

Approved Meeting Minutes of the Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Committee on July 17, 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.

Roni Gehlke, Susan Heckly, Nicole Kozicki, Brett Morris, Daniel Pellegrini, Heather Rosmarin and Jeff Skinner attended the meeting. Judy Bendix, Clark Dawson and Kathleen Jennings provided advance notice that they would not be able to attend the meeting. Sean Kearns (Office of Assemblymember Frazier), Brent Manley (CCC Animal Services Department), Elissa Robinson (Contra Costa Resource Conservation District), Aireo Shipman (Lindsay Wildlife Experience) and Brian Ventura (Lindsay Wildlife Experience) attended the meeting. Maureen Parkes (CCC Department of Conservation and Development) attended as staff.

- 2) Review/Approve minutes from the May 15, 2019 meeting.** The minutes were approved with revised language for Agenda Item 6: “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.”

Vote: 6 - 0
AYES: Gehlke, Heckly, Kozicki, Morris, Pellegrini and Rosmarin
NOES: None
ABSENT: Skinner, Bendix, Dawson and Jennings
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.
 - Officer Brent Manley, CCC Animal Services Department, introduced himself and said he was interested in the agenda item regarding Nutria, how Nutria will impact the Animal Services Department and what they can do to help.
 - Sean Kearns, a field representative for CA Congressional District 11, introduced himself and spoke about Assembly Bill 2441 which seeks to remedy the issue of abandoned commercial vessels in Delta waterways.
 - Elissa Robinson attended the July 13, 2019 public celebration of the transfer of a portion of the former Concord Naval Weapons Station, over 2,000 acres, to the East Bay Regional Park District for a new regional park.

- 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 FWC on the following:

- Judy Bendix, Jim Dawson and Kathleen Jennings provided advance notice that they would not be able to attend the meeting today.
- The 2020 Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund Grant RFP has been posted on the FWC website.
- The Brown Act and BGO training is July 31, 2019 4:30 – 6 pm in the Board of Supervisors Chambers located at 651 Pine Street in Martinez.

Correspondence items forwarded to the Committee:

- Email from Heather Rosmarin regarding community service and education opportunities this Summer.
- Email from Roni Gehlke forwarding an article: South American rodent threatening Delta, Daily Republic <https://www.dailyrepublic.com/all-dr-news/solano-news/solano-county/south-american-rodent-threatening-delta/>
- Email from Gordon Frankie regarding UC Berkeley being certified as a bee-friendly campus by Bee Campus USA.
- Newsletters and Announcements
 - Brown Act and BGO Training – July 31, 2019, 4:30 – 6pm, Board Chambers, 651 Pine Street
 - Almar Anchor, Martinez Marina – July 2019
 - IPM Committee – 3
 - Bay Area Monitor Notes - 4
 - Bay Area Monitor - 1
 - California Fish and Game Commission – 10
 - East Bay Regional Park District – regarding launching a community engagement survey for input to inform the districts future priorities and interest
 - Urban Tilth regarding Wildcat Creek Trail
 - Urban Tilth’s Summer Solstice Block Party
 - Lindsey Wildlife Experience – Volunteer Clean Up Day on June 25
 - Save Mount Diablo – Connecting Kids with Nature, OpenRoad with Doug McConnell <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=873864479624124>

- 5) **Review and accept the letter of appreciation from KIDS for the BAY for their Watershed Action Program project.** The FWC reviewed the letter.

- 6) **Review and accept the final report from Regional Parks Foundation for their 2018 Kids Healthy Outdoors Challenge project.** The FWC reviewed and accepted the final report.

Vote: 7 - 0
AYES: Gehlke, Heckly, Kozicki, Morris, Pellegrini, Rosmarin and Skinner
NOES: None
ABSENT: Bendix, Dawson and Jennings
ABSTAIN: None

- 7) **Review and accept the final report from The Watershed Project for their 2018 Monitoring Water Quality in Contra Costa County Watersheds project.** The FWC reviewed and accepted the final report.

Vote: 7 - 0
AYES: Gehlke, Heckly, Kozicki, Morris, Pellegrini, Rosmarin and Skinner
NOES: None
ABSENT: Bendix, Dawson and Jennings
ABSTAIN: None

- 8) **Review and accept the final report from Worth a Dam for their 2019 Treasure Hunt for the ‘Lost Key to the Waters’ project.** The FWC reviewed and accepted the final report.

Vote: 7 - 0
AYES: Gehlke, Heckly, Kozicki, Morris, Pellegrini, Rosmarin and Skinner
NOES: None
ABSENT: Bendix, Dawson and Jennings
ABSTAIN: None

- 9) **Review and consider approving an out of cycle Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund grant request from Lindsay Wildlife Experience for their Large Animal Enclosure Replacement project.** Aireo Shipman and Brian Ventura answered questions from the Committee regarding Lindsay Wildlife Experience’s (LWE) grant application. The FWC did not recommend approval of LWE’s current grant application and suggested that they submit a new grant application in the regular 2020 grant cycle with additional bids and additional information to address the Committee’s concerns.

Vote: 7 - 0
AYES: Gehlke, Heckly, Kozicki, Morris, Pellegrini, Rosmarin and Skinner
NOES: None
ABSENT: Bendix, Dawson and Jennings
ABSTAIN: None

- 10) **Review and consider approving an out of cycle Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund grant request from Contra Costa Resource Conservation District for the 6th Quadrennial Contra Costa County Creek and Watershed Symposium.** Elissa Robinson was present and answered questions regarding the grant application. The FWC reviewed the request and recommended approval to the Board of Supervisors to allocate Fish and Wildlife Propagation grant funds to CCRCDC to support the 6th Quadrennial Contra Costa County Creek and Watershed Symposium.

Vote: 7 - 0
AYES: Gehlke, Heckly, Kozicki, Morris, Pellegrini, Rosmarin and Skinner
NOES: None
ABSENT: Bendix, Dawson and Jennings
ABSTAIN: None

- 11) **Discuss developing an informational brochure on Nutria.** The Committee discussed developing a brochure on Nutria and decided they would expand their focus to developing an informational brochure on invasive species.

- 12) **Review and discuss the draft 2019 work plan and annual report to the Board of Supervisors.** The Committee reviewed and discussed the 2019 work plan and annual report.

13) Discuss and finalize plans for the 2019 Fish and Wildlife Committee Fall Forum outreach and members' tasks. Danny Pellegrini and his crew will prepare the meal. The Committee members will help with set-up and clean-up.

14) Determine the agenda for the next meeting. The next regular scheduled meeting is November 20, 2019.

Adjourn