



## SONOMA COUNTY FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 18, 2013

### Commissioners

#### Attending:

David Cook  
Al Ferris  
Al Gerhardt  
Jim Lynch  
Julian Meisler  
Crystal Norris  
Andrew Pozzi

### Commissioners

#### Absent:

Brock Dolman  
Jeff Holden  
Don McEnhill

### Others:

Michelle Bellizzi, Int'l Bird Rescue  
John Gaurdino, Laguna Foundation  
Isabel Luevano, Int'l Bird Rescue  
Meghan Parish, Laguna Foundation  
Jim Piercy, Sonoma County Regional Parks  
Dagny Thomas, Sonoma County Water Agency  
Karen Giovannini, Commission Secretary

### I. Call to Order

Chairperson Norris called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

### II. Adoption of Minutes

**Report:** Crystal asks if there are any additions or corrections to the March 2013 minutes.

**Action:** Andrew Pozzi makes a motion to accept the March minutes as read with a second by Jim Lynch.

Passed with Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Absent: 4, Abstain: 0.

### III. Correspondence

A. Correspondence from California Fish & Game Commission regarding notice of findings: Clear Lake hitch.

### IV. Financial Reports

**Report:** March 2013 financials were presented. The balance as of March 31, 2013 in the Abalone fund was \$500.00, and the General Fund was \$46,780.55.

**Action:** Al Ferris makes a motion to accept the March 2013 Financial Reports as presented with a second by Jim Lynch.

Passed with Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Absent: 4, Abstain: 0.

### V. Old Business

A. Meghan Parish and John Guardino of Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation regarding Adopt a Vernal Pool Program. Second reading.

**Report:** A request of \$10,260 to support staff time for training volunteers and interns, facilitating volunteer access to private and public lands and maintaining an online, publically accessible database.

**Action:** Jim Lynch makes a motion to fund the full grant request of \$10,260, with a second by Julian Meisler. (Note: Meeting now has 11 Commissioners present).

Passed with Ayes: 5, Nays: 2, Absent: 3, Abstain: 0.

VI. **New Business**

1. Jim Percy of Sonoma County Regional Parks regarding Sebastopol Meadowfoam Management and Pepperweed Control at Lower Balleto. First reading.

**Report:** A request of \$12,328 to address immediate land management needs for the Lower Balleto seasonal wetlands and surrounding habitat.

**Action:** Second reading will occur at the May meeting.

2. Michelle Bellizzi and Isabel Luevano with International Bird Rescue regarding Sonoma County Egret and Heron Rehabilitation Project. First reading.

**Report:** A request of \$5,000 to offset the cost incurred to medically treat and rehabilitate injured birds.

**Action:** Second reading will occur at the May meeting.

VII. **Scholarships**

**Action:** Scholarship winners chosen: Justin Herrell and Josiah Barros. Each are awarded \$2,500.00.

VIII. **Reports/Comments**

IX. **Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

***The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on May 16, 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.***