



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

## Committee Meeting Minutes - Final

### Fish and Wildlife Committee

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Wednesday, July 16, 2025

3:00 PM

40 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553  
Construction Conference Room

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#### ZOOM LINK

<https://cccouny-us.zoom.us/j/83497196908>

| Dial: 888 278 0254 |

Access code: 198675

The public may attend the Fish and Wildlife Committee meeting in person and remotely via call-in or Zoom.

Persons who wish to address the Fish and Wildlife Committee during public comment or with respect to an item that is on the agenda may comment in person, via Zoom, or via call-in. Those participating in person should offer comments when invited by the Committee Chair. Those participating via Zoom should indicate they wish to speak by using the “raise your hand” feature in the Zoom app. Those calling in should indicate they wish to speak by pushing \*9 on their phones.

3:00 P.M. Convene Meeting.

#### 1. INTRODUCTIONS AND STATEMENT OF CONFLICT

A member who has a conflict should, prior to consideration of the decision: (1) publicly identify in detail the financial interest that causes the conflict; (2) recuse himself/herself from discussing and voting on the matter; and (3) leave the room until after the decision has been made.

Nicole Balbas, Tim Fares, Roni Gehlke, Susan Heckly, Kathleen Jennings, Brett Morris, Olivia Ortega and Danny Pellegrini attended the meeting. Jamin Pursell provided advance notice that he would be absent. Courtney Coon provided advance notice that she would not be able to attend the meeting in person, so she attended remotely as a member of the public. Tony Holland (California Department of Fish and Wildlife), Tim Jensen (CCC Flood Control), Peter Mangarella (John Muir Chapter of Trout Unlimited), Hilario Mata (City of Pittsburg, Public Works), Bob Peoples, Jill Ray (Office of District 2 Supervisor), Paul Seger (Diablo Water District and Sierra Club Delta Group) and Roger Wachtler (John Muir Chapter of Trout Unlimited) attended the meeting. Maureen Parkes (CCC Department of Conservation and Development) attended as staff.

Tim Fares, the new District 3 FWC member, introduced himself and was welcomed by the

Committee.

2. REVIEW and CONSIDER APPROVING the minutes for the May 21, 2025 meeting. [25-2847](#)

**Attachments:** [05-21-25 Draft Minutes](#)

The meeting minutes were approved as written. (Vote: 8-0: Balbas, Fares, Gehlke, Jennings, Heckly, Morris, Ortega and Pellegrini: Absent: Pursell)

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Includes public comment on topics on the agenda and items not listed on the agenda. The FWC shall also accept public comment on agenda items at the time they are discussed.

There were no public comments.

4. UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Presented by Staff and FWC Members)

Includes discussion of implementation of actions authorized previously, correspondence received, and upcoming meetings of interest to the FWC.

Brett Morris informed the Committee that he attended the 2025 Martinez Beaver Festival and was very impressed by the event.

Maureen Parkes provided the following updates to the Committee:

- Courtney Coon and Jamin Pursell provided advance notice that they would not be able to attend the meeting today. Courtney Coon will attend remotely as a member of the public.
- Committee members were reminded that completing the Advisory Body trainings every two years is a new requirement.
- 2026 Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund grant applications are due Friday, August 1, 2025, by 5:00 p.m.

Correspondence forwarded to Committee members:

- Emails from Supervisor Candace Andersen regarding an EBRPD survey, the availability of the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund grants, and EBRPD Trail Network Expansion at Sycamore Valley Open Space Regional Preserve.
- Emails from Supervisor Diane Burgis regarding the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area Management Plan winning a planning award, the availability of the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund grants, Delta National Heritage Area Advisory Committee openings, an announcement regarding the Delta Adapts: Climate Adaptation Plan and an EBRPD survey.
- Emails from Supervisor Ken Carlson regarding the Urban Limit Line comment period closing and the availability of the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund grants.
- Emails from Supervisor Shanelle Scales-Preston regarding the availability of the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund grants, meeting with Contra Costa Conservation District on water infrastructure, green projects, and community resilience; and an

EBRPD survey.

- Email from Roni Gehlke regarding an article entitled: A Ramble Around Pacheco Marsh Near Martinez.
- Email from Susan Heckly regarding the University of California having a series of webinars highlighting invasive species.
- Emails from Abby Fateman regarding a webinar on Mount Diablo controlled burns and a Bay Nature article about grounds squirrels.
- Emails from Maureen Parkes regarding the updated advisory body requirements and an updated roster.
- Email from Elizabeth Dougherty regarding grants and overhead fees.
- Email from Gordon Frankie with a brief update on his work with native bees and beavers.

Newsletters and Announcements forwarded to Committee members:

- Bringing Back the Natives - 3
- California Fish and Game Commission - 13
- CCRCDC - 1
- East Bay Regional Park District - 1
- Golden Gate Bird Alliance - 4
- John Muir Land Trust - 2
- IPM agenda - 2
- Kids for the Bay - 5
- Lindsay Wildlife Hospital -1
- Save Mount Diablo - 5
- Sustainability in Contra Costa County -1
- The Watershed Project -1
- Urban Tilth - 2
- Worth a Dam -1

5. Presentation on the Wildcat Creek Water Quality and Fish Habitat Monitoring Study (Peter Mangarella and Roger Unger, John Muir Chapter of Trout Unlimited)

Peter Mangarella and Roger Wachtler provided a comprehensive presentation on the Wildcat Creek Water Quality and Fish Habitat Monitoring Study. For more information click here: [Trout Unlimited Presentation](#)

6. DISCUSS the 2025 Fall Forum.

The Committee discussed the Fall Forum.

7. CONTINUE discussion to develop an informational brochure on invasive species.

The Committee discussed the brochure on invasive species.

8. DETERMINE the agenda for the next meeting. The next regular meeting date is August 20, 2025. Possible agenda items for upcoming meetings include:

- 2026 grant application review
- 2025 Fall Forum planning
- Informational brochure on invasive species
- Draft 2025 Work Plan and Annual Report
- Delta Conveyance Project update
- Field Trip

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