

Approved Meeting Minutes of the Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Committee on May 15, 2019

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.

Judy Bendix, Clark Dawson, Roni Gehlke, Susan Heckly, Kathleen Jennings, Nicole Kozicki, Daniel Pellegrini and Jeff Skinner attended the meeting. Brett Morris and Heather Rosmarin provided advance notice that they would not be able to attend the meeting. Karen Deshayes (Lindsay Wildlife Experience), Walter Pease (Contra Costa Resource Conservation District), Elissa Robinson (Contra Costa Resource Conservation District), John Rudolph and Aireo Shipman (Lindsay Wildlife Experience) attended the meeting. Maureen Parkes (CCC Department of Conservation and Development) attended as staff.

- 2) **Review/Approve minutes from the February 20, 2019 meeting.** The meeting minutes were approved as written.

Vote: 6 - 0
AYES: Bendix, Dawson, Heckly, Kozicki, Pellegrini and Skinner
NOES: None
ABSENT: Gehlke, Jennings, Morris and Rosmarin
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.

- John Rudolph talked about five goslings that he saw being taken from their nest in San Ramon by a man in a restaurant supply van.
- Elissa Robinson, Contra Costa Resource Conservation District talked about the upcoming Contra Costa County Creek and Watershed Symposium and inquired about receiving a Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund grant to help with costs for the event.
- Karen Deshayes and Aireo Shipman inquired about applying for an out-of-cycle grant request for a new outdoor enclosure at Lindsay Wildlife Experience.

- 4) **Elect FWC officers (Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary)** The Committee elected Daniel Pellegrini as Chair, Kathleen Jennings as Vice-Chair and Susan Heckly as Secretary of the Committee.

Vote: 8 - 0
AYES: Bendix, Dawson, Gehlke, Heckly, Jennings, Kozicki, Pellegrini and Skinner
NOES: None
ABSENT: Morris and Rosmarin
ABSTAIN: None

- 5) **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.

Susan Heckly informed the FWC about the University of California Invasive Species Week Lunchtime Talks scheduled June 3 – June 7 and provided [a link to the schedule](#).

Maureen Parkes informed the Committee of the following:

- Brett Morris and Heather Rosmarin provided advance notice that they would not be able to attend the meeting today.
- Danny Pellegrini and Brett Morris were reappointed to the FWC for four years with terms expiring February 28, 2023.
- Staff received an email from the Contra Costa Superior Court stating that the Court cannot provide the AMORS Fish and Game disposition report for the second quarter of 2019, due to a migration off of the AMORS system to a new case management system.
- The Internal Operations Committee recommended approval of the FWC's grant recommendations on April 8th and the Board of Supervisors approved the grant recommendations on April 16th. Supervisor Anderson says thank you and that she appreciates the consideration the Committee puts into the recommendations.

Staff received emails thanking the Committee for their 2019 grant awards from:

- Carrie Bennett, El Cerrito Recycling + Environmental Resource Center
- Mandi Billinge, KIDS for the BAY
- Tom and Jane Kelly, Greens at Work
- Chris Lim, Contra Costa Resource Conservation District
- Helen Fitanides, The Watershed Project
- Gordon Frankie, UC Berkeley
- Melanie Kimbel, Marine Science Institute
- Heidi Perryman, Worth a Dam
- Phil Kohlmetz, International Bird Rescue

Correspondence items forwarded to the Committee:

- Email from Supervisor Diane Burgis with a link to View the Open Road episode highlighting the restoration of the 35-mile route of Marsh Creek.
- Email from FWC member Heather Rosmarin regarding presentations she would be giving about the Grayson Creek Bird Survey.
- Newsletters and Announcements:
 - May 2, 2019 email from Natural Resources Agency & Department of Water Resources regarding State Withdraws WaterFix approvals, Initiates Planning and Permitting for a Smaller Single Tunnel.
 - Email regarding Contra Costa Watershed Forum meeting May 8th.
 - Email from Elissa Robinson regarding the Contra Costa Watershed Forum field trip to Point Pinole to check in on a project focused on restoring native oysters to the Bay.
 - Invitation from Mt. View Sanitary District to the Moorhen Marsh Re-Opening on Saturday, May 11th 10-3 (2)
 - Marine Science Institute 2018 Annual Report and Letter of Appreciation
 - Golden Gate Audubon Society – The Gull Spring 2019 Issue
 - Bay Area Monitor and Notes – 9
 - California Fish and Game Commission Notices – 12

