

Bylaws of

**Mariposa County Fish and Game Protective Association**

A California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation





## NAME

### Corporate Name

The name of this corporation is **Mariposa County Fish and Game Protective Association (MCFGPA or the “Corporation”)**.

## OFFICES

### Principal Office

The principal office for the transaction of the business is Mariposa County. The Corporation may be established at any place or places within or without the State of California by resolution of the Board.

### Section 2.2 Other Offices

The Board may at any time establish branch or subordinate offices at any place or places where the Corporation is qualified to transact business.

## PURPOSES

### General Purpose

The Corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Corporation Law of California (“California Nonprofit Corporation Law”) for ***public and charitable*** purposes.

### Specific Purpose

The specific purpose of the Corporation shall include without limitation,

1. To conserve and protect the natural resources of fish and game in the State of California.
2. To introduce and propagate new species of fish and game in the State of California.
3. To foster and encourage food sportsmanship and obedience to the fish and game laws of the State of California.
4. To furnish and conduct an educational program among the youth of the State of California whereby they may acquire a practical knowledge of the various species of fish and game in this State.
5. To educate the fishing and hunting public to an appreciation of the benefits to be derived from the strict observance of the rules of good sportsmanship, and obedience to the fish and game laws of the State of California.
6. To foster and promote the recreational benefits to be derived from engaging in fishing and hunting in the State of California;
7. To acquire, construct, establish and maintain a club house, and/or any other buildings, and/or any other structures, or devices, and such other additions and facilities thereto as may be necessary, convenient, proper, useful or incidental to any of the purposes herein set forth;
8. To enter into, make, perform, and carry out contracts of every sort and kind which may be necessary or convenient for the business of this corporation;
9. To purchase, lease as lessee, take in exchange or otherwise acquire, and to own, hold, develop, operate, sell, assign, build upon, furnish, improve, transfer, convey, exchange, lease or as lessor, mortgage, deed in trust, pledge or otherwise dispose of and encumber, real and personal property of every class and description, and

- rights and privileges therein, in the State of California, or elsewhere, which may be suitable or convenient in connection with the business of the corporation;
10. To borrow or raise moneys for any of the purposes of this corporation, and, from time to time, to execute notes or other obligations, secured or unsecured, of this corporation for moneys so borrowed, or in payment for property acquired, or for any of the other objects or purposes of this corporation, or in connection with its business; to secure such notes, or other obligations by mortgage or mortgages, or deed or deeds of trust, or pledge or other lien upon any or all of the property, rights, or privileges of this corporation, where-so-ever situated, acquire or to be acquired, and to pledge, sell or otherwise dispose of any or all of such notes and other obligations of this corporation for its corporate purposes.
  11. In connection with the purchase, lease or other acquisition by this corporation of any property whatsoever nature, to pay therefore in cash or property or to issue in exchange therefore, notes or other securities or evidences of indebtedness of this corporation, and to assume in connection with any such acquisition any obligations of any person, firm, association, or corporation;
  12. To receive money or property of all kinds by gift, donation, devise or bequest from any member or members, or from any other person or persons, or other source or sources whatsoever, and to hold or apply the same toward the use and benefit of this corporation for the purposes herein specified;
  13. To do any and all things necessary, suitable, convenient, or proper for, or in conjunction with, or incidental to, the accomplishment of any one or more of the objects here in enumerated, or designed directly or indirectly to promote the interests of this corporation, or to enhance the value of any of its properties; and in general to do any and all things and exercise any and all powers which it may now or hereafter be lawful for this corporation to do, or to exercise under the laws of the State of California that may now or hereafter be applicable to this corporation;
  14. This corporation is not formed with a view to and does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to this corporation or the members thereof.
  15. The objects specified herein shall, except as otherwise expressed, be in no way limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other clause or paragraph of these articles. The objects, purposes and powers specified

in each of the clauses or paragraphs in these articles shall be regarded as independent objects, purposes or powers.

