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## **PROPERTY RIGHTS & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

2019 CCA/CCW Annual Convention

Peppermill Resort, Reno, NV

Thursday, December 5, 2019

2:00-4:00pm, Tuscany 5

Meeting called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Committee Chair Clayton Koopmann.

Chair Clayton Koopmann led meeting attendees in the flag salute.

Anthony Stornetta moved to approve the Property Rights & Environmental Management minutes of the 2019 Midyear Meeting. Jeff Ditmer seconded, motion passed.

Len Nielsen, Prescribed Fire, VMP, SRA Grants and CEQA Southern Region Coordinator for Cal Fire, provided a Cal Fire update focused on recent legislative changes and prescribed fire.

Anthony Stornetta, Fire Battalion Chief at the Santa Barbara County Fire Department, provided a presentation regarding SB 1260 and Cal Fire burn boss training curriculum.

Chris Carr, partner at Baker Botts, provided an update on recent Endangered Species Act regulatory reforms and an update on CDFA development of an Environmental Impact Report regarding cooperative service agreements with USDA APHIS Wildlife Services. Wildlife Services' Assistant State Director Mark Ono also provided information regarding the effort.

Kirk Wilbur, CCA Vice President of Government Affairs, provided an update on a petition before the California Fish & Game Commission to list mountain lions in southern California and the Central Coast as a threatened "evolutionarily significant unit" of the species under the California Endangered Species Act.

Paul Roen, Chair of the Wolf Policy Subcommittee, gave an update of the Subcommittee's efforts.

With speaker presentations concluded, Chair Clayton Koopmann opened the meeting to policy review.

Tom DeAtley moved to readopt policy 14-01, "Permits for Irrigation Diversions," as amended by staff. Anthony Stornetta seconded, motion passed.

John Ahmann moved to readopt policy 14-02, "Cattle Impact on Water Quality," as amended by staff. Tom DeAtley seconded, motion passed.

Resolution 14-03, "Pesticide Chemical Residue," was allowed to expire.

Tom DeAtley moved to readopt resolution 14-04, "Endangered Species—Environmental Impact Statement," as written. Anthony Stornetta seconded, motion passed.

Resolution 14-05, "Delisting of Fairy Shrimp," was allowed to expire.

Tom DeAtley moved to readopt policy 14-06, "Support Integrated Pest Management for Alfalfa," as amended by staff. John Ahmann seconded, motion passed.

Paul Roen moved to readopt policy 14-07, "Wetlands Management," as amended by staff. Tom DeAtley seconded, motion passed.

Tom DeAtley moved to readopt policy 14-08, "Support for Funding of Voluntary, Locally-led Conservation Efforts Through Resource Conservation Districts and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service," as amended by staff. John Ahmann seconded, motion passed.

Tom DeAtley moved to readopt policy 14-09, "Himalayan Blackberry Listed as a Noxious Weed with CDFA," as amended by staff. Anthony Stornetta seconded, motion passed.

Tom DeAtley moved to readopt policy 14-10, "Puncturevine Biocontrol," as amended by staff. Joe Egan seconded, motion passed.

Tom DeAtley moved to readopt policy 14-11, "Juniper Control," as amended by staff. Joe Egan seconded, motion passed.

Anthony Stornetta moved to readopt policy 14-12, "Legality of Public Uses on Easement Rights-of-Way," as written. Tom DeAtley seconded, motion passed.

Tom DeAtley moved to readopt policy 14-13, "Definition of Rangeland," as amended by staff. Rich Ross seconded, motion passed.

Tom DeAtley moved to readopt policy 14-14, "Preservation of Lands for Agricultural Education," as amended by staff. Daniel O'Connell seconded, motion passed.

Tom DeAtley moved to readopt policy 14-15, "Relicensing of Hydroelectric Projects," as amended by staff. Anthony Stornetta seconded, motion passed.

Paul Roen moved to readopt policy 14-16, "Conservation Easements," as amended by staff. Joe Egan seconded, motion passed.

Tom DeAtley moved to readopt policy 14-17, "Fossil Fuel Exploration," as amended by staff. Rich Ross seconded, motion passed.

Resolution 14-18, "Proposed Berryessa-Snow Mountain National Monument Designation," was allowed to expire.

Resolution 14-19, "Predator Management," was allowed to expire.

Resolution 14-20, "GRAP Opposition," was allowed to expire.

Rich Ross moved to ratify the interim policy amendment to policy 18-03, "Grazing as a Primary Tool," adopted at the 2019 Midyear Meeting. Anthony Stornetta seconded, motion passed.

Tom DeAtley moved to ratify the interim policy amendment to policy 18-06, "Rangeland Firefighting Enhancement," adopted at the 2019 Midyear Meeting. Paul Roen seconded, motion passed.

Tom DeAtley moved to ratify the interim policy amendment to policy 18-07, "Prescribed Burning – Vegetation Management Program and Private Permit Burning Program," adopted at the 2019 Midyear Meeting. Rich Ross seconded, motion passed.

Rich Ross moved to adopt new staff directive "Wolf Compensation Policy" as presented. Joe Egan seconded, motion passed.

Tom DeAtley moved to redopt staff directive "Water Storage" as written. Paul Roen seconded, motion passed.

Tom DeAtley moved to readopt staff directive "Stock Pond Registrations" as written. Paul Roen seconded, motion passed.

Tom DeAtley moved to readopt staff directive "Air Quality Burn Permit Fees" as written. Anthony Stornetta seconded, motion passed.

Chair Clayton Koopmann adjourned the meeting at 4:08pm.