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**LASSEN COUNTY
FISH, GAME COMMISSION
707 NEVADA ST.
SUSANVILLE, CA 96114
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, August 21, 2025,
* 7:00 p.m.***

Matters under the jurisdiction of the Commission, and not on the posted agenda, may be addressed by the general public at the time provided on the agenda. The Commission limits testimony on matters not on the agenda to five (5) minutes per person and not more than ten (10) minutes for a particular subject.

7:00 p.m. Call to order
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Roll Call

CHAIRMAN	DIST 5 - PAUL SMITH
VICE CHAIRMAN	DIST 2 - TONY ARDITO
COMMISSIONERS	DIST 1 - VACANT
	DIST 3 - CHRISTIAN SIEMER
	DIST 4 - RYAN BARNEY
ALTERNATES	DIST 3 & 4 - JESSE MIDGLEY
CLERK (Temp.)	DIST 3 - SAM MCMULLEN, Deputy CAO

Agenda Approval

Minutes Approval (previous meeting)

Correspondence Matters Initiated by the Public - Opportunity for the public to bring items to attention of the Commission. For information only. Any potential discussion and/or action items will be tabled until a subsequent meeting where the item can be placed on the agenda.

NOTE: no one shall address the Commission until they are recognized by the Chairperson. The person addressing the Commission shall stand before the Commission at the podium and provide their name and county of residence before offering remarks or input.

Correspondence Lassen County Board of Supervisors - Request for Inclusion of Lassen County in CDFW Summer Strike Team to Combat Wolf-Livestock Depredation

Agency Reports - Reports are for information only from federal and state agencies and to update the commission and public on the status of the commission budget. Information and discussion only.

- a) CDFW
- b) BLM
- c) Forest Service
- d) Lassen County Planning & Building Department
- e) Budget Reports

Sub-Committee Reports - Reports on updated information from commission sub-committees on current issues of concern to the commission. For information and discussion only; any decisions requiring a vote by the commission will be tabled until subsequent meetings where the item will be placed on the agenda as an action item.

Old Business

- a) Wildlife Strike Prevention and Crossings Corridor
'US 395 Wildlife Crossing Project'
- b) Raptor Projects - Status and Next Steps

New Business

- a) Review of Fish & Game Commission Bylaws as amended

Action Items - Items requiring discussion and a vote by the commission.

- a) Vote to adopt the amended Fish & Game Commission BY-LAWS

Announcements by Commissioners - items of general interest. For information only.

REMINDERS: The next regular meeting will be September 18th @ 7:00 pm., at 707 Nevada St., in Susanville, CA.

LASSEN COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
707 NEVADA STREET, CALIFORNIA, CA 96130

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY May 15, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Smith at 7:01 pm.
Representation (Roll Call) Dist. 1 – Vacant; Vice-Chairman & Dist. 2 – Tony Ardito; Dist.3 Christian Siemer; Dist. 4 – Ryan Barney; Dist. 3&4 Alternate – Jesse Midgley; Chairman & Dist. 5 – Paul Smith
2. Ryan Barney led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Agenda Approval. Commissioner Midgley moved to approve the May 15, 2025 Meeting Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Barney, motion carried.
4. Minute Approval. Request to add the word “approximately” to number six under Commissioner reports to read “approximately 60,000 bears”. Commissioner Ardito moved to approve the April 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes with the recommended changes. Seconded by Commissioner Midgley, motion carried.
5. Public Comment (Correspondence): Taylor Hagata presented four requests to the Commission: 1. To request a true audit on the predators in the state as they have been unable to get true numbers from the State, 2. To request the state to release the data on predators that they do have, 3. To request a restructure of how the State appoints their commissioners, and 4. To request to hold the State’s employees accountable, especially the biologists.

No further public comment.
6. Agency Reports
 - a) **Honey Lake Valley RCD- District Manager-Kelsey Siemer:** Requested to remove NRCS from the agency name. Kelsey explained Honey Lake Valley RCD’s mission and service area. Provided update on their staffing levels and grants/projects they are currently working on. They have 9-10 grants and have applied for more. Their forestry program is the biggest. Other project updates including the Good Neighbor Authority Program, goat grazing, the Ranch Park Project, etc. Spoke also on the wildlife crossing.
 - b) **CDFW- Brian Ehler:** Provided a bighorn sheep update. Sheep migrated from Nevada to California in April 2025. They are trying to locate the sheep to prevent them from going back to Nevada. Provided a sage grouse update,

