

**Mono County Fisheries Commission**  
**Wednesday, March 5, 2014 ~ 10:00 am**  
**June Lake Community Center, June Lake**

**Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Steve Marti called meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Steve Marti led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present were Commissioners; Steve Marti, John Webb, Dan Anthony, Gaye Mueller, Bob Dunn, and Gary Jones. Jim King absent.

Staff present; Nancy Alaniz and Stacie Klemm. Others present; John Fredrickson, Jim Erdman, Bill Dailey, and Carolyn Webb.

4. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (2-5-14)

Motion by Gary Jones to approve the February 5, 2014 minutes, with spelling corrections of names. Second by John Webb. Motion passed unanimously.

6. STAFF/COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Gaye Mueller reported on the Kids Fishing Festival; she believes the Sunrise Rotary in Mammoth is going to become a sponsor. They are going to have an opening dinner, which will be a partial fund raiser for the fishing festival.

Gaye Mueller received an email from Jane Kenyon, stating she would like to talk to the commission about scheduled trash removal at fishing sites. There is a large amount of fishing line that is left at fishing areas. Volunteer groups have worked on clean up of these area's but are not able to keep up with the volume of fishing line that is left behind. This leftover fishing line is dangerous to the animals and fish in the areas. Gaye responded to the email, letting Jane know the Fisheries Commission is an advisory commission only, and provided her with information for some of the local fishing clubs that may be able to assist with these efforts.

Bob Dunn spoke about opening day fishing at West Walker River. It was a successful opening day. 1,200 pounds of fish (from the Susanville area) were planted and Fish and Wildlife planted an additional 600 pounds.

Gary Jones spoke about an email from June Lake Public Utility District; they will be reducing the flow in Fern Creek from 200 gallons a minute to 25 gallons a minute. The original request was to reduce it to 16 gallons a minute, that request was amended to the 25 gallon request. This request is for a permanent reduction.

7. F&G UPDATE

Jim Erdman spoke about the 600 pounds of fish stocking in the West Walker River. Inyo County early opening went well. There was low turnout on Diaz Lake, poor weather conditions may have been a contributing factor. Jim reported on the three new cages at June Lake for the Kamloops Trout brood stock. They are in the process of building floating docks for these cages as a more permanent structure for next year.

Bill Dailey gave update about the outdoor adventure program. There is a webinar for teachers who are trying to assist in transitioning this curriculum to California standards. Although this has not been implemented yet, the project is moving forward.

8. MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE

- Fish and Game Fine Fund \$17,066.73 (\$3,500.00 encumbered ESWC) Total of \$13,556.73
- Conway Ranch Fund \$19,976.98
- MCFC regular budget \$15,727.17

9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Funding up to \$690 for printing "Procedures for Catch & Release" Brochure – Gaye Mueller

Gaye Mueller requested to table discussion and possible action on brochures until next meeting.

10. DISCUSSION - Conway Ranch Conservation Easement – Steve Marti

Steve Marti discussed; John Webb took a group of people from Eastern Sierra Land Trust around the Conway Ranch showing them where the water goes in and out of the ranch, they stated they would have information on the ranch at the first of the month. Steve Marti received an email stating there is no information to report yet. Discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION- Funding for the OVCC on the Conway Conveyance Ditch - John Webb

John Webb discussed the Conveyance Ditch; the south side needs worked on. This ditch moves water from the Parshell Flume to the Conway Ranch.

Bob Dunn made motion to approve funding (not to exceed \$2000). Second by Dan Anthony. Motion passed unanimously.

12. DISCUSSION - Direction of the Mono County Fisheries Commission - John Webb

John Webb discussed the direction of the Fisheries Commission; due to current litigation all communication from the Fisheries Commission to Mono County need to be submitted in writing to County staff. The Commission shared concerns about trout stocking in Mono County, they would like to know if the County has a backup plan for fish stocking if IAG is unable to produce fish for stocking. Commission members agreed to submit comments in writing to the County, in attempt to get answers to their questions and concerns.

13. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION - Completion of electrical connection (electrical vault) between raceway B and D. There will be an estimated dollar amount available at the meeting – John Webb/Steve Marti

Steve Marti spoke about the electrical for the test well at Conway Ranch; this was put on the agenda to complete the electrical project. After posting this on the agenda it was discovered that going straight to Southern California Edison and having them help with the issue could take up to 6 weeks from the time they apply for this project. The commission agreed that this is not worth the effort at the present time.

14. APPROVAL - USFWS Amphibian Comment Letter

Commission agreed upon sending out the letter.

15. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Re-agendize number 13 – Completion of electrical connection between raceway B and D (possible estimated dollar amount)

Agendize Kids Fishing Festival Funding (dollar amount will be provided prior to next meeting)

Agendize Funding up to \$1700 for printing "Procedures for Catch & Release" advertisement

16. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m. to next regular scheduled meeting is April 2, 2014

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