



# County of Nevada Fish & Wildlife Commission



**February 2, 2021**

**MEETING:** Nevada County Fish and Wildlife Commission

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 2, 2021

**TIM** 6:00p.m.

**LOCATION:** Join Zoom Meeting

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**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeff Jenkins, Larry Mazzuca, and Craig Ferrari

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeff Hollstien

**COUNTY STAFF PRESENT:** Chris de Nijs, Agricultural Commissioner and Jennifer Acree, Office Assistant II

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Lieutenant Brian Moore, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW); Kyle Glau, Game Warden, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), Jason Tessler, Game Warden (Truckee), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW); and Thor Larsen, Nevada Irrigation District (NID)

## **1. Call to Order**

Commission Vice Chair Mazzuca called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

## **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Commission Vice Chair Mazzuca led the pledge of allegiance.

## **3. Corrections to the Agenda**

Commission Vice Chair Mazzuca called for a motion to amend the agenda.

The following items were removed from the agenda

- Item 4: Approval of the December Meeting Minutes
- New Business, Item c.: SB-252 Bears: Take Prohibition - Potential Recommendation to BOS - (Action)

## **4. Approve Minutes of the December 1, 2020, Meeting**

Item removed.

## **5. Public Comment**

No public comment.

## 6. Agency Reports

### a.) California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)

Warden Kyle Glau reported there is nothing new to report this year. A new Placer County warden will begin work this month, making the squad only one warden short. The Sierra County warden position is open. Commission Vice Chair Mazzuca asked how Sierra County is staffed in the interim. Warden Kyle Glau answered other wardens are providing coverage.

### b.) Nevada Irrigation District (NID)

Thor Larsen reported reservoir storage is 171,000 - acre feet stored, which is 80 percent of average for the year. Recent rainfall measures at 21.1 inches. The January 26<sup>th</sup> snow survey showed average for the time of year; however, five to six inches of water has since been added, increasing the total average.

## 7. Fine Fund Balance (Informational)

Chris de Nijs reported the Fine Fund Balance is \$49, 574.37, which includes Fiscal Year 2020/21 donation payments and the emergency funding to local organizations affected by the Jones Fire. The amount also reflects a credit of \$1, 200 from a settlement received via the District Attorney's office.

## 8. New Business

### a.) Nomination and Election of 2021 Commission Chair and Vice Chair

Commission Vice Chair Mazzuca called for motion to nominate a 2021 Commission Chair. Commission Member Ferrari motioned to nominate Commission Vice Chair Mazzuca as Chair for 2021. Commission Member Jenkins seconded the motion. **None abstained. None objected. The motion was carried unanimously.**

Commission Vice Chair Mazzuca called for a motion to nominate a 2021 Commission Vice Chair. Commission Member Ferrari motioned to nominate Commission Member Jenkins as Vice Chair for 2021. Commission Vice Chair Mazzuca seconded the motion. Commission Member Jenkins seconded the motion. **None abstained. None objected. The motion was carried unanimously.**

### b.) Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget Recommendation. Review of Proposals from Agencies/Groups Presented during the December 1, 2020 meeting - (Action)

The Commission previously discussed and agreed upon a maximum total donation amount of \$7, 500.00 for Fiscal Year 2021/22.

After discussion the Fish and Wildlife Commission unanimously approved the following grant donation amounts to these organizations for Fiscal Year 2021/22:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Cal-TIP	\$200.00
Sierra Streams Institute	\$1, 804.06
California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)	\$1, 755.94
South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL)	\$650.00
Trout Unlimited	\$670.00
Wildlife Rehabilitation & Release	\$1, 100.00
Wolf Creek Alliance	\$720.00
Yuba Watershed Institute (NEW Applicant)	\$600.00

**Total Fiscal Year 2021/22 Donation Amount Approved: \$7, 500.00**

Commission Vice Chair Mazzuca called for public comment on this item. Seeing and hearing none, Commission Vice Chair Mazzuca called for a motion to approve the allocations (as identified above) and the total donation amount of \$7, 500.00 for Fiscal Year 2021/22. Commission Member Ferrari motioned. Commission Member Jenkins seconded the motion. **The motion was carried unanimously. None opposed. None abstained.**

**c.) SB-252 Bears: Take Prohibition- Potential Recommendation to BOS - (Action)**

Item removed.

**9. Notices from the Fish and Wildlife Commission**

- a) Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action Relative to Section 502, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to Waterfowl Hunting Season 2021-2022
- b) Notice of Proposal for a 90 Day Extension of Emergency Action related the Purple Sea Urchin- Reference OAL File #2020-0309-02E
- c) Notice of Proposed Emergency Action to Add Section 749.11, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, RE: Take of Western Joshua Tree
- d) Notice of Proposed Changes in Regulations to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to annual mammal hunting regulations.

The Commission Members reviewed these items individually. They unanimously agreed they are not pertinent to Nevada County; therefore, no action is required.

**10. Commission Member Comments/Announcement**

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has expressed displeasure regarding permitting and the take of geese. Lieutenant Moore reminded the commission that concerns/calls of this nature should be referred to their department.

**11. Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Commission Vice Chair Mazzuca adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Acree, Office Assistant

Approved on: 04/06/2021

*Chris de Nijs* for Larry Mazzuca  
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Chair, Larry Mazzuca