numbers have increased slightly. Provided a deer update- 6 collared deer have died, some causes are unknown, some coyote and one lion kill. Provided pronghorn update- collared pronghorn in many zones, 48% have died- 4 lion and 2 coyote kills. Question about how they determine if it is a wolf kill. Brian said they use tracks and teeth measurement. Question if any of these mortalities could have been wolf kills. Brian responded 3 of the deer mortalities could have been wolves but it is hard to determine but wolves were in the area at the time. Discussion about the new wolf program, updates are now automated on the website and anyone can sign up to see them. Real-time updates. With this new system, direct notifications may cease. Information is intentionally vague to protect the wolves. There are 14 wolves collared with the goal to have one wolf in each pack collared. They will collar in the summer. Question about the wolf population- Brian answered the last update was in December 2024 but there are a lot of pups being born so that number is probably outdated. Discussion about direct notifications- it was stated it is hard to get each individual's contact information. Nate is the best contact. Public stated Nate is hard to get ahold of. Question if any wolves are collared in the Lassen pack- Brian answered there are none, they are hard to find and they prefer to collar in the winter, use traps in the summer. Discussed the location of collared wolves- one in Milford. Question about reintroducing the Grizzly Bear to California- study out of San Diego, natural habit was in now urban areas like San Francisco.

- c) **BLM- Missy Nelson:** Discussed the HWY 395 project. Most projects are going through the NEPA process. In phase one of the Juniper project. Working on spring improvement projects. Will be doing bald eagle nest surveys. Working on a habitat management plan in OHV areas- Fort Sage and Rice Canyon. Discussed the horse corrals and horse adoptions- 40 horses adopted.
- d) **Forest Service-** None.
- e) **Lassen County Sheriff-Coroner- John McGarva:** Sheriff McGarva provided an update on wolves: There was a recent depredation at the Dixie Valley Ranch. No enforcement is allowed unless there is an immediate threat to public safety. A coalition of nine Sheriffs was formed. The Department of Fish and Wildlife has moved to Phase 2 of their wolf plan. Wolves are getting used to humans- there has been an uptick in wolf attacks and mitigation tactics are not working. The coalition of Sheriffs met with Bonham today about this problem. Bonham acknowledged the problem but wants to see additional steps in place, IE: rubber bullets. The Sheriffs want the locals to be able to handle local problems. Sheriff McGarva also provided an update on coyotes- Addressed the proposed changes regarding coyotes. Coyotes are

everywhere, they are not a threatened species and do not protection. The issue of improper taking is being raised out of Southern California. Their efforts were successful and those changes will not be moving forward at this time. Question about how the Commission can help the Sheriff in his efforts- By continuing to put pressure on the state. Question about how the public can help- By notifying the Sheriff's office of wolf kills so that information can be forwarded. Discussion about identifying wolf kills and who can make those determinations. Brian Ehler stated only the Department can confirm wolf kills. The Sheriffs are starting to do their own investigations and collecting their own evidence. The Commission provided Sheriff McGarva with a disc.

f) Lassen County Planning and Building Department- Mindie Hilton:
Provided a lake report- up 9.6 inches.

g) Budget Reports: Chairman Smith stated this was a report he wasn't used to and would like a report that shows what fines have been collected. Have \$42,000 left. Will provide a better report next meeting.

7. Sub-Committee Reports- None

8. Old Business

a. Wildlife Strike Prevention and Crossings- Kelsey Siemer provided an update earlier in the meeting. Update on the Lassen County times and Susanville Stuff websites.

b. Raptor Projects – Status and Next Steps- Currently in the process and reimbursing BLM.

9. New Business

a. Review of Fish & Game Commission Bylaws as amended- Commissioners are reviewing the Bylaws. Item will be moved to next month.

b. Discussion of AB 1038- Failed to move forward. Is regarding the hazing of bears. Assemblywoman Hadwick is going to continue to pursue it.

10. Action Items (Matters Before the Commission) - None this meeting

11. Announcements by Commissioners-

a. Commissioner Barney- There is a crop of goslings at Eagle Lake.

- b. Commissioner Midgley- Suggested everyone should go read the letter sent out with wolf monitoring program. Stated it blames producers.

12. The next Lassen County Fish and Game Commission meeting will be Thursday, June 19th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at 707 Nevada St., in Susanville, CA.

- Note: Chairman Smith stated he would like a meeting in Spaulding but they are working on getting approval.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM. Motion made by Commissioner Ardito. Seconded by Commissioner Siemer. Motion carries.

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******* PUBLIC NOTICE *******