#### **ARTICLE 4 LIMITATIONS**

##### **Section 4.1 Political Activities**

The Corporation has been formed under California Nonprofit Corporation Law for the charitable purposes described in 0, and it shall be nonprofit and nonpartisan. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

##### **Section 4.2 Prohibited Activities**

The Corporation shall not, except in any insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes described in 0. The Corporation may not carry on any activity for the profit of its Officers, Directors or other persons or distribute any gains, profits or dividends to its Officers, Directors or other persons as such. Furthermore, nothing in 0 shall be construed as allowing the Corporation to engage in any activity not permitted to be carried on (i) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") or (ii) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

#### **ARTICLE 5 DEDICATION OF ASSETS**

##### **Section 5.1 Property Dedicated to Nonprofit Purposes**

The property of the Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to **charitable, educational, or religious and/or scientific purposes**. No part of the net income or assets of the Corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any of its Directors or Officers, or to the benefit of any private person, except that the Corporation is authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in 0 hereof.

##### **Section 5.2 Distribution of Assets Upon Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the Corporation shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for **charitable, educational, or religious and/or scientific** purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

## ARTICLE 6 MEMBERSHIPS

### Section 6.1 Members

- a) Any citizen of the United States of America may become a member of this Association by pledging to adhere to the Association's objectives and by payment of the set membership dues.
- b) The four types of memberships shall be:
  - (1) **Individual.** An individual membership entitles the member to cast one (1) vote in all matters of the Association requiring a vote of the membership.
  - (2) **Family.** A family membership shall cover a family unit of man, woman and dependent children living with parents to age eighteen (18). A family membership entitles the two adult members to each cast (1) vote in all matters of the Association requiring a vote of the membership. A dependent who is 18 after January 1<sup>st</sup> but before March 1<sup>st</sup> who wishes to vote as a member in good standing **MUST** pay for an individual Membership by March 1<sup>st</sup>. and should not be included in the family membership application for the Calendar year. Any dependent who turns 18 after March 1<sup>st</sup> will remain under the family membership for the calendar year and will not be entitled to vote.
  - (3) **Lifetime.** A lifetime membership entitles the member to a lifetime waiver of annual dues and to cast one (1) vote in all matters of the Association requiring a vote of the membership. Life Time memberships may not be purchased they are an honor which is bestowed by the Board of Directors for longevity of service and dedication to the association. As this is a bestowed honor by the Board it may be removed by the Board if the member ceases to participate and no longer adheres to the goals and missions of the Association.
  - (4) **Day Use.** A day use member will have usage of the association's facilities for one (1) day only. The Day Use member is not entitled to any other privileges.
  - (5) **Member in Good Standing Defined: A member in good standing shall have paid their dues on time (no later than March 1 of the calendar year) and shall have participated in a minimum of 4 Club Dinners or 4 Range Clean up days or 4 events (and helped prepare for or serve at the events).**

## ARTICLE 7 DIRECTORS

### Section 7.1 Number and Qualifications

#### 7.1.1 Number

*The authorized number of directors of the Corporation ("Directors") shall be not less than [5] or more than [15]; the exact authorized number to be fixed, within these limits, by resolution of the Board.*

- a) The officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer who, acting together with **No less than five (5) Directors shall constitute the Executive Committee.** The members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by a majority vote by ballot of the members in good standing present at the Annual Meeting of the Association with the exception that the outgoing President shall automatically become

one of the five (5) Directors; therefore, only four (4) Directors need be elected. **The Remaining 10 seats may be appointed based on committee chairs, and be considered board members with full rights as offered by these bylaws.**

- b) The Executive Committee shall have general supervision and control of all activities of the Association. The Executive Committee may make agreements with other organizations and individuals to carry out the objectives of the Association.
- c) Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held prior to the Regular Meeting. Special meetings may be held at any time on the call of the President or on demand, in writing to the Secretary, by three (3) members of the Committee.

#### 7.1.2 Qualifications

- d) No person can be nominated or elected as an Officer of the Association if they are not a member of the association in good standing.
- e) Any member of the association nominated as President of the Association must sit on the Executive Board for a minimum of one year.

#### Section 7.2 Corporate Powers Exercised by Board

Subject to the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation (the “Articles of Incorporation”), California Nonprofit Corporation Law and any other applicable laws, the business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed, and all corporate powers shall be exercised, by or under the direction of the board of Directors (the “Board”). The Board may delegate the management of the activities of the Corporation to any person or persons, Management Company or committee however composed, provided that the activities and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed and all corporate powers shall be exercised under the ultimate direction of the Board.

