



Tuolumne County Fish & Game Advisory Committee Minutes

For the June 16, 2025, Meeting

2025 Members	Jun -16						
Bill Morales	✓						
Bill Youngman	✓						
Kevin Townsend	✓						
Jim Maddox	✓						
Jim Phelan	✓						
Present = ✓ Absent = A Excused = E							

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Jim Maddox called the meeting to order at 9:59 A.M. and confirmed a quorum was present.
2. Roll Call: Jim Maddox, Jim Phelan, Bill Youngman, Kevin Townsend – County Staff: Sean Hembree – Partner Agency staff: Warden Mason Hemphill and Warden Phil Lamb
3. PUBLIC FORUM: The public may speak on any item not on the printed agenda. No action may be taken by the Committee. The amount of time allocated for the public forum is limited to 15 minutes. – None
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: In consideration of approving the minutes of the meeting held on June 14, Bill Morales made a motion to approve the minutes. Jim Phelan seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.
5. CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING PROPOSAL FROM CDFW: Warden Mason Hemphill summarized the proposal for use of Committee funds to replace the robotic poaching decoy for blacktail deer. Hemphill indicated the current decoy is damaged and depreciated beyond its useful life. The decoys are designed to discourage unlawful hunting and harvest of wildlife. An estimate was provided for consideration for \$3,266.41. There was some question as to whether there would be an additional charge for tanning/application of the hide for the decoy.

Bill Youngman made a motion to approve a fund allocation for the replacement of the decoy as described, with a total value not to exceed \$5,000. The motion carried 5-0.

6. PARTNER AGENCIES UPDATES:

- a. Warden Hemphill gave a report of estimated bear populations statewide as well as trends in wildlife health and disease incidents.

7. COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

- a. Staff reports and recommendations: Sean Hembree provided a financial report of existing committee funds as of FY 2025 Q3
- b. Committee member reports: – None

8. ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Hembree will coordinate with CDFW staff for the purchase of the wildlife decoy as described.

9. ADJOURNED: Chair Maddox adjourned the meeting at 10:37 A.M.

The next meeting is to be determined.