



Mendocino County Fish & Game Commission
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SUMMARY MINUTES, APPROVED BY COMMISSION ON MARCH 14, 2017

DATE: Tuesday, January 17, 2017
TIME: 5:00 pm
LOCATION: Willits City Council, Conference Room
111 E Commercial St, Willits, CA 95490

**REGULAR MEETING
THE MENDOCINO COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION**

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chair Vann called the meeting to order at 5:09pm.

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

Absent: Commissioners Autumn Bremmer and Sean White

Secretary announced the receipt of Commissioner Sean White's resignation on January 17, 2017, effective immediately. Mr. White expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve and his confidence in the current Commission and staff to continue successfully. The Commission expressed their gratitude to Mr. White for his service.

- 2. Announcement: Anna Neumann, newly appointed Mendocino Fish and Game Commissioner for District 4.**

Secretary announced the Board of Supervisor's recent appointment of Anna Neumann representing District 4. It was noted Ms. Neumann is not yet sworn in, therefore was not participating as a Commissioner at the meeting. It was also noted that Ms. Neumann was the lead person on and presenting a grant application for Reef Check and as a Commissioner would recuse herself from all discussion and voting on the grant application for this cycle.

- 3. Announcement of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hosting of the Northwest California Integrated Resource Management Plan Open House**

Secretary announced the open house hosted by BLM regarding the 20 year planning process for public lands managed by the Arcata and Redding Field Offices January 17, 2017 5-7 pm across the hall from Fish & Game meeting. Two members from the public spoke on the subject, providing more information on the process.

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

No one from the audience indicated interest in speaking.

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5. Approval of Minutes of October 18, 2016 and December 13, 2016

Commissioner Madigan motioned to approve the minutes of the October 18th and December 13th, 2016 meetings. Commissioner Morgan seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Guerrero, Madigan, Morgan, and Vann
Absent: Commissioners Bremmer

6. 2016-17 Fish and Game Grants

6a. Scheduling of Special Meeting for Recommendation Consensus Vote

The Ad-Hoc Grant Proposal Ranking Committee is scheduled to meet 12:30pm Tuesday, January 24th, 2017 at Stan's Maple Café, 295 S State St, Ukiah, CA 95482. It was decided the Special Meeting will be held at 1:30pm on the same day, preferably at the same location. Secretary will publish agenda after location confirmation.

6b. Proposals Presentations

Applicants of the Fish and Game Commission 2016/2017 Grant Cycle were invited to present to the Commission (3-5 minutes for each applicant.) Comments and questions from Commission and public were allowed during each presentation.

- Reef Check California: Sub-tidal Marine Protected Area Monitoring of Mendocino County's Rocky Reefs. Grant request amount: \$13,103. Presenter: Anna Neumann.
- Woodlands Wildlife Education and Wildlife Rescue Programs. Grant request amount: \$2,500. Sent apologies.
- Eel River Recover Project Town Creek Restoration Planning and Education Grant Proposal. Grant request amount: \$7,469. **Note: Applicant adjusted the grant request amount to \$4,000.** Presented by Bruce Hilbach-Barger.
- Round Valley Indian Tribe Mill Creek Stream Bank Stabilization & Riparian Corridor Development Project Grant request amount: \$20,814. Presenter: Warren Mitchell.
- Mendocino County Resource Conservation District Watershed Education and Protection Through Distribution of a Cannabis Best Management Practices Guide Grant request amount: \$5950. Presented by Deborah Edleman. **Note: Commissioner Madigan announced a conflict of interest and recused herself from voting on this Grant.**
- Mendocino TV Abalone Emergency Restrictions 2017 Video Grant request amount: \$5,000. Presenter: Terrence Vaughn

7. Reports

• **CA Fish and Wildlife**

No reports were offered.

• **Fisheries**

Jack Likins spoke on abalone management including economics, the Abalone Working Group formed by the Nature Conservancy, and the Fisheries Management Plan, focusing on the objectives of the current work.

Josh Russo, Recreational Abalone Advisory Committee (RAAC) and President of the Waterman's Alliance, provided an update to the Commission on Fisheries Management Plan development, including the involvement level of the RAAC.

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- **Mendocino Wildlife Association**

Tracy Pellar shared that Chris Brennan from Wildlife Services reported on fencing left from Cal Trans that may be inhibiting wildlife movement in the area. Ms. Pellar plans on investigating and will report back. She reported on a repeal for opening range lands being presented to the Board of Supervisors.

- **Other Cooperative Agencies**

Secretary announced correspondence received from the Woodlands Wildlife Association and subsequent invitation provided to them to present at future meetings.

- **Commissioner Treasurer** - No report at this time.

- **Commission Secretary**

Thanks were offered to Vice Chair Guerrero especially, but all Commissioners and cooperative entities in outreach efforts. A distribution list has been updated and implemented, the website has had significant updates and the County will be updating the entire website soon.

8. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Prosecution of Local Fish and Wildlife Regulation Infractions.

The Commission discussed ways of bringing awareness to the enforcement issues of regulation infractions. Communication with District Attorney, exploring the use of a Special Prosecutor experienced in fish and wildlife regulations, and ways to communicate concerns to the County Board of Supervisors were discussed. Secretary will draft a memo from the Commission to the Supervisors summarizing the meeting, including the infraction prosecution issue.

9. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Bear-Proof Refuse

Tracy Pellar provided an update to the Commission on the bear-proof refuse receptacles. She has an appointment with CEO of Solid Waste, Jerry Ward and will have another update at the next meeting. Mendocino Wildlife Association received a donation for the purchase of receptacle prototypes, as well. Commissioner Guerrero suggested tracking data on repetitive bear issue locations to target specific locations for use of the bear proof receptacle prototypes, and to begin researching grant options for funding. Commissioner Madigan suggested educational approaches, as well.

10. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding to publish Coastal-at-Large Seat Vacancy

The Commission discussed accepting of Commissioner Autumn Bremmer's offer to resign her Coastal-at-Large seat due to work circumstances preventing her return to Mendocino County and therefore her valued participation in the Commission. The Commission unanimously consented to accept Commissioner Autumn Bremmer's resignation with gratitude to Ms. Bremmer for her service.

11. Discussion and Possible Action to set locations for 2017 meeting schedule.

March 14, 2017: Fort Bragg September 12, 2017: Fort Bragg

May 9, 2017: Ukiah November 14, 2017: Ukiah

July 11, 2017: Willits *all meetings to begin at 6:00pm*

The Commission asked for an alternative location than Ukiah library and like the Willits City Hall.

12. Commissioner Comments, Reports, Announcements

Commissioner Vann gave an update on the Hammerhorn project from Frank Abley, US Forest Service.

13. Adjournment at 7:16pm.

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:
Tuesday, March 14, 2017 – Fort Bragg, CA**

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