



## FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

### Minutes of the August 17, 2006, Meeting

#### Attending Members

Crystal Norris  
Dave Cook  
Jo Bentz  
Pierre Gadd  
Jim Lynch  
Ned Hill  
Jeff Holden  
Dennis Rosatti  
Martin Bauman

#### Absent Members

Al Ferris  
Brock Dolman  
Andrew Pozzi

#### Others

Sarah Shaeffer, Community Clean Water Institute  
Nora Lomax, West County Community Services &  
Russian River After School Partnership  
David Lewis, UC Cooperative Extension  
Janet Barth, Napa Wildlife Commission  
Deanna McAulay, Ag. Commissioner's Office  
Alex McVicker, Ag. Commissioner's Office

Chairperson Crystal Norris called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

### **Adoption of Minutes**

Corrections to the July minutes are as follows: the grant request for a Wildlife Education Exhibit area from Doris Duncan was the second reading. A motion to accept the July minutes as amended was made by Jim Lynch with a second by Ned Hill. Motion carried.

### **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was received:

1. Thank you card from Doris Duncan of Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue in regard to the Wildlife Education Exhibit area grant which was granted last month
2. Department of Fish & Game (DFG) News Releases:
  - Commercial Cabezon Fishery September-October Trip Limit Decreased From 900 Pounds to 200 Pounds
  - Klamath/Trinity River Basin Salmon Recreational Seasons and Size Restrictions Effective Aug. 15
  - September Calendar

## **Financial Report**

Final financial report for fiscal year 05/06 – the additions increased the total budget to \$64,750 with grants approved in the amount of \$56,589.70 leaving a fund balance of \$171,062.09 in the General Fund; the Abalone account budget was \$14,200 with grants approved in the amount of \$14,149.30 leaving a fund balance of \$27,226.66.

The General Fund received in July \$165 in court revenues with a fund balance of \$171,227.09. The Abalone Fund in July received \$38.05 from collections with a fund balance of \$27,264.71. Motion to accept the financial reports as presented was made by Pierre Gadd with a second by Martin Bauman. Motion carried.

## **Old Business**

**Second Reading Russian River Youth Water Quality Monitoring and Restoration Team** – Sarah Shaeffer of Community Clean Water Institute and Nora Lomax of West County Community Services & Russian River After School Partnership were present and requesting a grant for \$7,500 for Russian River Youth Water Quality Monitoring and Restoration Team.

The discussion opened up for questions.

Pierre Gadd inquired about the Curriculum building in the proposal for \$600. It was explained this is the fee to develop a curriculum to be used for the program.

Crystal Norris asked, are you looking at only offering the program to eighth grade and below? Nora stated no it's the opposite because there is no funding for the High School students we are trying to build this particular group up with this project. Currently there is funding for Kindergarten through eighth grade. The target schools are Monte Rio, Journey High School, Analy, and El Molino. Crystal asked how many students do you have at this time to participate? Nora replied there are ten students who are in grades 9 thru 12 and 50 students from grades 6 thru 8. What are the Criteria for becoming involved with the program? Nora stated the target children come from the after school program and the group home for Journey High School students. Nora added the counselors would be asked what kids would benefit or get the most out of participating in the program.

Ned Hill inquired if there would be a database for collecting the data? Sarah answered there are 41 active sites that are being monitored with data points. She currently maintains a database, which is available online at - <http://www.cwi.org>.

Additionally Ned brought up the question in regard to salaries – because this is a pilot program will you be looking for grants to cover salaries? Nora answered we do have funding from 21<sup>st</sup> Century award and a Stewardship Council award which will pay for salaries.

Pierre asked, how many employees are there? In the after-school program there are 31 employees with 3 being full-time.

Jo Bentz questioned the equipment ownership? Nora replied the Community Clean Water Institute has the techs to maintain the equipment and the two groups, the after-school program and Community Clean Water Institute, work well together. How often will students participate, Jo asked? The older students will start in October and monitor every other Friday. There will be eight workshops, one community clean-up day organized by the students, they will also create a presentation for the Board of Supervisors, create a formal plan for next year, and

wrap up the program with a three-day camping trip. Crystal asked how many sites are you trying to do per month? Sarah answered, monthly monitoring at one spot which has a bunch of creeks by the site. The Friday workshops are done during the school year through winter, then the restoration.

Dennis asked if they are working with anyone doing work on restoration such as Dutch Bill Creek. Sarah responded yes we would be contacting Doug Gore to see if he will be a presenter to the kids.

Crystal inquired what type of plants would the kids use with restoration – native plants? Sarah responded they would be pulling out invasive species and buy appropriate plants to plant. Nora added Monte Rio Parks do have a written plan for restoring the area.

Pierre asked is there a prerequisite? Nora stated, no we are targeting under served kids to teach major science concepts. There is no prerequisite to join the group.

Ned asked how old is the Community Clean Water Institute's equipment currently being used and how has the equipment held up? Sarah declared the older stuff did not hold up to well but overall she is happy with most of the equipment. She added the equipment chosen within the application is the equipment she has been happy with.

Dennis Rosetti voiced his support for the program. Half of the target group of kids are on state assisted lunches. This program will give those kids a chance to be exposed to environmental education they may not get any other time in their lives. Dennis asked Crystal if he should excuse himself from the vote because his wife works with WCCS? Sarah said no she will not receive any funding from this grant. No was the resounding answer.

Motion to approve \$7,500 for Russian River Youth Water Quality Monitoring and Restoration Team was made by Jim Lynch with a second from Jo Bentz. Motion carried for Grant #108 to Community Clean Water Institute for Russian River Youth Water Quality Monitoring and Restoration Team.

## **New Business**

**Report on Sea Grant Extension Program** – David Lewis of Sonoma County University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) was present. The Sea Grant Extension Program was granted in January 2006.

David presented to the commission a report of the results, which were found using the equipment purchased from the grant. With the grant the group was able to purchase two Coded Wire Tag (CWT) readers and 20 stream temperature loggers. This equipment was used to validate the survival of spring versus fall release dates of Coho in certain streams.

Spring fish were compared to fall fish releases, the results were the spring fish did not do as well in Sheephouse creek. Palmer creek migrations between the fall and spring releases were similar. This fall will be the first year to get returning adult fish, which are all tagged. The hatchery is using the data to look at release dates.

We are always happy to come back and offer our findings/results. David also thanked the commission for their continued support.

Crystal thanked David for the feedback and all the commissioners were pleased with the report.

**Commissioner nameplates** – it was decided to have each individual commissioner’s name on a nameplate followed by “Commissioner”. These will be left at the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office for use at the meetings.

## **Reports and Comments**

### **Commission**

Ned stated it might be helpful to get a history of the commission for all the new commissioners. Crystal said to look at the website as she believes there is a brief history of the commission there. Pierre added the resolution states the legality of the commission, which is included in the packet for all new commissioners.

### **Public**

Janet Barth of Napa Wildlife Commission introduced herself stating she came to observe the meeting after speaking with Crystal over the phone.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna McAulay  
Secretary