



## Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 17, 2022 – 7:00 pm

| Commissioners Present        | Commissioners Absent | Others Present   |
|------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Crystal Norris – Chairperson | Brock Dolman         | Michelle Johnson, Sonoma County AWM                    |
| David Cook                   | Jeff Holden          | Andrew Smith, Sonoma County AWM                        |
| Kevin Davis                  | Jake McKee           | Jill Ravitch, Sonoma County District Attorney’s Office |
| Todd Derum                   |                      |  |
| Bath Lamb                    |                      |  |
| Jim Lynch                    |                      |  |
| Sharon Ponsford              |                      |  |
| Dagny Thomas                 |                      |  |

I. Call to Order

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

II. Adoption of February 2022 Minutes

**Report:** Crystal Norris asked if there are any additions or corrections to the February 2022 minutes.

**Action:** A motion was made by Jim Lynch to accept minutes as presented; motion seconded by Todd Derum.

**Passed with:** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

III. Correspondence

Fish and Game Commission notices.

IV. Financial Report for February 2022

**Report:** As of January 31, 2022, the General Fund balance is \$55,030.00

**Action:** A motion was made by Jim Lynch to accept financial reports as presented; motion seconded by Sharon Ponsford.

**Passed with:** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

V. New Business

A. **Fish & Game Case Review and Filings.** Discussion with Sonoma County District Attorney Jill Ravitch and Sonoma County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights & Measures Andrew Smith regarding Fish & Game case review and filings through the Sonoma County District Attorney’s office. Ms. Jill Ravitch shared that the Environmental Consumer Law Division (ECLD) of the Sonoma County District Attorney’s Office is fully staffed and ready to receive cases from CDFW. Ms. Ravitch also discussed how multiple natural disasters and the ongoing pandemic have impacted the court system, an overview

of cases referred to the District Attorney's Office in the past three years, how case fees are distributed, how or why a case might be downgraded from a misdemeanor to an infraction, and tracking infractions. The Fish & Wildlife Commission shared it is imperative that local CDFW wardens have a contact within the Sonoma County District Attorney's Office. Ms. Ravitch and Mr. Smith agreed to move forward with coordinating regular meetings between ECLD and CDFW. Ms. Ravitch will provide an update on steps taken to coordinate meetings by the next FWC meeting scheduled April 21, 2022.

- B. **Marin County Fish & Wildlife Commission Bylaws.** Copy of Marin County Fish & Wildlife Commission bylaws received; may want to understand differences between Marin County and Sonoma County Fish & Wildlife Commissions and if any amendments are needed.

VI. Reports/Comments

- A. Public
- B. Board

VII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Johnson  
Commission Secretary