



## **SONOMA COUNTY FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, September 19, 2013

### **Commissioners**

#### **Attending:**

David Cook  
Brock Dolman  
Al Gerhardt  
Jeff Holden  
Jim Lynch  
Julian Meisler  
Don McEnhill  
Crystal Norris  
Andrew Pozzi

### **Commissioners**

#### **Absent:**

Al Ferris  
Dagny Thomas

### **Others:**

James Reed, CDFW  
Pamela Gunsalus, Gunsalus Vineyard  
John Green, Gold Ridge RCD  
Melissa Kelley, SC Regional Parks Found.  
Karen Giovannini, former FWC Secretary  
Lisa Bell, FWC Secretary

### **I. Call to Order**

Chairperson Norris called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

### **II. Correspondence**

- A. Thank you from Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue, and invitation to Donor Appreciation Event on October 3.
- B. F&G Commission: Notice of proposed regulatory action relating to the commercial harvest of kelp.
- C. F&G Commission: notice of discussion/adoption hearings.
- D. F&G Commission: Notice of proposed regulatory action relating to White Sturgeon Report Card and Tagging Requirements.
- E. CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife notice, 8/23/2013, about fees for stream bank alteration.
- F. YMCA holding a Charity Golf event.

### **III. Introduction of new secretary**

Crystal introduced Lisa Bell, with UCCE and the Ag Commissioner's office, as the new F&WC secretary.

IV. **Adoption of Minutes**

A motion to accept July 2013 minutes was made by Jim Lynch with a second by Al Gerhardt. Motion carried.

Passed with Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Absent: 2, Abstain: 0.

V. **Financial Reports**

Final June, July & August 2013 financials were presented. The balance as of August 30, 2013 in the Abalone fund was \$350, balance in the General Fund was \$37,998.76.

Motion to accept the financial reports as presented was made by Jim Lynch with a second by Don McEnhill. Motion carried.

Passed with Ayes: 9, Nays: 0, Absent: 2, Abstain: 0.

VI. **Old Business**

None

VII. **New Business**

A. Melissa Kelley of the Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation regarding Nighttime Creature Barn at Tolay Fall Festival. First reading.

**Report:** A request of \$4000 for Tolay Fall Festival—Night Time Creature Barn.

**Action:** Al Gerhardt is concerned that the sale of pumpkins at the event competes unfairly with local farmers. David Cook does not want to chronically fund this event and would like to see it become self-sustaining; he asks if they have made any progress in this direction. Melissa will look into both of these issues and report back at second reading, October 17.

B. John Green, Gold Ridge RCD, and PaTolaymela Gunsalus, property owner, regarding the Upp Road gully stabilization.

**Report:** Requesting \$7500 to Upp Road Gully Stabilization Project.

**Action:** Don McEnhill requested photographs of the gully. John Green will send photos to the Commission secretary to distribute to board. Second reading is October 17.

C. FWC marketing and publicity – tabled until next meeting.

VIII. **Reports/Comments**

IX. **Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

***The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on October 17, 2013, in the Sonoma County Agricultural Commissioner's Office Conference Room, 133 Aviation Blvd., Santa Rosa, unless otherwise canceled by the Commission.***

***Note: Please call the Agricultural Commissioner's Office by Monday the week of the meeting if you are unable to attend. Remember, we cannot conduct our business if we do not have a quorum.***