



# County of Yolo

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### PARKS, RECREATION AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### Summary of Minutes

March 10, 2009

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**Committee Members in Attendance:** Robert Beggs, Andrew Fulks, Gerald Hartwig, Carolyn Hinshaw, Jennifer Henning, Kent Lang.

**Members Absent:** Kirk Alexander, Frank Greer, Josh Martinez.

**County Staff in Attendance:** Warren Westrup, Dimitrios Georges, Scott Lines, Matt Erke.

**Others in Attendance:** Dave Pratt.

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hartwig called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

#### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended to delete item 5.2 and move item 6.2 to committee reports.

**Motion: Lang. Second: Beggs. Ayes: ALL**

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

#### 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of October and December 2008 were adopted as presented.

**Motion: Henning. Second: Lang. Ayes: ALL**

#### 5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 Introduction of new committee member Carolyn Hinshaw representing Supervisorial District 4: Carolyn was introduced by Chair Hartwig and provided a few comments on her background. She stated that she is very interested in open space, parks, and is excited about serving on the committee.

5.2 Presentation on Correll-Rodgers Pond Enhancement by Kevin Schwartz, Resource Specialist. Removed from Agenda due to illness of presenter. Staff will re-schedule for a future meeting.

5.3 Election of officers for 2009-2010. Chair Hartwig advised that the chair and vice chair position is rotated per a committee vote in January 2006 (staff provided copy of minutes to committee as a reminder). Director Westrup advised committee that they have the option of continuing the existing election procedure or to change the election procedure. Committee agreed informally to continue election procedure as is with a rotating format. New chair position rotates to District 1 (Henning) and vice-chair to senior member of District 2 (Fulks).

**Motion: Beggs. Second: Lang. Ayes: ALL**

#### 6. STAFF UPDATE

6.1 General grant update: Lines advised that the State has suspended grant activities until further notice. Lines will be attending information meetings at the State the week of March 16 to get an update on the status of the State Bonds that fund the grant projects.

- 6.2 Otis Ranch trail construction update. Moved to committee report.
- 6.3 Cache Creek Regional Park enhancement update: Georges advised that staff is working to upgrade the facilities that serve disabled park users such as restrooms, pathways, and camping spaces.
- 6.4 Nichols Park enhancement update: Georges advised that riparian restoration/trail/water system upgrades are complete. Staff is working on getting a booster pump and tank upgrade to supply more water to the potable water and irrigation system.
- 6.5 Capay Open Space Park update: Georges advised that a contractor was hired to spray the weeds at the site. A new park host moved into the park host site on March 10. The contractor who was hired to build the new access ramp to the creek was released due to the State grant suspensions.
- 6.6 Putah Creek public access sites: New trails at all the sites are being well used by the public. The grant funded access work has been suspended.
- 6.7 Other parks, recreation, or wildlife related matters: Georges announced the earth day 2009 project will be held at the Clarksburg River Access Park on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 8AM to noon. He encouraged everyone to volunteer. The project will help to plant a short section of weedy levee with native grasses and shrubs.

## 7. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA'S

Otis Ranch trail construction update: Fulks announced that he will be coordinating through Tuleyome and Yolohiker to help the county build trails at Otis Ranch. The trail sections will closely follow the sections proposed in a grant application proposed by the Department in 2007 that was not funded by the State. Volunteers will meet at the trailhead along HWY 16 on workdays (see Yolohiker.org for schedule). Director Westrup thanked Fulks for his help in setting up the work effort. Additional reports to follow as the work continues.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Hartwig at 8:01 PM. The next regular meeting of the PRWAC was tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday**, April 14, 2009.

Respectfully submitted by,

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