

Draft Meeting Minutes of the Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Committee on January 19, 2022**3:00 p.m. Convene meeting.**

- 1) **Introductions and Statement of Conflict.** A member who has a conflict should, prior to consideration of the decision: (1) publicly identify in detail the financial interest that causes the conflict; (2) recuse himself/herself from discussing and voting on the matter; and (3) leave the room until after the decision has been made.

Nicole Balbas, Clark Dawson, Roni Gehlke, Susan Heckly, Kathleen Jennings, Brett Morris, Daniel Pellegrini, Cass Rogers and Felipe Solis attended the meeting. Michael Bowen (Friends of Orinda Creeks), Rachel Byrne (Contra Costa Resource Conservation District), Kathy Cutting (California State University – East Bay), Lisa Damerel (Contra Costa Resource Conservation District), Melanie Kimbel (Marine Science Institute), Phil Kohlmetz (International Bird Rescue), Jenna Nguyen (Marine Science Institute), Bob Peoples, Elissa Robinson (Contra Costa Resource Conservation District), Marilou Seiff (Marine Science Institute), Bob Simmons (Walnut Creek Watershed Council), Robert Stanley (California Department of Fish and Wildlife) and Ben Weise (Contra Costa Resource Conservation District) attended the meeting. Maureen Parkes (CCC Department of Conservation and Development) attended as staff.

- 2) **Review/Approve minutes from the November 17, 2021 meeting.** The meeting minutes were approved as written.

Vote: 8-0

AYES: Balbas, Dawson, Gehlke, Heckly, Jennings, Morris, Pellegrini and Rogers

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

- 3) **Public comment.** Includes public comment on topics on the agenda and items not listed on the agenda. The FWC shall also accept public comment on agenda items at the time they are discussed. There were no public comments.
- 4) **Updates and announcements from staff and FWC members.** Includes discussion of implementation of actions authorized previously, correspondence received, and upcoming meetings of interest to the FWC.

Correspondence forwarded by staff to the FWC members:

- Email from Michele Sheehan, Chair, Save Seven Hills Ranch
- Email from Michelle C. Cordis, Public Works Flood Control Division, regarding grant application C, the San Pablo Creek Restoration Project (attached)
- FWC 2022 roster
- Newsletters, Announcements and Agendas:
 - Bay Area Monitor -1
 - California Department of Water Resources -1
 - California Fish and Game Commission - 16
 - IPM Meeting Agenda -1
 - John Muir Land Trust - 1
 - Save Mt. Diablo - 5
 - Urban Tilth -1

5) Consider the following CONSENT items:

- a) Review and accept the final report from International Bird Rescue for their 2021 “Resolving Negative Human-Wildlife Interactions (AKA Urban Wildlife Conflicts)” project.
- b) Review and accept the final report from Friends of San Ramon Creek for their 2021 “Scaling Up Arundo Removal and Replacement in San Ramon Creek Watershed” project.
- c) Review and accept the final report from California Urban Streams Partnership for their 2020 “Equipping the California Urban Streams Partnership for Greater Impact” project.

Items 5a, 5b and 5c were reviewed and accepted.

Vote: 8-0

AYES: Balbas, Dawson, Gehlke, Heckly, Jennings, Morris, Pellegrini and Rogers

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

6) Consider the 16 Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund applications submitted by January 5, 2022. Consider inviting one or more organizations to the following meeting if the Committee has further questions on their grant proposals.

The Committee reviewed and discussed several of the grant applications in detail. Grant application representatives present included Michael Bowen, Rachel Byrne, Lisa Damerel, Melanie Kimbel, Phil Kohlmetz, Jenna Nguyen, Elissa Robinson, Marilou Seiff, Robert Stanley and Ben Weise. Representatives from Friends of Orinda Creeks, Contra Costa Resource Conservation District and International Bird Rescue provided verbal information in response to the Committee’s questions regarding their grant applications. The Committee requested additional information from Friends of Alhambra Creek, Friends of Orinda Creeks, International Bird Rescue and SPAWNERS. The FWC requested that staff invite SPAWNERS to the next meeting to answer questions about their grant application. Consideration of the grant applications was continued to the February 16, 2022 meeting.

7) Determine the agenda for the next meeting. The next regular scheduled meeting is February 16, 2022. Possible agenda items for upcoming meetings include:

- Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund grant applications
- Election of Officers
- 2022 Fall Forum
- 2023 Grant RFP
- Draft Annual Report/Work Plan
- Informational brochure on invasive species
- Contra Costa Watershed Forum and Contra Costa County Creek and Watershed Symposium Update
- Delta Conveyance Project Update
- IPM Update

Adjourn

The Committee Chair may alter the order of agenda items at the meeting. Please contact Maureen Parkes at 925-655-2909 or maureen.parkes@dcd.cccounty.us (or Abigail Fateman at 925-655-2908 or abigail.fateman@dcd.cccounty.us) at the CCC Department of Conservation and Development if you have questions about the Fish & Wildlife Committee or desire materials related to this agenda. Any disclosable public records related to an open session item on a regular meeting agenda and distributed to a majority of the FWC members less than 96 hours before the meeting are available for public inspection at 30 Muir Road in Martinez during business hours. The FWC will provide reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities planning to participate in this meeting who contact staff at least 72 hours before the meeting.