

Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission
Wednesday, August 1, 2018 ~ 10am
June Lake Community Center
90 Granite Ave, June Lake, CA 93529

MINUTES

ATTENDING: Morton, Mueller, Jones, King, Parker

STAFF: Simpson

OTHERS: Dan Lengning, Chase Pasley, Supervisor John Peters, Supervisor Bob Gardner, Jane Kenyon,

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:03am
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was made.
3. INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Pasley introduced himself and gave a brief update on his background and experience in the fishing industry and his future endeavors at Bridgeport Reservoir RV Park and Marina. Mr. Gardner reminded the commission of the upcoming Mono County Board of Supervisors meeting about the dewatering of Long Valley by LADWP.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (7-11-18) A MOTION WAS MADE BY MORTON, SECONDED BY KING, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 7TH, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING AS WRITTEN. MOTION APPROVED 5-0, NO ABSTENTIONS.
6. STAFF/COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS Mr. Simpson reported on the budget process including the timeline for approval of funds for the Fish and Wildlife Commission that is anticipated to take place in September. Mr. King read a statement from Curtis Milliron regarding LADWP. Mr. King reported that aerial fish stocking for rainbows would not take place this year in Mono or Inyo Counties but Golden and Cutthroat plants would continue as scheduled.
7. DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE UPDATE: No update. Mr. Erdman is out doing field work and could not attend.
8. MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE
 - Fish and Game Fine Fund - \$26,500 Starting Balance.
 - MCFC regular budget - \$0 Starting Balance.
9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Rush Creek, Agnew and Waugh Dam Update – Commissioner Morton – Mr. Morton discussed the potential impacts on the deconstruction of dams in the Eastern Sierra. He requested a representative from SCE come to the commission at a future meeting for a full presentation.
10. DISSCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Possible Fish Stocking Funding Sources – Commissioner Morton – Mr. Morton and the Commission discussed possible alternate sustainable ways to fund the fish stocking effort in Mono County including donation bins, TBID assessment fees, and supporting current efforts like BFEF.

11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Eastern Sierra Line Cleanup – Commissioner Mueller – Ms. Mueller read a report on tangle free waters that included an inventory of current line cleanup infrastructure.
12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Mono County Fishing Management Plan Update – Commissioner Morton – Mr. Morton gave an update on the progress of the Mono County Fishing Management plan that included a collaborative meeting that took place earlier in the month.
13. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Potential Stream Enhancement projects – Commissioner Morton – Mr. Morton looked for input on potential locations for new fish studies that needed to be conducted throughout Mono County.
14. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Kids Fishing Festival – Commissioner Mueller – Ms. Mueller gave a report on the Kids Fishing Festival that took place at the end of July. This year’s event had the largest participation and kids than any other year with over 1,000 kids. Between Desert Springs, Town of Mammoth Lakes and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife donated 1,200 pounds of fish for the kids to catch.
15. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Mono County Economic Development, Tourism and Film Commission Update – Staff – Mr. Simpson reported that the Visitor Profile Study was ongoing and preliminary results on winter and spring could be reported out next month. Mr. Simpson reported 4th quarter TOT and year end results would be available at the next meeting.
16. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING – Potential SCE meeting regarding dams in the Eastern Sierra. Trout Unlimited fish surveying report.
17. ADJOURNMENT

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