

**DRAFT**  
**MARIN COUNTY FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION MINUTES**

**February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Novato Farm Advisors' Office  
Zoom Meeting  
1682 Novato Boulevard, Suite 150B, Novato  
Phone 415-473-4204 FAX 415-473-4209

**Members Present by Zoom:** Ed Schulze, Susan Ristow, Laurette Rogers, Craig Anderson, Brad Stompe, David Lewis UCCE (ex-officio)

**Excused/Absent:** None

**Non-excused/Absent:** Al Nichelini, Brooke Halsey

**Guests present:** None from the general public. Special guest, Crystal Norris, referenced below.

**Meeting called to order:** 5:02 pm

**Agenda accepted**

**January 11<sup>th</sup> minutes approved**

**Correspondence and Announcements:**

Roll call vote to re-affirm (AB301) MCWC resolution 2022-01 / Zoom Meeting Ordinance

Approved/reaffirmed by all commissioners present. Good for the next 30 days.

**Public Expression:** None

**Presentations:** None

Special Guest – Crystal Norris, Chairperson of Sonoma County Fish and Wildlife Commission

- Do not fund labor – Same are Marin Commission.
- Does not require 501c(3).
- Grants given out all year, not just once per year.
  - Funding requirements are year-round, or seasonal such as creek work.
  - Can review expenses to ensure they are reasonable before reimbursement.
- Recipients send receipts to County, commission does not see receipts.
- Money is not typically disbursed until project is complete except for rentals and extraordinary expenses.
- Bylaws require a \$150,000 reserve fund.
- \$5,000 limit on any grant with a few exceptions.
- Funding from fines – No visibility on where it is coming from or how disbursed.
- Grant disbursements Annual avg in the \$30,000 to \$50,000 range.
- Have two, \$2,000 student scholarships and four more at \$1,000 per student. Sr in High School thru Sr in College. Must submit grades, recommendations,... \$8,000 total per year.
- What type of offenses? Lots of fishing related offenses recently. Used to get a lot of vineyard/water issues but has lessened recently.
- Some cases not being prosecuted as they should, such as coastal succulent is being illegally harvested but goes in as a traffic violation, not as a Fish and Wildlife violation.

## **Old Business:**

- **Status of 3 cases:**
  1. AD20646868, dated 3/30/21- Dumping toxic wax into Storm drain
  2. AD20646433 5/24/21 – Killing wildlife with a pellet gun
  3. FG 21080485 – Altered D&EA tag and baitingNo update on funds received from these citations
- Crystal – Any suggestions on improving disbursement of funds to underrepresented Groups?
  - Seeing less diversity of applicants - Less school programs applying.
  - In-person applicants are eliminated due to pandemic.

### **Other ideas to increase Diversity to underrepresented groups:**

- email to records which the commission has on file
- Outreach to West Marin Community Services
- Outreach to Marin City Community Services
- Canal Alliance

## **New Business:**

- Letter sent to 7 delinquent Grant's applicants from 2020-2021
  - No replies yet
- New agreement applications due by March 7, 2022. Available for our March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting? If not, meeting at the end of March for applicant's presentations and further review.
  - Considering touring funded projects in the near future but have Covid restrictions impacting visitor policies.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 5:56 pm

## **Important Dates:**

- Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 5pm Zoom meeting again