

Mono County Fish and Wildlife Commission
Wednesday, October 4, 2017 ~ 10am
June Lake Community Center
90 Granite Ave, June Lake, CA 93529

MINUTES

Attending: Burak, Morton, Parker, Jones

Staff: Jeff Simpson

Others: Supervisor John Peters, Todd O'Banion, Jim Erdman

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. O'Banion reported on a new non-profit started to enhance the fisheries at Topaz Lake and that his operation in Wellington, Nevada has shifted to focus on Brown Trout.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (9-6-17): A MOTION WAS MADE BY MORTON, SECONDED BY JONES, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2017 MEETING AS WRITTEN. MOTION APPROVED 4-0, NO ABSTENTIONS.
6. STAFF/COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS: Mr. Simpson reported on the finalized budget for the 17-18 fiscal year that included a \$20,000 reduction to the MCFC regular budget.
7. DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE UPDATE: Mr. Erdman reported on the LCT program at Hot Creek Fish Hatchery, the continued stocking of fish in Hot Creek, and the plan to move fish back into Junction Reservoir. Mr. Erdman was also happy to report the Slinkard Fire should not affect head waters in Slinkard Valley.
8. MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE
 - Fish and Game Fine Fund - \$7,500 Starting Balance. (\$3,500 ESWC) \$4,000 Remaining
 - MCFC regular budget - \$5,000 Starting Balance. (\$3,500 for Fish Stocking Shipping) \$1,500 Remaining.
9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – 2018 Fish Stocking Schedule and Budget Update – Staff: Mr. Simpson discussed the possible impact of fish stocking in the spring of 2018 based on the budget reduction in the MCFC regular budget.
10. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Thank You Letter to Desert Springs Trout Farm – Commissioner Mueller: A MOTION WAS MADE BY MORTON, SECONDED BY BURAK, TO APPROVE A THANK YOU LETTER TO DESERT SPRINGS TROUT FARM. MOTION APPROVED 4-0, NO ABSTENTIONS.
11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Economic Impact of Fish Stocking – Staff: Mr. Simpson recommended a study be initiated to determine the return on investment for the Mono County Trophy Trout Stocking program to show value on money spent on Fish Stocking throughout Mono County.

12. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – Mono County Economic Development, Tourism and Film Commission Update – Staff: Mr. Simpson reported on the budget process for the Mono County Economic Development, Tourism and Film Commission and that a new Visitor Profile Study would be initiated for the 2018 calendar year.
13. CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: Fisheries Management Plan and Topaz Fish Enhancement.
14. ADJOURNMENT – Next regular scheduled meeting is November 1, 2017 at 10am in June Lake.

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