



# STANISLAUS COUNTY FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE



**PARKS AND RECREATION**  
Tera Chumley, Interim Director  
Phil McKay, Chair

3800 CORNUCOPIA WAY, SUITE D, MODESTO, CALIFORNIA 95358

## MINUTES

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022**

**3800 CORNUCOPIA WAY, ROOMS H&I, (STANISLAUS BUILDING)  
MODESTO, CA 95358-9494**

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### COUNTY FISH & WILDLIFE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kenneth Meidl, D2  
Kern Hunewell, D5  
Philip McKay, D2  
Robert Bashaw, D5  
Jim Atherstone, D3  
Brian Mollard, D2

### STATE FISH & WILDLIFE REPRESENTATIVE(S):

Bernard Aguilar CDFW

### PARKS & RECREATION STAFF PRESENT:

Michele Armas

### EXCUSED/ABSENT:

Tom Sexton, D1  
Ed Ayers, D2  
Vernon Gladney, D1

### 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. PRESENTATION

Bernard Aguilar discussed river restoration in the Tuolumne, Stanislaus & Merced Rivers. Bringing in gravel for riverbed to aid in salmon reproduction for salmon spawning. Grants are acquired to fund the restoration projects. Salmon Festival 11/12/22 in Knights Ferry.

#### ACTIONS & REPORTER

*Phil McKay  
Bernard Aguilar*

### D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ken Hunewell made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2022 meeting. Bob Bashaw seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

#### ACTIONS & REPORTER

*Phil McKay  
Ken Hunewell  
Bob Bashaw*

### C. CORRESPONDENCE

It was determined that the Ridged Mussel does not exist in Stanislaus County, so there will be no need for any action in reference to the recent Ridged Mussel correspondence. Jim Atherstone will document the committee's findings. Discussion about the length of time it took for the correspondence to be disseminated from the BOS meeting to our commission. Michele Armas was new to the commission and understands now that when correspondence comes in it will be forwarded to the commission as soon as possible.

#### ACTIONS & REPORTER

*Phil McKay  
Jim Atherstone  
Michele Armas*

<b>D. TREASURER REPORT</b>	<b>ACTIONS &amp; REPORTER</b>
Michele Armas provided handouts to the commission. The handouts consisted of the Fund report as of July 01, 2022, with revenues that were collected thru September 2022. An explanation was provided by Estefania Carrasco-Sanchez our Parks and Recreation Accountant that detailed where the revenue comes from and how the amounts differ according to months. It was discussed and understood that the revenue is solely generated by the fines that are paid.	<i>Phil McKay Kern Hunewell Michele Armas</i>
<b>E. Bequest Discussion Possible Bylaws change</b>	
It was discussed about "gifts/donations" made to the commission and how are they tracked. Michele Armas agreed to research as to how those amounts are tracked. Michele Armas explained the reimbursement process through the county. Bob Bashaw submitted a W-9 for reimbursement of expenses for the building of a wood duck box. Michele will forward reimbursement documents to the finance department at Parks and Recreation for submission and check issuance.	<i>Phil McKay Michele Armas</i>
<b>G. FISHERIES, WILDLIFE, AND ENFORCEMENT REPORT</b>	<b>ACTIONS &amp; REPORTER</b>
Bernard Aguilar reported on the habitat projects at Bob Cat Flats and La Grange. There were no wardens present at the meeting, so there was no enforcement report.	<i>Phil McKay Bernard Aguilar</i>
<b>H. COMMITTEE PROJECT DISCUSSION – PHOTO CONTEST</b>	<b>ACTIONS &amp; REPORTER</b>
The committee discussed more in detail on the photo contest. Those discussions included prizes, submissions, advertising and display categories. Michele Armas suggested creating an email address something like <a href="mailto:stancofishandwildlife@gmail.com">stancofishandwildlife@gmail.com</a> to submit the photos. Photos can be judged by Parks Staff. Photo submissions will be for fish & wildlife, habitat, and plants.	<i>Phil McKay Michele Armas</i>
<b>J. OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS</b>	<b>ACTIONS &amp; REPORTER</b>
Bob Bashaw informed the committee that he leaving the state and therefore this will be his last committee meeting.	<i>Bob Bashaw</i>
<b>K. ADJOURNMENT &amp; NEXT MEETING</b>	<b>ACTIONS &amp; REPORTER</b>
There being no further business, Jim Atherstone motioned to adjourn the meeting and Kern Hunewell seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Fish and Wildlife Committee will be held on: <b>Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 4 PM</b> <b>Rooms H&amp;I, Stanislaus Building</b> 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA 95358	<i>Phil McKay Jim Atherstone Kern Hunewell</i>

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