



Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 15, 2015 – 7:00 pm

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Others
Crystal Norris - Chairperson	Jeff Holden	Michelle Johnson – SC Dept of Ag
David Cook	Don McEnhill	Linnaea Furlong – SC Wildlife Rescue
Brock Dolman	Julian Meisler	Matt Wolfe – Fawn Rescue
Al Ferris		James Reed – CDFW
Al Gerhardt		Wendy Trowbridge – Laguna Foundation
Beth Lamb		Anna Hallogan – SRF
Jim Lynch		Johanna Peelen
Andy Pozzi		Tim Peelen
Dagny Thomas		

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Crystal Norris called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

II. Adoption of November 2014 Minutes

Report: Crystal Norris asks if there are any additions or corrections to the November 2014 minutes.

Action: A motion was made by Al Gerhardt to accept minutes; motion seconded by Andy Pozzi.

Passed with: 8 ayes, 0 nays, 4 absent. Beth Lamb arrived after minutes were adopted.

III. Correspondence

Fish and Game Commission notices.

IV. Financial Reports

a. **November 2014 reports:** Abalone Fund balance is \$350.00; General Fund balance is \$30,290.92.

b. **December 2014 reports:** Abalone Fund balance is \$350.00; General Fund balance is \$25,549.46.

Action: A motion was made by Andy Pozzi to accept both the November 2014 and December 2014 financial reports; motion seconded by Jim Lynch.

Passed with: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

c. **Budget 2015/2016** presented for Abalone Fund and General Fund.

Action: A motion was made by Andy Pozzi to accept 2015/2016 budgets as presented; motion seconded by Al Ferris.

Passed with: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

V. Old Business

a. **New Floors for Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue.** Linnaea Furlong presented a short PowerPoint with before and after on the installation of the new flooring granted in 2014.



b. **Officer Safety Equipment, External Outer Carriers.** CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, Law Enforcement Division. James Reed, (707) 239-9438. *Second Reading.*

Report: James Reed reported that grant will provide four Sonoma County wardens vests with pockets which greatly reduce the short term injury and long term disability risk compared to the 25 lb. duty belts currently in use. This uniform/equipment purchase has been approved by headquarters in Sacramento. Price quote submitted in November is still valid as prices have not changed.

Action: A motion was made by Al Ferris to fund the grant for the full amount of \$1,742.70; motion seconded by Andy Pozzi. Grant #183.

Passed with: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

VI. New Business

a. **Funding for Fawn Enclosures.** Fawn Rescue. Matt Wolfe, (707) 849-2563. *First Reading.*

Report: Matt Wolfe reported that grant would provide fencing supplies for up to four fawn enclosures throughout Sonoma County – three enclosures would be built on existing sites on homeowner’s property in Kenwood, Sonoma, and Glen Ellen, with a possible fourth site targeted for West County. Each enclosure is comprised of 8’ high no-climb wire fencing with shelters, capture chute for emergencies, and a perimeter solar powered wire to protect against predators. Some materials and supplies from previous enclosures are reused. Other materials and labor are donated by the community. Each enclosure houses up to four fawns; once the fawns are fully weaned and their spots are gone, they have no further need for human interference and are released into the wild as a family unit. By utilizing enclosures throughout the county, no single area becomes overpopulated by the release of the rescued fawns. Fawn Rescue is the only wildlife facility in Sonoma County authorized to provide this vital service, and responds to more than 100 rescues annually.

b. **Funding for 33rd Annual Salmonid Restoration Conference.** Salmonid Restoration Federation. Dana Stolzman, (707) 923-7501. *First Reading.*

Report: Anna Hallogan reported that grant would support expenses for annual conference including staff expenses. The 33rd annual conference focuses on biological, environmental, and physical issues that affect salmonids, and features concurrent sessions, tours, and workshops showcasing the efforts of multiple agencies. The location of the annual meeting rotates around the state, but the 2015 conference will be held in Santa Rosa. The conference will lead to actions that restore salmon habitat within Sonoma County by educating restoration practitioners, contractors, resource managers, agency personnel, and landowners on the latest scientific principles of salmon conservation. Additional funding for this conference includes grants from CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Water Resources, and in-kind donations and services. The Commission suggested identifying specific, non-staff related expenses that grant funds could cover. Non-staff related expenses to be provided for consideration at February 2015 meeting.

VII. Reports/Comments

- a. Public
- b. Board

VIII. Adjourn

Chairperson Crystal Norris adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.