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R. Judd Hanna Appointed to the Fish and Game Commission

R. Judd Hanna, 65, of Mill Creek, has been appointed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to the California Fish and Game Commission. For the past 16 years, he has been self-employed as a rice farmer and real estate developer. Hanna previously served as regional vice president for the Grupe Development Company from 1984 to 1990 and vice president of the land and farming corporation, the Novato Center, from 1980 to 1984. Prior to that, he served in the U.S. Navy from 1964 to 1978, retiring as lieutenant commander. Hanna is a founding board member of the Mill Creek Conservancy and serves as secretary for the California Wildlife Foundation.

The California Fish and Game Commission has been involved in the management and sustainable use of California's fish and wildlife resources since 1870, and in 1940 the people provided for a Fish and Game Commission in the State Constitution (Article 4, Section 20).

The Commission holds at least 11 public hearings each year to promulgate and amend proposed regulations, and publicly discuss environmental quality, species protection, permits, licenses, natural resource management policies and the and rehabilitation of depleted populations and habitat to provide the optimum use of renewable wildlife resources for a variety of consumptive and nonconsumptive uses. It also holds a variety of special meetings to obtain public input on items of a more localized nature such as the formulation of fishery management plans, requests for use permits on certain waters, and the establishment of new marine and ecological reserves.

Mr. Hanna replaces Michael Flores, whose six-year term expired on Jan. 15, 2007. Members do not receive a salary. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem. Upon Senate confirmation Mr. Hanna's term expires on Jan. 15, 2013.

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