

Mono County Fisheries Commission
Wednesday, August 3, 2016 ~ 10am
June Lake Community Center
90 Granite Ave, June Lake, CA 93529

MINUTES

Commissioners: Morton, Mueller, King, Jones, Anthony, Parker.

Staff: Simpson.

Others: John Peters, Jim Erdman, Steve Marti, Dr. Tom Jenkins, Todd O'Banion.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:00am
2. INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Dr. Jenkins passed out a paper discussing activities and suggestions that he believes would benefit Mono County.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (7-6-16) A MOTION WAS MADE BY ANTHONY, SECONDED BY MORTON, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 6, 2016 MEETING AS WRITTEN. MOTION APPROVED 6-0, NO ABSTENSIONS.
5. STAFF/COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS: Ms. Mueller updated the commission on the Kids Fishing Festival that took place in Mammoth Lakes in July and reported over 800 registered contestants. Mr. Anthony updated the commission on the "How Big is Big" fishing derby on the West Walker River and reported the winning contestant caught an 8 pound trout.
6. DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE UPDATE: Mr. Erdman updated the commission on the current condition of "rock snot" in Hot Creek and Rush Creek. Mr. Erdman talked about the Department of Fish and Games involvement in the Kids Fishing Festival including bringing educational and wildlife displays. Mr. Erdman reported 6th and 7th lake out of Big Pine Creek were completely fishless and the Yellow Legged Frog was reintroduced to the area.
7. MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE
 - Fish and Game Fine Fund - \$7,500 Starting Balance.
 - MCFC regular budget - \$25,000 Starting Balance.
8. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION - Todd O'Banion Smith Valley Fish Hatchery Presentation – Commissioner Mueller: Mr. O'Banion updated the commission on his operation and future plans at his facility that included a niche rehabilitation location for Lahontan Cutthroat Trout aquarium and native plant nursery. Mr. O'Banion suggested that a similar operation could be implemented at Conway Ranch. The commission discussed pros and cons including bringing the idea to the Board of Supervisors and also not having any fishing operation at Conway Ranch at all. Staff suggested to bring the idea to Tony Dublino for further analysis and explanation at the next meeting.
9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Rush Creek Snot Grass Presentation by Sue Burak – Commissioner Burak: Ms. Burak was unable to attend and the item was tabled for the next meeting.
10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION - Slinkard Creek Project Letter of Recommendation – Commissioner Mueller: Item was not discussed.

11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION - Letter of support for RCCP Form – Commissioner Morton: Item was not discussed.
12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Updating the Mono County Fisheries Catch and Release Brochure – Commission Mueller: Item was not discussed.
13. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Mono County Economic Development, Tourism and Film Commission Update – Staff: Item was not discussed.
14. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: Fish stocking survey funding request from Trout Unlimited.
15. ADJOURNMENT – Next regular scheduled meeting is September 7, 2016 at 10am in June Lake.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, anyone who needs special assistance to attend this meeting can contact Jeff Simpson at 760-924-4634 within 48 hours prior to the meeting in order to ensure accessibility (see 42USCS 12132, 28CFR 35.130). Meeting materials may be viewed by contacting Liz Grans at 760-924-1738.