

Approved Meeting Minutes of the Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Committee on January 15, 2020

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, Brett Morris, Daniel Pellegrini, Heather Rosmarin and Jeff Skinner attended the meeting. Wade Finlinson (CCC Health Services Department), James Roberts (Marine Science Institute), Steven Kennedy and Bob Peoples attended the meeting. Maureen Parkes (CCC Department of Conservation and Development) attended as staff.

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

Motion: Rosmarin, Second: Bendix

Vote: 9-0
AYES: Bendix, Dawson, Gehlke, Heckly, Jennings, Morris, Pellegrini, Rosmarin and Skinner
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:

- The Contra Costa County Creek and Watershed Symposium 2019 was held on December 5, 2019 at Saint Mary's College in Moraga. The Fish and Wildlife Committee and the Department of Conservation and Development both received 2019 Watershed Champion Awards.
- Susan Heckly was reappointed by the Board of Supervisors on December 17, 2019 as the FWC representative on the Integrated Pest Management Committee.
- Email Correspondence Forwarded to the FWC Members:
 - Email from Heather Rosmarin – An invitation from Friends of Pleasant Hill Creeks to help restore a section of Grayson Creek on Saturday, January 11.
 - Email from Heather Rosmarin regarding the CCC Creek and Watershed Symposium.
 - Email from Bill Hudson regarding the announcement of Conservation Lands Network.
 - Email from Gordon Frankie regarding a completed inventory of bees gathered over the years in California and Costa Rica.

- Email from staff regarding a County Clips article about the availability of the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund grants.
- Newsletters and Announcements
 - Urban Tilth
 - IPM Committee -2
 - CA Fish and Game Commission - 14
 - Delta Conveyance Updates - 2
 - Lindsay Wildlife Experience – Conservation Icons Series - 2
 - Bay Area Monitor and Notes - 6
 - Save Mount Diablo
 - John Muir Land Trust
- Several publications were received by the Department and available for viewing:
 - Ruth Bancroft Garden & Nursery 2018 Annual Report
 - Golden Gate Audubon Society, The Gull - Fall and Winter 2019
 - Contra Costa County Creek and Watershed Symposium 2019 Symposium Program and Handouts
 - Regional Parks Foundation, Compass – Winter 2020 Issue
 - Kids for the Bay 2018-19 School Year Annual Report
 - Mt. View Sanitary District, Mt. View Monitor November 2019

- 5) **Review and accept the letter of appreciation from International Bird Rescue for their 2019 “Resolving Negative Human-Wildlife Interactions (AKA Urban Wildlife Conflicts)” project.** The Committee reviewed and accepted the letter of appreciation.
- 6) **Continue to discuss developing an informational brochure on invasive species.** The Committee discussed potential invasive species to include in the brochure and methods to access information. Wade Finlinson, the CCC Integrated Pest Management Coordinator, offered assistance with developing the brochure.
- 7) **Continue to discuss plans and potential speakers for the 2020 Fall Forum.** The Committee discussed plans for the 2020 Fall Forum and requested that staff follow-up with a potential speaker.
- 8) **Consider the 21 Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund applications submitted by January 6, 2020.** 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 several of the grant applications in detail. James Roberts (Marine Science Institute) and Steven Kennedy were present and provided additional verbal information in response to the Committee’s questions regarding their grant applications. The Committee asked staff to request additional information from several grant applicants. Consideration of the grant applications was continued to the February 19, 2020 meeting.

9) Determine 2020 Fish and Wildlife Committee meeting schedule. The remainder of the 2020 FWC meetings will be held on February 19, April 15, June 17, Fall Forum (TBD) and November 18.

10) Determine the agenda for the next meeting. The next regular scheduled meeting is February 19, 2020. Possible agenda items for upcoming meetings include:

- Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund grant applications
- Field trip to Moorhen Marsh
- Election of Officers
- California Waterfix Update
- IPM Update
- 2020 Fall Forum
- Draft Annual Report/Work Plan
- 2021 Grant RFP

Adjourn