- California Department of Fish and Wildlife Notices - 2
- Lindsay Wildlife Experience – Conservation Icons Series – Joel Reynolds of the Natural Resources Defense Council is guest speaker on March 23rd.
- Lindsay Wildlife Experience - Conservation Icons Series – Dr. Gordon Frankie is guest speaker on May 25th.
- Integrated Pest Management Committee Emails – 5
- Save Mount Diablo Monthly Digest - April and May 2019 Issues
- The Martinez Marina - Almar Anchor May 2019 issue

- 6) Update on the California Waterfix project. (Ryan Hernandez, CCC Department of Conservation and Development)** Ryan Hernandez spoke regarding the Department of Water Resources (DWR) decision to withdraw and rescind the California Waterfix Project. DWR will begin a new environmental review and planning process for a single tunnel project that is intended to minimize impacts to the Delta while protecting water supplies for California. The County will continue to participate in the planning and review of any new project.
- 7) Review and accept the letter of appreciation from Marine Science Institute for their 2018 Delta Education Supplies project.** The Committee reviewed the letter.
- 8) Review and accept the progress report from Regional Parks Foundation for their 2018 East Bay Regional Mountain Lion Project. Consider approving their request for an extension of time to complete the project.** The FWC reviewed and accepted Regional Parks Foundation’s progress report and approved their request for an extension of time to complete their project.

Vote: 8 - 0
 AYES: Bendix, Dawson, Gehlke, Heckly, Jennings, Kozicki, Pellegrini and Skinner
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: Morris and Rosmarin
 ABSTAIN: None

- 9) Review and accept the progress report from The Watershed Project for their 2018 Monitoring Water Quality in Contra Costa County Watersheds project. Consider approving their request for an extension of time to complete the project.** The FWC reviewed and accepted The Watershed Project’s progress report and approved their request for an extension of time to complete their project.

Vote: 8 - 0
 AYES: Bendix, Dawson, Gehlke, Heckly, Jennings, Kozicki, Pellegrini and Skinner
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: Morris and Rosmarin
 ABSTAIN: None

- 10) Discuss the Fall Forum and consider the following actions:**
- a. Review and finalize the draft 2019 Fish and Wildlife Committee Fall Forum agenda.**
 - b. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors authorize the FWC to spend Fish and Wildlife Propagation funds to host the 2019 Fall Forum.**

The Committee reviewed and approved the 2019 Fish and Wildlife Committee Fall Forum agenda; and recommended that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Fish and Wildlife Committee to spend no more than \$2,700 to cover facility rental and cleaning, food, dessert and beverages.

Vote: 8 - 0
 AYES: Bendix, Dawson, Gehlke, Heckly, Jennings, Kozicki, Pellegrini and Skinner
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: Morris and Rosmarin
 ABSTAIN: None

11) Review, update and consider approving the draft Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund Grant Request for Proposals (RFP) for the 2020 grant cycle. The Committee reviewed and approved the draft Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund Request for Proposals (RFP).

Vote: 8 - 0

AYES: Bendix, Dawson, Gehlke, Heckly, Jennings, Kozicki, Pellegrini and Skinner

NOES: None

ABSENT: Morris and Rosmarin

ABSTAIN: None

12) Determine the agenda for the next meeting. The next meeting is July 17, 2019. Possible agenda items for upcoming meetings include:

- IPM Update
- Draft Annual Report/Work Plan
- Discuss Fall Forum

Adjourn