



Mendocino County Fish & Game Commission
501 Low Gap Road
Ukiah, CA 95482

MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 6:00 pm at the Ft. Bragg Branch Library

1. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Martin, Anderson, Morgan On Conference Call: White, Trouette, Vann

2. PUBLIC EXPRESSION

DFW Warden Pat Freeling 707-937-2280; 707-972-7189 (cell); Patrick.freeling@wildlife.ca.gov
DFW needs additional equipment (metal detectors) to scan for booby traps in marijuana units for Coastal Squad (one each) and Willits Squad (two), because equipment sharing has been too problematic for wardens with large geographical ranges to cover. The wardens are also seeking funding for individual forward-looking infra-red ("flir") heat-sensing detectors that augment night-vision goggles. An example of why these are needed: while DFW was using their regular night-vision goggles (funded via the Commission granting program), they were unable to detect a known perpetrator in the area. They are requesting funding for lowest-cost units; and hoping to fund 1-5 units. The critical and life-saving nature of the request compelled the Commission to seriously consider the request (i.e., \$5K for metal detectors; \$15K for flir units – total of \$20K)
In the June 2014 meeting the Commission will discuss the question of protocol for defining special grants and emergencies; and with making a decision on how to best deal with last-minute proposals from DFW Wardens.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Secretary will send out a reminder to all the Commissions when the Minutes are posted on our website and ask for immediate feedback, the Secretary will also bring hard copies to the meetings for another review. February 2014 minutes will be approved at the June 2014 meeting.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Secretary advised Commissioners on how to sign up for the new California Department of Fish and Wildlife website.

5. PRESENTATION by Paul Hobi, Community Coordinator, MPA Collaborative Implementation Project

MPA Collaborative Implementation Project, part of OPC (which is part of the California Natural Resources Agency). Setting up coastal county-by-county collaboratives (bringing together experts in outreach, monitoring) to discuss bigger-picture questions (e.g., interpretive signage, a question where they'll need help from local communities on where to place the signs) and to facilitate bottom-up communications.
Their next meeting is at the Russian Gulch State Park community hall on April 16th from 4-6pm; next meetings will be held at locations with conference call-in capabilities. Paul and the Commission Secretary will be getting together to compile a more representative list of constituents. After the 2nd or 3rd meeting a community implementation project will emerge, headed up by a Chair or Co-Chair which can be funded by the Resources Legacy Fund Foundation up to \$10,000; e.g., in other counties they are doing projects like developing educational guides. Goal: a locally-driven community collaborative that supports the MPAs. Hope to interface with recipients of funded MPA

You can learn more about the collaborative project at www.MPAcollaborative.org

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS (75')

a. Ocean Science Trust review of the Abalone Density Estimates – a review of their report will be provided at the June 2014 meeting

b. Review of twelve grant applications (55')

1. Redwood Valley Outdoor Education Project (*RVOEP via Helen Manasian*); \$4945.
2. Abalone Hunting and Education Project (*Mendocino TV via Terrence Vaughn and Charlie Lorenz*); \$4800.
3. Lower Usal Creek Groundwater Monitoring Project (*Campbell Timber via David Kyle*); \$5000.
4. Community Education-Stream Environment and Fish Awareness (*Eel River Recovery Project, Round Valley Working Group via Bruce Hilbach*); \$4600.
5. Living with Bears (*Chris Williams*); \$5000.
6. South Fork Noyo River Stream Habitat Enhancement Project (*Mendocino Land Trust via Doug Kern*); \$5000.
7. Russell Brook Stream Habitat Enhancement Project (*MLT via Doug Kern*); \$5000.
8. Noyo Harbor District Storm Water Quality (*Noyo Harbor District via Kevin Michel*); \$4900.
9. Restoration Forestry Project (*Redwood Forest Foundation via Lin Morgan Barrett*); \$5000.
10. Steelhead in the Classroom (*Melinda Higgenbotham*); \$1566.
11. Eel River Road Recovery Using Mycoremediation (*Lacy Rose*); \$5000.
12. DFW Squad Game Camera (*DFW Wardens*); \$4044.

All proposals were ranked quantitatively against six criteria: proposals with scores of 20 or higher were recommended for full funding, for a total of \$26,955. Of the twelve grant applications, six were recommended for full funding (Proposals # 1, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 12); one proposal for partial funding (Proposal # 2 at \$1500), and five (Proposals # 3, 4, 5, 9 and 11) for no funding at this time. All unsuccessful proposal applicants will be invited to resubmit revised proposals with the assistance of designated Commissioners and/or the Commission Secretary.

Anderson motions; Morgan seconds; unanimously approved.

All additional items were continued to the next meeting, and President Martin adjourned the meeting.

* F&GC – Fish and Game Commission; DFW = Department of Fish and Wildlife; OPC = Ocean Protection Council

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED· Contained in Commission Reading File

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

The Commission welcomes participation in the Commission meetings. Comments shall be limited to matters under the jurisdiction of the Commission which are not on the posted agenda and which may have not already been considered by the Commission. The Commission limits testimony to matters not on the agenda to the three (3) minutes per person, and not more than ten (10) minutes for a particular subject. **No action will be taken.**

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The Brown Act identifies the following three situations in which a body is permitted to take action on a matter not contained on the posted agenda:

- (1) Pursuant to Section 54954.2(b)(1) the body may discuss a non-agenda item if, by majority vote, the body determines that the matter in question constitutes an emergency pursuant to Section 54956.5.
- (2) Pursuant to Section 54954.2(b)(2) the body may discuss non-agenda item when the body determines (by two-thirds of the total body, or by unanimous vote if less than two-thirds present) that there is a need for immediate action must have come to the attention of the body after the agenda had already been posted. This determination must be made by two-thirds of the total body, or by unanimous vote, if less than two-thirds are present.
- (3) Pursuant to Section 54954.2(b)(3) when an item has been posted on an agenda for a prior meeting, the item may be continued to a subsequent meeting that is held within five days of the meeting for which the item was properly posted. Under these circumstances, the item need not be posted for the subsequent meeting.