

PUBLIC NOTICES



MARIPOSA PLANNING

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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Friday, March 19, 2010 – BEGINNING AT 9:00 AM

Catheys Valley Plan; County of Mariposa, applicant. The Planning Commission will review and consider the amendments to the Catheys Valley Community Plan made since the Board of Supervisors' deliberation on the plan in July, 2009. The Planning Commission may make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the amendments. No public input or comments will be taken or are required by law. This is not scheduled as a public hearing. **Planner: Kris Schenk and Sarah Williams.**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PUBLIC HEARINGS

Tuesday, March 9, 2010 – BEGINNING AT 2:00 PM

Continued Public Hearing for Amended Site Plan No. 2009-124 (SilverTip Resort Village). Proposed modifications to the approved site plan and architecture and proposed clarifications of certain conditions of approval for the SilverTip Village Resort project; Planned Development No. 99-1 & Conditional Use Permit No. 267. This project was previously noticed. Information available on-line at www.mariposacounty.org/planning. For information or questions, please contact Mariposa Planning at (209) 966-5151. (NOTE: The applicant has requested the public hearing be continued to April 20, 2010.) **Planner: John Anderson.**

Tuesday, March 23, 2010 – BEGINNING AT 2:00 PM

Amended County Policies No. 2005-230; County-wide Williamson Act (Land Conservation Act) Amendments. The Board of Supervisors will consider the Planning Commission's recommendations for amendments to County local rules regarding the Land Conservation Act of 1965 (LCA) also known as the Williamson Act. These rules, if adopted, will replace the previous provisions in County Resolutions 77-157, 78-8, and 95-350. All landowners enrolled in the program will be subject to the rules adopted by the Board of Supervisors if their LCA contracts are automatically renewed after adoption by the Board of Supervisors. Contracts which are in non-renewal will not be subject to the amended policies. At the hearing, the Board of Supervisors will consider adoption of a resolution taking action on the amendments, including an environmental determination. This action by the Board of Supervisors is the final action on these amendments. Information is available for review at Mariposa County Planning. The recommended amendments (and the existing policies governing contracted land) are also available for review on-line at www.mariposacounty.org/planning. Please contact the Planning Department for questions or information at (209) 966-5151. **Planner – David Guy**

GENERAL PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL REPORT
Public Hearing to Consider the 2010 General Plan Annual Report will be held:

Agency: Board of Supervisors **Date:** Tuesday March 16, 2010 **Time:** 2:00 PM
Location: Mariposa County Government Center, 5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa, California

The Board of Supervisors reviews the progress made each year in accomplishing the policies and implementation measures of the General Plan; establishes a schedule for considering amendments to the General Plan in the forthcoming year (2010); and submits the General Plan Annual Report to State agencies. Members of the public are invited to review the 2010 Annual Report, which is available and published on the Mariposa Planning web site. **Planners - Larry Enrico or Alvaro Arias.**

Please address comments to: Mariposa County Planning Dept., P.O. Box 2039, Mariposa, CA 95338 or aarias@mariposacounty.org

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(All meetings listed are regular meetings, unless otherwise noted.)

• **El Portal Planning Advisory Committee** •

Tuesday, March 9, 2010 7:00 p.m., El Portal Community Center, El Portal, CA

• **Historic Sites & Records Preservation Commission** •

Monday, March 8, 2010, 10:00 a.m., Government Center, Conference Room 5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa, CA

• **Midpines Planning Advisory Committee** •

March 18, 2010 7:00 p.m. Midpines Community Center, Midpines, CA

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PUBLIC HEARINGS: All interested persons are invited to attend public hearings & provide input on projects. Written comments may be made & submitted any time during the public review period up to, & including, the public portion of the public hearing time. Letters or written comments submitted after the public input time of the public hearing will become part of the file documents, but will not become part of the record unless the public input time is reopened. If you challenge the planning related actions described in this notice in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Agency at, or prior to, the public hearing. Unless otherwise noted, public hearings are conducted in the Mariposa County Government Center, Board Chambers, 5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa CA. If special arrangements are needed for your participation in a meeting, or if you are hearing or visually impaired, please call us 48 hours before a meeting to make arrangements to accommodate you. Copies of all public documents are available for review during office hours.

