

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF YUBA**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE)
YUBA WILDLIFE PROGRAM)
POLICY FOR THE APPROPRIATION)
OF COUNTY FISH AND GAME)
AND DEER MITIGATION FUNDS)**

Resolution No. 2026-012

WHEREAS, California Government Code authorizes the Board to appropriate and expend funds to support the social needs of the County, including but not limited to the areas of health, law enforcement, public safety, rehabilitation, welfare, education, legal services and the needs of vulnerable populations deemed necessary by the Board of Supervisors to serve a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, Yuba County receives fines and forfeitures imposed or collected in Yuba County courts for violations of the California Fish and Game Code Section 13003; and

WHEREAS, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors may appropriate these funds for the protection, conservation, propagation, and preservation of fish and wildlife under Fish and Game Code Sections 13100-13104; and

WHEREAS, the California Fish and Game Code funds have been placed into the Yuba County Fish and Game Propagation Fund Org Code 2120 (previously Fund 104); and

WHEREAS, from about 1995 – 2015, the County collected funds for mitigation of the loss of migratory deer winter range due to the subdividing of parcels and building structures in the deer winter range portion of Yuba County; and

WHEREAS, these deer mitigation funds have been deposited into the Yuba County Migratory Deer Mitigation Fund Org Code 2470 (previously Fund 339); and

WHEREAS, from 1992 – 2015 the Board of Supervisors appointed a Yuba County Fish and Game Commission expend Fish and Game funds; and

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2016, under agenda item #373-0816, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors received a report from the Fish and Game Ad Hoc Committee to provide direction and take action as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the minute order from the Board of Supervisors meeting on August 23, 2016, under agenda item #373-0816, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors to action to rescind Board Resolution [No. 1992-128] allowing for a Fish and Game Commission; and

WHEREAS, with the approval of this resolution, the Board of Supervisors reaffirms the dissolution of the Fish and Game Commission under agenda item #373-0816, as this resolution provides an alternative to the appropriation of County Fish and Game and Deer Mitigation funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors alternative to appropriate County Fish and Game and Deer Mitigation funds is through creating and adopting a Yuba Wildlife Program (YWP) policy that provides guidelines and criteria for establishing and distributing YWP funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors will appropriate an amount YWP funds at the budget hearing each fiscal year through the annual budget process with considered applications and approval through the budget process dictated by balance of funds available; and

WHEREAS, and a standardized YWP application form will be made publicly available and administered through the County Administrator's Office; and

WHEREAS, YWP awards may also be requested and considered at any time during the fiscal year at a regularly scheduled Board meeting dictated by balance of funds available; and

WHEREAS, YWP funds are intended to augment the efforts of community organizations, non-profits, county departments, and government agencies to benefit residents and communities in Yuba County and must serve a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the goals of expending the Fish and Game and Deer Mitigation funds are generally for conservation and management, enforcement, public access and enjoyment, and support outdoor recreational activities, safety, and tourism activities.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yuba hereby adopts the following Yuba Wildlife Program (YWP) policy as set forth in Attachment A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors reaffirms the dissolution of the Fish and Game Commission under agenda item #373-0816; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED with the approval of this resolution, the Board of Supervisors affirms that beginning in fiscal year 2025-26, the Yuba County Fish and Game Propagation Fund Org Code 2120 (previously Fund 104) and the Yuba County Migratory Deer Mitigation Fund Org Code 2470 (previously Fund 339) shall be interest bearing and all interest generated in each fund will remain in their respective fund for future related expenditures within the YWP.

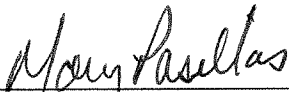
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10 day of March, 2026, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yuba, by the following votes:

AYES: Supervisors Vasquez, House, Fuhrer, Bradford, Messick

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

By: 
Chairman, Seth Fuhrer


ATTEST: Mary Pasillas
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors


Approved As To Form:
Janet Bender, County Counsel