



Mendocino County Fish & Game Commission  
501 Low Gap Road  
Ukiah, CA 95482

## APPROVED MINUTES

**DATE:** Tuesday, October 18, 2016  
**TIME:** 1:30 pm  
**LOCATION:** Conference Room C, 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, CA, 95482

### JOINT MEETING OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE MENDOCINO COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

**1. Call to Order:** President White called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

**Roll Call:**

*Present:* Commissioners Terry Guerrero, Patty Madigan, Charles Morgan, Sean White, and Randy Vann  
*Absent:* Commissioner Autumn Bremer and David Wright

*Also Present:* Supervisor Carre Brown, Supervisor John McCowen, Chair Dan Gjerde, and Supervisor Dan Hamburg. Supervisor Tom Woodhouse, absent.

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

No one from the public indicated an interest in speaking.

**3. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Fish and Game Project Funding Priorities, including but not limited to discussion of large vs. small projects and educational vs. habitat enhancement projects**

Commission members offered feedback on the elements of funding priorities. Discussion was held and the general consensus of the Board of Supervisors is supportive of the Fish and Game Commission pursuing larger grant proposals as well as continued consideration of smaller projects; Fish and Game educational programs; and the Commission initiating their own projects.

**4. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Feral Cat Colony Policy Development**

Commissioner Guerrero presented. The Commission recommended adoption of an ordinance to effectively manage feral cat colonies and help protect the future of the natural wildlife resources in the County.

## **5. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Environmental Impacts Related to Marijuana Cultivation in Mendocino County**

Commissioners White and Madigan presented, reviewing a letter sent from the Commission to the Board on October 6, 2016. The Commission recommended the following for Board consideration:

- To complete an environmental review for CEQA that adequately addresses cumulative impacts;
- Look to the State's medical cannabis policy for guidance on environmental protections for fish, wildlife, and water quality;
- To keep in mind that a legal water right will not ensure sufficient stream flows for summer/fall diversions. Outdoor cannabis cultivation coincides during the period when juvenile salmon need water the most, approximately May through October;
- Ensure adequate protections for all downstream beneficial uses of water (Clean Water Act and Total Maximum Daily Load allocations);
- Need to address issues concerning enforcement in remote rural communities and TPZ lands where access is limited or difficult and enforcement staffing may be insufficient to protect natural resources;
- Consider whether the County has adequate biological and geological expertise on staff to review cannabis cultivation sites for compliance and/or remediation.

Several members of the public spoke: Jeanette Pedersen, Hal Waganet, Ellen Drell, and Maureen O'Sullivan.

**Board of Supervisors departed. Chair White called a recess 2:48pm – 3:00pm.**

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

**Rescheduled from October 11, 2016**

#### **Items for Discussion and Possible Action:**

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

Robert Davis of the Mendocino Wildlife Association introduced himself and the organization.

#### **7. Approval of Minutes from August 9, 2016**

Commissioner Guerrero motioned to approve the August 9, 2016 minutes. Commissioner Morgan seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Guerrero, Madigan, Morgan White, and Vann

Absent: Commissioners Bremer and Wright

#### **8. CA Fish and Wildlife Warden Report, Warden Steve White and DFW Biologist Scott Koller.**

Warden Steve White provided an update on personnel, noting a watershed enforcement team is currently being staffed to enforce marijuana grow regulations.

#### **9. Measure AF**

- a. Taking a position to support the NO on Measure AF committee (Guerrero)**
- b. Presentation from Former 3rd District Supervisor Hal Wagenet**
- c. Presentation from Jeanette Pedersen**

Commissioner Guerrero presented the proposed letter of support from the Commission to the No on AF Committee. Suggestions for edits were offered and discussed.

Commissioner Vann motioned to accept the discussed changes to the Commission's letter of support to the No on AF Committee. Commissioner Morgan seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Guerrero, Madigan, Morgan, and Vann

Absent: Commissioners Bremer, White (stepped out of meeting from 3:23 – 3:35pm), and Wright

#### **10. Grant Proposal Schedule (White)**

Discussion was held to determine the current and future fiscal year grant proposal schedules with consideration to budget development and issuing of Request for Proposals. Commission requested Clerk obtain a report summarizing funding for the last five years.

The following schedule was agreed upon:

Press Release issued as soon as possible for Grant Proposal Requests.

Grant Proposal deadline: December 31, 2016

Special meeting for grant presentations: January 17, 2017 at 5:00pm, location to be announced

Sub Committee (Madigan, Morgan, and Vann) for grant proposal ranking: January 2017

#### **11. Proposal to assist Fish & Wildlife Recreational Abalone Advisory Committee (RAAC) in hosting a meeting in Mendocino county on November 5th, 2016 (Guerrero)**

Commissioner Guerrero presented the invitation to co-host the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Commissioner Guerrero motioned to support the RAAC meeting of November 5, 2016. Commissioner Madigan seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Guerrero, Madigan, Morgan, White and Vann

Absent: Commissioners Bremer and Wright

#### **12. Hammerhorn Lake Project Summary**

Commissioner Vann invited the Commission to a BBQ in the summer to visit the site.

#### **13. Follow up on August Meeting Items (as necessary)**

Commissioner White motioned to submit a letter to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors from the Commission recommending the Santa Cruz Feral Cat policy. Commissioner Vann seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Guerrero, Madigan, Morgan, White and Vann

Absent: Commissioners Bremer and Wright

#### **14. Commissioner Comments, Reports, Announcements**

Commissioner Guerrero provided an update on the abalone conditions.

Commissioner Guerrero reviewed the varying missions of the Commission.

#### **15. Adjournment** at 4:10pm.