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Fish & Game answers questions

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Question: Is it possible (and legal) to purchase live wild turkeys to turn loose on my property to see how they do? Is there any law against buying live wild turkeys inside California or outside the state and having them shipped here?

Answer: There is nothing illegal about selling or purchasing domestic poultry sold as wild turkeys. However, it is not legal to release into the wild turkeys that have been domestically reared for propagation or hunting purposes. Only wild turkeys trapped from the wild by the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) may be released into the wild (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 671.6).

In addition, no person having possession or control over any wild animal legally imported under the provisions of this chapter shall intentionally free, or knowingly permit the escape, or release of such animals, except in accordance with the regulations of the commission (Fish and Game Code, section 2121).

According to DFG upland game bird and turkey expert Scott Gardner, aside from the fact that you cannot legally release domestically reared turkeys onto your property, biologically, no matter what the turkeys look like, if they were domestically hatched, they are domestic birds. Upland game birds imprint immediately on their hen, and without her they will not learn the skills to be wild. Domestically reared birds will not survive and don't even know to take cover.

Bottom line ... domestically reared birds released on a landowners property will not result in the wild turkeys that they are trying to establish.

Question: What is the correct and legal way to transport a rifle on a motorcycle? Can you clarify?

Answer: A motorcycle is a vehicle and the laws governing possession of loaded shotguns or rifles in a vehicle apply the same as if you are in a car or truck. According to Lt. Todd Tognazzini, if you are in a legal hunting area on a way open to the public or other public roadway, Fish and Game Code Section 2006 prohibits an unexpended (live) round in the firing chamber. If you are on a public highway (whether paved or not), then Penal Code Section 12031 applies which prevents ammunition from being attached to the firearm such as in the magazine. For more complete information on the requirements for transporting firearms with vehicles, please review page 47 of the 2009-2010 Mammal Hunting Regulations Booklet and the California Firearms Laws Summary booklet put out by the Office of the Attorney General at <http://ag.ca.gov/firearms/for.ms/pdf/Cfl2007.pdf>

Question: If I am fishing and am continually harassed by seals and sea lions, is it lawful to shoot them with a non-lethal paint ball?

Answer: DFG does not manage or regulate interactions with marine mammals. California sea lions and Pacific harbor seals have been federally protected

under the Marine Mammal Protection Act since 1972, and thus harassing, capturing, killing or attempting to do so is prohibited and carries a hefty fine. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), in recent years the populations of these animals have increased dramatically and are now considered healthy and robust.

Unfortunately, with the good often comes the bad - the increased abundance of animals has also resulted in a growing number of negative interactions with humans and incidents of property damage. People seeking legal methods for deterring marine mammals in order to protect their property, fishing gear and catch from damage by sea lions and seals can find recommendations and approved methods on NOAAs Web site at www.nwr.noaa.gov/Marine-Mammals/Seals-and-Sea-Lions/Deterring-Pinnipeds.cfm. And yes, paint balls are an approved method that may be used under certain conditions, but please read the NOAA information before doing so.

Question: I have out-of-state friends who would like to shoot Beldings ground squirrels on a private ranch. Since Beldings squirrels are a rodent and a non-game animal, do they need non-resident hunting licenses?

Answer: The recreational take of any wildlife including non-game mammals such as ground squirrels would require your friends to obtain a non-resident hunting license. They could purchase a two-day license valid for everything except big game for \$41.20, or annual non-resident license. Non-game mammals may be taken without a license if the animals are injuring growing crops or other property (Fish and Game Code, section 4152). The authority to take non-game mammals without a license under these conditions applies only to the owner or tenant of the premises or employees and agents in immediate possession of written permission from the owner or tenant.

Carrie Wilson is a marine biologist with the California Department of Fish and Game. Her DFG-related question and answer column appears weekly at www.dfg.ca.gov/QandA. While she cannot personally answer everyone's questions, she will select a few to answer each week. Please contact her at CalOutdoors@dfg.ca.gov.

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