

Stanislaus County Fish and Wildlife Committee Bylaws

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PURPOSE:

The Fish and Wildlife Committee shall review and vote to approve all fund request proposals related to fish and wildlife matters within Stanislaus County and shall provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and/or Department of Fish and Wildlife under the provisions set forth in the California Fish and Wildlife Code sections 13100-13104.

MEMBERSHIP:

The Fish and Wildlife Committee will consist of nine members and five alternate members. Alternate members will attend a meeting in the absence of a Committee member. The Committee shall strive to appoint one resident of each of the five supervisorial districts of the county as a member or alternate member. Members may live or work in the appointed district to be a representative of that district. All members of the Committee shall be residents or work within Stanislaus County.

TERMS AND ELECTION:

The members of the Fish and Wildlife Committee shall be nominated by the chairperson of the Committee and approved by the voting members of the Committee. The chairperson of the Committee shall be elected by the Committee and will serve for a four-year term. The chairperson may appoint to fill a vacancy upon approval of the Committee. Alternate members may fill a vacancy in the Committee. (October—every 4 years)

COMPENSATION:

All of the members of the Fish and Wildlife Committee shall serve without compensation, except that they shall be entitled to be reimbursed for mileage upon approval of the Committee.

MEETINGS:

The Fish and Wildlife Committee shall establish a time and place for regular meetings which shall be held at least once every three months. Special meetings may be held upon the call of the chairperson. The date and location of the regular meetings will be decided at the end of each calendar year. All meetings of the Committee shall be conducted in an orderly and systematic manner to permit the input of interested parties and the resolution of all matters coming before the Committee.

ATTENDANCE AND VACANCY:

The Fish and Wildlife Committee members must attend a minimum of three meetings a year. Alternate members must attend a minimum of two meetings per year. A record of attendance will be kept by the Secretary with notation of any excused absences. After a member fails to attend three consecutive meetings, unless excused by the Committee, membership thereon shall be automatically terminated and a successor shall be appointed by the chairperson to serve as a member. Alternate members may serve in the absence of any Committee member. Members shall inform any of the five alternate members to attend in their place should they be unable to attend a meeting. Regular members should notify the Chairman or Secretary as soon as possible when unable to attend. Participation by conference phone is available for every meeting with advanced notification to committee chairperson or secretary.



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QUORUM:

The majority of members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Fish and Wildlife Committee, but a lesser number may adjourn from time to time. Alternate members will stand in the place of a member in their absence to obtain a quorum. All transactions of business will be recorded and filed as permanent record of the Committee.

POWERS AND DUTIES:

The Fish and Wildlife Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

1. It shall have charge of promoting and communicating all matters related to fish and wildlife, including the proposing of concerns or recommendations to the board of supervisors and/or California Department of Fish and Wildlife;
2. It shall promote present and future fish and wildlife preservation in Stanislaus County including coordinating with other public authorities;
3. It shall inventory and review County fish and wildlife habitats and recommend/participate in developing/restoring the identified areas;
4. It shall have the authority to expend from the County Fish and Wildlife Fund up to \$3,000 or to not exceed three percent of the average amount received by the fund during the previous three-year period annually, whichever is greater, excluding any funds carried over from a previous fiscal year, for reasonable administrative costs pursuant to the provisions of the California Fish and Wildlife codes § 13103-j;
5. It shall adopt rules and regulations for its proceedings and for such other purposes as may be helpful in carrying on of a fish and wildlife management program under its supervision;
6. It shall have charge of approving or disapproving fund requests for the purpose of fish and wildlife preservation in accordance to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife codes § 13100 – 13104.

ALLOCATION OF GIFTS

1. Stanislaus County shall annually allocate for fish and wildlife purposes the proceeds from all gifts, legacies, or bequests received for purpose of fish and wildlife management and preservation.
2. All monies allocated to the Stanislaus Fish and Wildlife Fund 1727 shall be expended for the purpose of protection, conservation, propagation, and preservation of fish and wildlife, and for the payment of salaries of persons employed for said work. (*Section 13100-13103, California Fish and Wildlife Code*)

DISCLAIMER

The Stanislaus Fish and Wildlife Bylaws may be subject to change. A change proposition may be submitted at a Stanislaus Fish and Wildlife Committee meeting. The chairperson will approve or deny the proposal for change to be placed on the following meeting agenda for review and approval. Upon placement on the agenda, the Committee will have the period between the current meeting and the next meeting to review and consider the proposition for adoption.