**PLANNING AND SERVICE AREA 2 AREA AGENCY ON AGING
(PSA 2 AAA)**

Advisory Council Virtual Meeting

Friday, August 29 at 10:00 AM

**Public access information for this virtual meeting
is available by contacting:**

**PSA 2 Area Agency on Aging at
530-842-1687 or programcoordinator@psa2.org**



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Counties

Jill Cox
Chairman,
PSA 2 Executive Board

Mike Cottone
Chairman,
PSA 2 Advisory Council

Teri Gabriel
Executive Director, PSA 2 AAA

PSA 2 Area Agency on Aging

ADVISORY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING

Friday, August 29, 2025
10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

- A. 10:00 - Call to Order & Flag Salute – Mike Cottone, Chairman
- B. 10:02 - Roll Call (Establishment of a quorum)
- C. 10:05 - Introduction of Guests
- D. 10:10 - Approval of Agenda (Changes / Additions)*
- E. 10:15 - Approval of Virtual Meeting Minutes* – July 25, 2025
- F. 10:20 – OPEN SESSION / ANNOUNCEMENTS
(Opportunity to hear comments from the community and for announcements – 3-minute limit)
- G. 10:30 - REPORTS:
 - Chairman's Report- Mike Cottone, Chairman
 - Update on Advisory Council Activities
 - Advisory Council Membership / Recruitment Report
 - TACC Report – Mike Cottone, Chairman
 - Update on TACC Activities
 - California Senior Legislature (CSL) Report – Nancy Quirus, Senior Assemblymember & Sharon Howard, Senior Senator
 - CSL Update
 - Nutrition Report – Michelle Harris, MS RD & Lydia Gil
 - Update on CalFresh Healthy Living Program
 - Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Report - All
 - Update on Each County's MHSA Services Activities
 - Food Access Report – Staci Wadley, Vice-Chairman
 - Update on Food Bank and Food Access Activity

11 :20 – BREAK

Director's Report – Teri Gabriel, Executive Director

- Update on Master Plan for Aging Initiatives
- Update on Free Caregiver Support Events and Alzheimer's/Dementia Training
- Other Agency Activity

H. 11:35 - Discussion on FY 25/26 Area Plan Goals & Objectives Activities

- Activity Updates from Advisory Council Members

I. 11:55 - Correspondence:

Incoming: None

Outgoing: None

J. 12:00 - Adjournment

Attachments:

Virtual Meeting Minutes –July 25, 2025

Advisory Council Member Roster

Executive Board Member Roster

North State Town Hall: Emergency Preparedness for Older Adults & Caregivers

Free Caregiver Support Event Flyers

Alzheimer's Association Dementia Training Flyers

CalFresh Outreach Flyer

FY 25/26 Area Plan Goals and Objectives

Advisory Council Activity Report Form

Advisory Council Successes & Challenges in Senior Services Report

*** Indicates Possible Action to be taken**

Any new items not on the agenda shall become a matter of new business to be brought forward for consideration by the Advisory Council at the next scheduled meeting, unless declared an item which would necessitate emergency action.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

Advisory Council Virtual Meeting
Friday, September 26, 2025

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LASSEN COUNTY FAIR
Telephone (530) 251-8900
lcfair@co.lassen.ca.us

Meeting Agenda
Lassen County Fair Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
195 Russell Avenue, Susanville, CA 96130
September 9, 2025

5:30 p.m.

Any person desiring to address the Board shall first secure the permission of the presiding officer. Matters under the jurisdiction of the Board, and not on the agenda, may be addressed by the Public at the time provided in the Agenda under Public Comment. The Board limits testimony on those items to five minutes per person and not more than fifteen minutes for a particular subject.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. OPENING CEREMONIES

Pledge of Allegiance

C. AGENDA

Additions/Deletions

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

E. INFORMATION/CONSENT CALENDAR

(These matters are routine in nature and approved by a single vote. Prior to action of the Board, the public will be given the opportunity to comment on any consent item.)

SUBJECT: August 12, Fair Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve

F. CORRESPONDENCE: None

G. SUBJECT: ELECTION OF OFFICERS – PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Nominations for President and Vice-President 2) Vote and elect Officers

H. SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ACTION REQUESTED: President to consider/ appoint committees.

- 1) Discuss
- 2) Livestock Committee Chair
- 3) Livestock Committee Member
- 4) Entertainment/ Interim Committee Chair
- 5) 3 - Entertainment/ Interim Committee Members
- 6) Long Range Committee Chair
- 7) 3 - Long Range Committee Members
- 8) Jr. Fair Board Committee Chair
- 9) 3 – Jr. Fair Board Committee Members
- 10) Executive Committee Member

I. SUBJECT: FAIR THEME FOR 2026 FAIR

ACTION REQUESTED: Discuss.

J. SUBJECT: Consider Project Proposal from Susanville Rotary Club

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Discuss 2) Direct Fair Manager to Proceed

K. SUBJECT: Formation of Foundation/ Non-profit
ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

L. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE**
SUBJECT: 1.) Provide report from September 2, 2025 meeting.
ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Receive Report 2) Approve Minutes
- 2. EXHIBITS COMMITTEE**
SUBJECT: 1.) Provide report from September 2, 2025 meeting.
ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Receive Report 2) Approve Minutes
- 3. ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE**
SUBJECT: 1.) No Meeting
ACTION REQUESTED: None

M. FAIR MANAGER:
SUBJECT: Fair Manager Update and Financial Report

N. MATTERS BY THE BOARD

O. ADJOURNMENT

FAIR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPT 9, 2025

5:30 PM

FAIR OFFICE