



Mendocino County Fish & Game Commission

860 North Bush Street, Ukiah, CA 95482

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SUMMARY MINUTES, APPROVED BY COMMISSION ON JULY 11, 2017

DATE: Tuesday, May 9, 2017
TIME: 6:00 pm
LOCATION: Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, Donovan Conference Room,
951 Low Gap Rd, Ukiah, CA 95482

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: Chair Vann called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

Present: Commissioners Terry Guerrero, Patty Madigan, Charles Morgan (arrived 6:07pm,) Anna Neumann, and Randy Vann

2. Public Expression on Non-Agenda Items (No Action)

- Erin Kile USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) employee and resident of Potter Valley, introduced herself.
- RedHawk Pallesen, Redwood Valley resident, noted he has applied for a seat on the Commission.

3. Approval of Minutes of January 17, 2017 Regular Meeting and January 24, 2017 Special Meeting

Upon motion by Commissioner Guerrero, second by Commissioner Madigan, the minutes of January 17, 2017 Regular Meeting and January 24, 2017 Special Meeting were approved by unanimous vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Terry Guerrero, Patty Madigan, Charles Morgan and Randy Vann

Abstain: Commissioner Anna Neumann and Patrick Ford

4. Reports

- **CA Fish and Wildlife** (no report provided)

- **Fisheries**

Josh Russo, Recreational Abalone Advisory Committee Member, Waterman's Alliance, & Sonoma County Abalone Network, provided updates on the abalone management plan development. Public meetings will occur in July and August to present plan progress. Mr. Russo offered comments and answered questions regarding efforts to educate divers on regulations, closure updates, etc. He reported his concerns regarding the efforts of some groups to relocate sea otters to northern California, stressing the need to address the issue within the management plan.

Commissioner Neumann reported on the progress and challenges of Reef Check California to train volunteers and conduct data collection.

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- **Mendocino Wildlife Association, Woodlands Wildlife, and Other Cooperative Agencies**

Tracy Pellar provided an update on the Mendocino Wildlife Association. She passed out the new brochure, reported on the efforts to certify rehabilitation volunteers, and noted a coalition letter regarding the prevention of cannabis growing in range lands. She offered an update on the bear proofing of refuse receptacles and will continue to report progress to the Commission.

5. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Burn Symposium (Guerrero)

Commissioner Guerrero reported on the recent meeting with Mendocino County Farm Bureau representatives Devon Jones, Executive Director, and Frost Pauli, Board President. The proposed date range for the co-sponsored burn symposium is November 15-17, 2017. Participants may include CALFIRE and Air Quality Management District. Commissioner Madigan suggested coordinating with Mendocino Resource Conservation District and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Commissioner Guerrero summarized the purpose of the burn symposium is to educate landowners on how to conduct personal prescribed fire on their property outside of the burning season to improve wildlife management without using management agency, Federal, or State funds that trigger the need for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) regulations.

Upon motion by Commissioner Madigan, second by Commissioner Guerrero, an expenditure to co-sponsor the burn symposium with Mendocino Farm Bureau not to exceed \$300 was approved by unanimous vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Patrick Ford, Terry Guerrero, Patty Madigan, Charles Morgan, Anna Neumann, and Randy Vann

6. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding County Campgrounds (Ford)

Discussion of the wildlife and environmental impact of Lake Mendocino campground closures due to constraints of Army Corp of Engineers staff. Commissioner Ford will discuss options with Supervisor Carre Brown and report back.

7. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Fish and Wildlife Regulation Infractions (Ford)

Upon motion by Commissioner Guerrero, second by Commissioner Neumann, request funding to create signage for Lake Mendocino which has Fish and Game reporting information was approved by unanimous vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Patrick Ford, Terry Guerrero, Patty Madigan, Charles Morgan, Anna Neumann, and Randy Vann

Commissioner Vann will contact County staff to determine signage availability and requirements.

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Commission Treasurer and Secretary Reports

Report on the financial meeting with County, funding allocation for education projects, correspondence, etc. Initial conversations were held regarding County managed Commission accounts, budgeting, reporting, etc. A follow up meeting is needed for further information.

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9. **Discussion and Possible Action on Fish and Game Commissioner Community Representation**
Commission approach to community involvement was briefly reviewed. No actions.

10. Commissioner Comments, Reports, Announcements

Commission Guerrero reported on elk in Laytonville area.

Commissioner Neumann reported on coastal conditions.

Commissioner Ford reported on Rod and Gun Club activities and the transportation truck.

Commissioner Vann reported on Round Valley illegal dumping issues.

- 11. Adjournment at 8:00pm.**

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:
Tuesday, July 11, 2017 6:00pm
City Council Conference Room, 111 E Commercial Street, Willits, CA

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