



## Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 17, 2016 – 7:00 pm

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Others
Crystal Norris - Chairperson	David Cook	Michelle Johnson – SC Dept of Agriculture
Brock Dolman	Beth Lamb	James Reed – CDFW
Al Ferris	Don McEnhill	Tiffany Wolvek – CDFW
Al Gerhardt	Dagny Thomas	Tom Henderson – CDFW HE
Jeff Holden		Melissa Kelley – SC Regional Parks Foundation
Jim Lynch		Mitchell Katzel – Sonoma Ecology Center
Julian Meisler		Mark Newhouser – Sonoma Ecology Center
Andy Pozzi		

- I. Call to Order  
Chairperson Crystal Norris called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.
  
- II. Adoption of January 2016 Minutes  
**Report:** Crystal Norris asks if there are any additions or corrections to the January 2016 minutes.  
**Action:** A motion was made by Al Ferris to accept minutes; motion seconded by Jim Lynch.  
**Passed with:** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 4 absent.
  
- III. Correspondence  
Fish and Game Commission notices.
  
- IV. Financial Reports for January and February 2016  
**Report:** As of February 29, 2016, Abalone Fund balance is \$750.00; General Fund balance is \$38,127.16.  
**Action:** A motion was made by Al Gerhardt to accept financial reports for January and February 2016 as presented; motion seconded by Al Ferris.  
**Passed with:** 8 ayes, 0 nays, 4 absent.
  
- V. Old Business
  - a. Discussion regarding revenue and budget. Additional EFS budget line item info needed. Recap of previous discussions. No additional revenue/budget updates. Crystal Norris to follow up with Courts and Department of Agriculture regarding a breakdown of misdemeanor fine distribution. Commission agrees to draft letter to be sent to District Attorney and to include examples of misdemeanor case mishandling experienced by CDFW on multiple occasions.
  
- VI. New Business
  - a. **Funding for fish passage on Calabazas Creek. \$4,630.00.** Sonoma Ecology Center. Mitchell Katzel. (707) 996-0712. *First Reading.*

**Report:** Richard Dale reported that grant funds would be used to fund conceptual design of a fish passage structure for a culvert barrier on Calabazas Creek at Dunbar Road. The passage structure would give Steelhead access to approximately 1.6 miles of additional spawning and rearing habitat. Completed conceptual design plans will be used to obtain funding for development.

- b. **Funding for Sonoma Valley wildlife connectivity project. \$1,500.00.** Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation. Melissa Kelley. (707) 565-1830. *First Reading.*

**Report:** Melissa Kelley reported that grant funds would be used to fund a wildlife corridor at Sonoma Valley Regional Park. The corridor would connect the Mayacamas Mountains to the Sonoma Mountains. Such a project requires collaboration with the Sonoma Land Trust, Audubon Canyon Ranch, and local landowners. Grant funds will also help fund monitoring wildlife using remote game cameras, which will provide an opportunity for public education and engagement on the Regional Parks website.

VII. Reports/Comments

- a. Public
- b. Board

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Johnson  
Commission Secretary