



County of Yolo

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PARKS, RECREATION AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE Summary of Minutes

January 7, 2008

Members in Attendance: Don Morrill, Mary Schiedt, Andrew Fulks, Robert Beggs, Kirk Alexander.

Members Absent: Jennifer Henning, Grant Williams, Gerald Hartwig, Kathleen Robins

County Staff in Attendance: Julia McIver, Dimitrios Georges, Scott Lines, Warren Westrup

Others in Attendance: Debra North, Dave Pratt, Judy Scott

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as proposed.

Motion: Schiedt. Second: Beggs. Ayes: ALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judy Scott briefed the PRWAC on a proposal to install a landscape labyrinth at a county park site. Judy advised that she has been discussing the possibility with Director Westrup and staff, and she would like to make a presentation to a future PRWAC meeting. Chair Morrill recommended that she make the presentation at the next PRWAC meeting and he asked staff to coordinate with her.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of *July 9, 2007, September 10, 2007 & November 13, 2007* were adopted as proposed.

Motion: Fulks. Second: Schiedt. Ayes: ALL

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 Amaral Ranch Oak Woodland Conservation Plan presentation by Debra North, Interim Executive Director of the Yolo Land Trust.

Julia McKiver, Water and Conservation Programs Manager, introduced the plan, proposed for the Amaral Ranch development in western Yolo County. The project will include the development of limited home sites, and a conservation easement to protect hundreds of acres of oak woodlands. McKiver advised that staff has reviewed the project, and found it to be consistent with the Yolo County Oak Woodland Conservation Plan (plan). She asked for PRWAC comments. Ultimately, if the project was found to be acceptable to the PRWAC, the Yolo Land Trust will submit a proposal to the State Wildlife Conservation Board for funding to set up an oak woodland conservation easement on the site. North advised that the project has a very committed landowner who is interested in oak woodland conservation. The PRWAC's questions centered on existing land uses, where the home sites are proposed, and if the trust has discussed the project with the Yolo Natural Heritage Program. North advised that the current land use is grazing (cattle) and open space. The site is has abundant wildlife, and that only two home sites are proposed. North advised that she has met with the Natural Heritage staff and has discussed the possibility of additional funding through the program. McKiver advised that no action is required by the PRWAC, but support would be appreciated.

Motion (to support the project): Fulks. Second: Schiedt. Ayes: ALL

5.2 Consideration of thank you letter to the Fly Fishers of Davis and Napa Fly Fisherman for their clean up efforts at the Putah Creek Public Access Sites in November 2007.

Staff advised that both groups have been collaborating for the past two years to perform an annual clean up along the banks of the creek and have done a great job of supporting the county's efforts to maintain the area. Georges advised that county staff provide the trash bags to the groups, and staff pick up the bags on Monday after the clean up. Sample letter of support was provided by staff. Schiedt recommended a correction to the letter. Staff advised that the corrections will be made and the final letter coordinated with Morrill for signature.

Motion: Fulks. Second: Alexander. Ayes: ALL

5.3 Presentation of Parks & Resources Department mid year report by Scott Lines, Principal Park Planner (PowerPoint presentation).

Director Westrup and Lines presented a slide show outlining the department's activities in the past year. He advised that the same presentation will be made to the board of Supervisors on 1-8-08 (presentation to the Board may be viewed at: <http://www.yolocounty.org/Index.aspx?page=1309>. See item 6.02)

Morrill thanked staff for the hard work securing grants and ongoing efforts to complete the projects. Westrup advised that an important effort to bring an OHV facility to Yolo County is still being discussed with the State (who will ultimately buy, build, and operate the project).

6. STAFF UPDATE

6.1 Prop 12 grant projects: Lines advised that staff has been working diligently to complete the expenditure of the remaining \$601,000 per capita funds awarded by the State to Yolo County. The projects were approved by the Board and the State. The goal is to complete the projects by the end of February, and submit a bill to State staff by the end of March.

6.2 Correll-Rodgers Habitat Enhancement Plan: Staff advised that Resources staff has been working with the consultant to complete a habitat enhancement plan in coordination with the Cache Creek Technical Advisory Committee.

6.3 Other parks, recreation, or wildlife related matters: Lines provided a brief overview of staff's efforts to secure more park hosts for park sites that include a park host.

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

Beggs advised that a study is underway to use the old railroad line between Davis and Woodland as a bikeway. Supervisor Thomson is involved with discussions to secure funding.

Fulks advised that YoloHiker's web page has been updated and is now available: <http://yolohiker.org/>
Morrill reminded everyone about Yolo Duck Days scheduled for February 22 & 23.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Morrill at 8:36 PM. The next regular meeting of the PRWAC was tentatively scheduled for February 11, 2008. Location to be decided.

Respectfully submitted by,

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