



## Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2014 – 7:00pm

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Others
Crystal Norris - Chairperson	Andy Pozzi	Richard Jorgensen – Trout Unlimited
David Cook	Beth Lamb	Steve Tubbs – Russian River Wild Steelhead Society
Brock Dolman	Jeff Holden	Kelly Ames - Russian River Wild Steelhead Society
Jim Lynch	Julian Meisler	John Nable – E&J Gallo Winery
Al Gerhardt		James Reed - CDFW
Dagny Thomas		Tom Henderson – CDFW Hunter Education
Al Ferris		
Don McEnhill		

### I. Call to Order

Chairperson Norris called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

### II. Adoption of Minutes

**Report:** Crystal asks if there are any additions or corrections to the June and July 2014 minutes.

**Action:** A motion was made by Dave to adopt the minutes as submitted; second by Al Ferris.

**Passed with:** 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 5 Absent. (Dagny arrived at 8:35pm and did not participate in voting at this meeting)

### III. Correspondence

- A. Thank you letter from Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue
- B. Fish and Game Commission notices

### IV. Financial Reports – June 2014

#### **Reports:**

- A. June 30, 2014 Final Report for Fiscal Year 2013-14: Abalone final budget balance is \$350.00; General Fund is \$9,741.53.
- B. July 31, 2014 Budget Balances: Abalone budget balance is \$350.00; General Fund is \$30,303.00.
- C. August 31, 2014 Budget Balances: Abalone budget balance is \$350.00; General Fund is \$30,303.00.
- D. September 30, 2014 Budget Balances: Abalone budget balance is \$350.00; General Fund is \$30,295.33.

**Action:** Al Ferris makes a motion to accept all financial reports as presented; second by Al Gerhardt.

**Passed with:** 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 5 Absent.

## V. Old Business

### A. **California Marine Sanctuary Foundation & Salt Point State Park adding Sonoma County Fish and Wildlife logo to signage**

**Action:** Al Ferris makes a motion to approve the use of the Fish and Wildlife's logo on signage for the California Marine Sanctuary Foundation and Salt Point State Park; second by Brock.

**Passed with:** 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 5 Absent.

## VI. New Business

### A. **MacMurray Ranch Porter Creek Project – E&J Gallo Winery; John Nagle and Jordan Matteri, *First Reading***

**Report:** John Nagle gives a report on the project. E&J Gallo Winery has been working with the Russian River Coho Salmon Captive Broodstock Program by allowing access to release Coho Salmon on portions of the winery's property in Porter Creek. E&J Gallo sets aside acreage for wildlife protection on their property through the "50/50 Give Back Plan". For every acre planted they give an acre for wildlife protection. The winery has built a 1700 pipeline from the Upper Valley Reservoir to Porter Creek along rough terrain to facilitate fish passage during dryer seasons. The work installing the pipeline was done with Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) members. The grant request is for reimbursement for supplies and SAY labor costs. The project is part of a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Marine Fisheries Service and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) 'Voluntary Drought Agreement for Porter Creek'. The agreement with E&J Gallo sets the intentions of NOAA & CDFW to work with water users in high priority areas to reduce negative effects of the drought on salmon and steelhead during the existing drought emergency.

John provides legible copies of the invoices submitted with the grant. The Commission requests a copy of the final executed agreement with NOAA & CDFW for the next meeting.

### B. **Steelhead in the Classroom Equipment for Educators - Redwood Empire Trout Unlimited; Richard Jorgenson, *First Reading***

**Report:** Richard Jorgenson reports that Trout Unlimited is working with the Russian River Wild Steelhead Society to support the Water Agency's Steelhead in the Classroom program by offering additional training opportunities and support for Sonoma County teachers. The organizations together will be holding a joint Aquarium Building workshop in February 2015, and Trout Unlimited will be holding a Curriculum Class during the same month.

This is the same Water Agency program that was grant funded in FY 2013-2014, and the grant funds would again go towards tanks and teaching supplies to make it possible for more teachers to participate in the program. During the 2013-2014 school year, over 32,000 students were reached through direct instruction and/or written materials. Although the amount of fish released per classroom does not have a measurable effect on fish counts, the education about wildlife, sustainability, and the environment has an effect on the students that participate.

The service area for the program is Sonoma and Mendocino Counties, but if the grant is awarded, the funds will only be used for Sonoma County programs.

Richard explains that the egg source will be the Warm Springs Hatchery. The Commission asks how many teachers have shown interest for the 2015 program. He will bring the information to the second reading in November.

**VII. Reports/Comments**

- A. Public
- B. Board

**VIII. Adjourn**

Chairperson Norris adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.