

Draft Meeting Minutes of the Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Committee on January 20, 2021

3:00 p.m. Convene meeting.

- 1) Introductions and Statement of Conflict.** A member who has a conflict should, prior to consideration of the decision: (1) publicly identify in detail the financial interest that causes the conflict; (2) recuse himself/herself from discussing and voting on the matter; and (3) leave the room until after the decision has been made.

Nicole Balbas, Clark Dawson, Roni Gehlke, Susan Heckly, Kathleen Jennings, Brett Morris, Daniel Pellegrini, Cass Rogers and Felipe Solis attended the meeting. Mike Anciaux (Friends of San Ramon Creek), Sean Burke (Save Mount Diablo), Kathy Cutting (Cal State East Bay), Lisa Damerel (Contra Costa Resource Conservation District), Carlos de la Rosa (Lindsey Wildlife Experience), Wade Finlinson (CCC Health Services Department), Melanie Kimbel (Marine Science Institute), Dick Heron (Friends of San Ramon Creek), Phil Kohlmetz (International Bird Rescue), Roxanna Lucero (Save Mount Diablo), Amy Merrill (American Rivers), Emma Molinare (Lindsey Wildlife Experience) and Jennifer Smith (Mills College) attended the meeting. Abby Fateman (CCC Department of Conservation and Development) and Maureen Parkes (CCC Department of Conservation and Development) attended as staff.

- 2) Review/Approve minutes from the November 18, 2020 meeting.** The meeting minutes were approved as written.

Vote: 8-0

AYES:	Balbas, Dawson, Gehlke, Heckly, Jennings, Morris, Pellegrini and Rogers
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

- 3) Public comment.** Includes public comment on topics on the agenda and items not listed on the agenda. The FWC shall also accept public comment on agenda items at the time they are discussed. There were no public comments.
- 4) Updates and announcements from staff and FWC members.** Includes discussion of implementation of actions authorized previously, correspondence received, and upcoming meetings of interest to the FWC.

Maureen Parkes updated the Committee on the following items:

- Paul Detjens sent an email with an update on the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project. Bids on the project open February 16.
- Steven Bobzien sent a follow-up report on his Mammalian Carnivore Activity on Protected East Bay Regional Park District Lands in California’s Diablo Range. He has accepted an invitation to provide an overview of the report at the February meeting.

- Email correspondence forwarded to the Committee since the November 17, 2021 meeting:
 - Bay Area Monitor – 5
 - California Wildlife Foundation - 1
 - Department of Water Resources -2
 - Fish and Game Commission – 9
 - IPM Advisory Committee agenda - 1
 - John Muir Land Trust -1
 - Lindsey Wildlife Experience - 5
 - Save Mount Diablo – 7

- 5) Consider the eight Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund applications submitted by January 6, 2021.** Consider inviting one or more organizations to the following meeting if the Committee has further questions on their grant proposals.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the grant applications in detail. Mike Anciaux, Kathy Cutting, Lisa Damerel, Dick Heron, Melanie Kimbel, Phil Kohlmetz, Amy Merrill, and Jennifer Smith were present and provided additional verbal information in response to the Committee's questions regarding their grant applications. The Committee requested that American Rivers, Cal State East Bay, International Bird Rescue, and Marine Science Institute provide additional information. Consideration of the grant applications was continued to the February 17, 2021 meeting.

- 6) Determine 2021 Fish and Wildlife Committee meeting schedule.** The remainder of the 2021 FWC meetings will be held on February 17, May 19, July 21, Fall Forum (TBD) and November 17.
- 7) Determine the agenda for the next meeting.** The next regular scheduled meeting is February 17, 2021. Possible agenda items for upcoming meetings include:

- Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund grant applications
- Election of Officers
- 2021 Fall Forum
- 2022 Grant RFP
- Draft Annual Report/Work Plan
- Informational brochure on invasive species
- Delta Conveyance Project Update
- IPM Update
- Field trip to Moorhen Marsh