1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 P.M.
   a. Approve January 10, 2018 Minutes, MSC -Rupp/Cole – passed unanimous
   b. Treasurer’s report, Budget – $18,563.18
   c. Approve claims – MSC – Chilcote/Cole – passed unanimous
      Secretarial Fee for March 14, 2018 meeting, $150.00

2. EVENING PROGRAM – None

3. ONGOING REPORTS
   a. Grant Program – No report
   b. Trinity County Big Game Update – Commissioner Lee contacted Joe Hobbs
      and found he is no longer the Elk Coordinator for Fish & Wildlife, the
      position is vacant at this time, and the deer coordinator position is also vacant.
      James spoke to Biologist Stephen “Sporty” Parr who is Biologist Jennifer
      Carson’s counterpart. He offered to come to the May meeting for a
      presentation regarding the deer. **Commissioner Lee will recontact him to
      coordinate the May program with him. Commissioner Canale will contact
      Sporty regarding the completion of the deer plan.**
   c. Trinity River update – Commissioner De Juliiio reported the Trinity
      Management Council will be deciding spring hydrograph at the TNC meeting
      on March 28 and 29 at the restoration office. Commissioner Dixon reported
      That we were likely to end up with a dry or critically dry water year, and
      releases would be scaled accordingly. It was likely that there would be an in-
      river salmon fishery this year based on the correspondence. Also, the Trinity
      River Restoration Program was most likely going to be dredging the Hamilton
      Ponds downstream of Lewiston sometime this summer. While this would be a
short-term inconvenience, it will ultimately improve recreation opportunities in the upper pond (which is currently almost entirely silted in).

d. Department of Fish & Wildlife Report – Commissioner Nicolls reported there was what was reported as the biggest poaching arrest in the state in Lassen County, 132 raptors were killed.

e. NRA Collaborative Committee Report – No report

f. Fisheries Council – Commissioner De Juilio reported the Klamath River is being managed separately from the Sacramento River. Fisheries will open in June; the Klamath run is better then the Sacramento run. There will be a season for ocean salmon this year. Commissioner Lee suggested to advertise that there will be fishing this year to increase the tourist.

Commissioner Cole asked about someone from the commission to be on the Fisheries Council. **Commissioner De Juilio has volunteered to be the contact person for the Fisheries Council and will contact commissioners for the surrounding commissions to find common ground.** Commissioner Fenley gave Commissioner De Juilio the names of people to contact in our neighboring counties. Commissioner De Juilio spoke about inviting other commissioners for a deer plan presentation.

It was agreed to create an ad hoc committee for the Big Game Updates for the Deer and Elk Plan, the coordinators are Commissioner Lee and Commissioner Canale.

A fisheries ad hoc committee was also created, coordinators are Commissioner De Juilio and Commissioner Cole, will be listed under Ongoing Reports on the agenda.

g. Restoration – RCD funding the TRR work on a Weaverville CSD diversion from Weaver Creek to make the flow more efficient for the wildlife.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Literature for deer hunters regarding reporting marijuana grown in the National Forest, sub-committee report, Commissioners Cole and Mcallister. No report at this time, Commissioner Fenley will present the flyer to County Council for review and recommendations.

b. Letter of support for the Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program, Commissioner De Juilio will re-write the letter and send to Secretary Brewer for process to the Board of Supervisors.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Goal Planning – Each Commissioner will talk about what area they would like to focus on:

  - Commissioner Canale – Land use and land management
  - Commissioner Rupp- Habitat and how it ties into restoration
  - Commissioner De Juilio – Sustainability, facilitate the sustainability of hunting and fishing in Trinity County
  - Commissioner Nicolls – Wild Turkeys and other small game, wildlife and birds
Commissioner Dixon – Goal as a commissioner is to help guide decisions in the county which will allow the species of importance to sportsmen and others to persist in the future. Trinity County is and will continue to be a working landscape, and successfully sustaining populations of game and non-game species requires us to acknowledge that humans are an important part of the landscape as well. My focus is on adapting how we manage these working landscapes to account for the fact that important factors like climate and fire behavior are changing, and we will need to adjust our forest management and water management accordingly lest we end up with steelhead streams with no water and chaparral and annual grasses where we used to have forest.

Commissioner Lee – Game species, especially deer
Commissioner Cole – River preservation
Commissioner Chilcote – Healthy communities and healthy ecosystem
Commissioner Fenley – Chair for the commission

b. Conflict of Interest documents - Form 700, Conflict of Interest forms were passed out to the commissioners to complete and return to Secretary Brewer.

c. Planning programs for future meetings –
   May 9 - meeting, Fish & Wildlife Biologist, Stephen “Sporty” Parr
   July 11 - New district ranger
   September 12 – TBA
   November 14 - TBA

d. Lewiston Lions Club grant request for Kids’ Fishing Day
   Ruth Lake Kid’s Fishing Day
   Carville Pond Kid’s Fishing Day
   Hayfork Lions Ewing Reservoir Kid’s Fishing Day
   Commissioner Chilcote moved to approve grant donations to the above kid’s fishing days in the amount of $350.00 each, second Commissioner Canale, passed unanimously.

e. Re-initiation of the Central Valley Project – Commissioner Cole spoke about an article he read regarding this subject. The project is on three tracks, Track 1, 12 months, Track 2, 18 months, Track 3, 20 to 40 years. Commissioner Dixon indicated that the Yurok Tribe and his office are participating in this, he can bring information to the meeting. Commissioner De Juilio indicated it is still in the scoping process, no proposed action at this time. Add to Ongoing Reports on the agenda.

6. CORRESPONDENCE –
   a. California Department of Fish & Wildlife

7. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS –
   a. Commissioner Fenley reported that Supervisor Groves set up an ad hoc committee to deal with Huffman’s Wilderness Act. Commissioner De Juilio said it would establish a low elevation wilderness, would be good for deer,
this would be an aspect the Fish & Game Commission might be interested in. Commissioner Fenley encouraged the commissioners to bring forward anything they wanted to present to the Board of Supervisor regarding this act.

9. ADJOURNMENT 9:30

Next meeting is May 9, 2018

Schedule of meetings for 2018
March 14
May 9
July 11
September 12
November 14