attendance.

Phil McKay

B. FISHERIES REPORT

Bernard is waiting for numbers to be compiled from surveys, will have report ready next meeting.
Stanley Wakefield Wilderness Area restoration project complete and is now open to the public.
Tuolumne River restorations underway; funding obtained, working on permits, 5 year anticipated completion date.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Bernard Aguilar

C. ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Lt. Justin Gaioran was unable to attend. Phil explained Justin had requested 80 minute orders to review fines, many of which were dismissed, only 7 fines received.
Justin will follow up with the clerk's office and attempt to meet Judge so the court is aware that fines need to be assessed and not dismissed as these are incoming funds.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Phil McKay

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tom Sexton made the motion to accept October 26, 2023 minutes. Vernon Gladney seconded. The motion was unanimously carried.

ACTIONS & REPORTER

Phil McKay

<p>E. TREASURER REPORT</p> <p>Fund balance \$59,150. Kern asked if earning interest for these funds is available. Park's to inquire.</p>	<p>ACTIONS & REPORTER</p> <p><i>Kern Hunewell</i></p>
<p>C. CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>Gov. Newsom signed into law Senate Bill 856, effective July 1, 2024. Wild pigs to be classified as exotic animals. Law changes definitions, permits, licensing, hunting take, captive hunting preserves and capture, possession, and release of wild pigs. The northern and southern DPS of Western Spadefoot to be listed as endangered species.</p>	<p>ACTIONS & REPORTER</p> <p><i>Jim Atherstone</i></p>
<p>D. WOOD DUCK PROJECT REPORT</p> <p>26 boxes this year-20 at Dos Rios, 6 at Modesto Range. Mike and Phil did maintenance on boxes at Dos Rios in November. Tom willing to build more boxes.</p> <p>Stanley Wakefield possible future site, Bernard to reach out to City of Oakdale.</p>	<p>ACTIONS & REPORTER</p> <p><i>Ed Ayers</i></p>
<p>E. ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD PROJECT REPORT</p> <p>Last year groups/organizations were identified and rated. Operation 9 to 99 nominated after having had the highest score. Coordinator Chris Guptill will be invited to next meeting to accept award. First motion from Kern Hunewill to accept Operation 9 to 99 as 2023 winner. Tom Sexton seconded the motion. Motion passes with 7 approvals and 2 abstentions from Michael and Phil.</p>	<p>ACTIONS & REPORTER</p> <p><i>Ken Meidl</i></p>
<p>G. WOODWARD RESERVOIR FISH HABITAT PROJECT</p> <p>Discussion to kick off a project aimed at enhancing fish habitat at Woodward Reservoir, which in turn can potentially boost fishing activity. Need to reach out to SSJID. Motion to move forward. Tom Sexton made first motion to move forward with project, Vernon Gladney second. The motion was unanimously carried. Jim Atherstone will be lead project.</p>	<p>ACTIONS & REPORTER</p> <p><i>Phil McKay</i></p>
<p>H. COMMITTEE'S VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR</p> <p>College currently on strike but Chair of the Biology Dept. wants to get students involved. Eric Hopson with San Joaquin NWR excited for partnership to bring wood duck program back to refuge, taking tour tomorrow 1/26/23.</p> <p>Will discuss with Stan State Professor on possibly obtaining camera to check boxes without disturbance.</p>	<p>ACTIONS & REPORTER</p> <p><i>Michael Hart</i></p>
<p>J. OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Vacant District 3 position needs to be filled. Phil may know someone who is interested, he will reach out.</p> <p>Kern thanked Phil for his assistance with contacting F&W, suggested having a nutria presentation during future meeting.</p> <p>Ed suggested reaching out to Boy Scouts for Wood Duck Program.</p>	<p>ACTIONS & REPORTER</p> <p><i>Phil McKay</i></p>
<p>K. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING</p> <p>There being no further business, Tom Sexton motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jim Atherstone seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Fish and Wildlife Committee will be held on:</p>	<p>ACTIONS & REPORTER</p> <p><i>Phil McKay</i></p>

April 25, 2024 at 4 PM
Rooms H&I, Stanislaus Building
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