



## Alameda County Fish & Game Commission

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Meeting Minutes

Date: **Thursday December 14, 2023, 4pm**

Location:

**Alameda County Office of Emergency Services**

**4985 Broder Blvd**

**Dublin, CA 94568**

**Video Meeting Available**

1. Call to order - **4:14pm**

2. Roll Call

- **Commissioners Jackie Charbonneau, Wendy Parfrey, Barry Hecht, Derek Johnson present, Carla Schultheis not present, Sergeant Andrew Brosi present (until ~5:00pm), Sergeant Bret Scheuller present (from ~5:00pm to adjourn)**

3. Report on the account balance of the Fish and Wildlife Propagation fund.

- **\$148,132.92**

4. Report on the process of changing the commission's name to Fish and Wildlife.

- **Motion from Wendy Parfrey to change name to Alameda County Fish and Wildlife Commission and that we agree with the below rationale, seconded by Jackie Charbonneau. Unanimously approved.**
- **Rationale:**
  - *To bring the name of the County's commission into consistency with the State's change to "Department of Fish and Wildlife", now 10 years old.*
  - *To better describe what the Commission does, which is to support environmental education and youth job readiness re wildlife and fish, and to help guide funds from fines that are outgrowths of environmental crimes to wildlife habitat protection and enhancement; the commission was originally established to allocate fish and game license violation fines, of which there have been almost none over the past 10 years or more.*

- *To remind the Alameda County community and staff, and its constituent cities, that there is public commission which can help in outreach communication regarding wildlife, habitat, and animal welfare matters, and to which they can turn with related questions or public engagement, as issues or accidents arise.*
- *To help work with adjoining or like-minded counties where mutual assistance or coordination in seeking grant funding or recommending management practices might be warranted.*
- *Our commission is non-regulatory in nature, and we would like to distinguish ourselves from the State Fish and Game Commission, a regulatory entity.*

5. Discuss and approve schedule for 2024 Grant Process.

- **Reviewed 2024 dates**
- **Unanimously approved**

6. Discuss and approve the 2024 Grant Application. Note that the draft application does not include a potential \$30,000 grant.

- **Unanimously approved**

7. Discussion of modified grant schedule for 2025 with grant application in the fall and grants distributed in the spring.

- **Derek Johnson made a motion to move the schedule two weeks forward for grant applications and review, seconded by Wendy Parfrey. Unanimously approved.**

8. Discussion of web site problems. We were unable to renew our domain alamedawildlife.org. Its ownership is attached to an account that was lost when Mike Norton retired. We are trying to convince WordPress.com to transfer ownership. If that is not possible, we may need to create a new domain name.

- **Sergeant Bret Scheuller was able to retain our account.** The website domain is paid for through October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Sheriff's office will renew via credit card.

9. Adjourn – **6:00pm**