#### Section 7.3 Terms; Election of Successors

The term of office for elected Officers of this Association shall run from January 1 through December 31 of each calendar year.

*Directors shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Board for a 1 year term. Each Director, including a Director elected to fill a vacancy, shall hold office until the expiration of the term for which he or she was elected and until the election and qualification of a successor, or until that Director’s earlier resignation or removal in accordance with these Bylaws and California Nonprofit Corporation Law. By resolution, the Board may arrange for terms to be staggered.*

***Except for the President who’s single term shall consist of 2 years and may not serve more than 2 terms***

#### Section 7.4 Vacancies

##### 7.4.1 Events Causing Vacancy

A vacancy or vacancies on the Board shall be deemed to exist on the occurrence of the following: (i) the death, resignation, or removal of any Director; (ii) whenever

the number of authorized Directors is increased; or (iii) the failure of the Board, at any meeting at which any Director or Directors are to be elected, to elect the full authorized number of Directors.

A vacancy in the Executive Committee may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Committee. However, if more than one (1) vacancy exists at the same time, a special meeting of the Association shall be called and new Officers and or Directors shall be elected to fill the Vacancies until the date of the next annual meeting.

7.4.2 Removal

The Board may by resolution declare vacant the office of a Director who has been declared of unsound mind by an order of court, or convicted of a felony, or found by final order or judgment of any court to have breached a duty under California Nonprofit Corporation Law.

*The Board may by resolution declare vacant the office of a director who fails to attend 3 consecutive Board meetings during any calendar year.*

*[The Board may, by a majority vote of the Directors who meet all of the required qualifications to be a Director set forth in Section 7.1.2, declare vacant the office of any Director who fails or ceases to meet any required qualification that was in effect at the beginning of that Director's current term of office.]*

Directors may be removed without cause by a majority of Directors then in office.

Any officer may be removed, either with or without cause, by the Board of Directors, at any time. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors or to the President or Secretary of the corporation. Any such resignation shall take effect at the date of receipt of such notice or at any later date specified therein, and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. The above provisions of this Section shall be superseded by any conflicting terms of a contract which has been approved or ratified by the Board of Directors relating to the employment of any officer of the corporation.

7.4.3 No Removal on Reduction of Number of Directors

No reduction of the authorized number of Directors shall have the effect of removing any Director before that Director's term of office expires unless the reduction also provides for the removal of that specified Director in accordance with these Bylaws and California Nonprofit Corporation Law.

7.4.4 Resignations

Except as provided in this Section 7.4.4, any Director may resign by giving written notice to the Chairperson, the President, the Secretary, or the Board. Such a written resignation will be effective on the later of (i) the date it is delivered or (ii) the time specified in the written notice that the resignation is to become effective. No

Director may resign if the Corporation would then be left without a duly elected Director or Directors in charge of its affairs, except upon notice to the California Attorney General (the “Attorney General”).

7.4.5 Election to Fill Vacancies

If there is a vacancy on the Board, including a vacancy created by the removal of a Director, the Board may fill such vacancy by electing an additional director as soon as practicable after the vacancy occurs. If the number of Directors then in office is less than a quorum, additional directors may be elected to fill such vacancies by (i) the unanimous written consent of the Directors then in office, (ii) the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors in office at a meeting held according to notice or waivers complying with section 5211 of the California Nonprofit Corporation Law, or (iii) a sole remaining Director.

Section 7.5 Regular Meetings

The Third Thursday in November of Each year, the Board shall hold at least one meeting, at a time and place fixed by the Board, for the purposes of election of Directors, appointment of Officers, review and approval of the corporate budget and transaction of other business. This meeting is sometimes referred to in these Bylaws as the “annual meeting.” Other regular meetings of the Board may be held at such time and place as the Board may fix from time to time by resolution.

**Nominations Meeting.** The Nominations meeting of Officers and Board of Directors shall be held on the third Thursday of October in each year at such time and place as may be fixed by the Executive Committee. All nominations for new Officers and Board of Directors shall be made at this meeting to ensure the nominee is on the ballad for elections at the Annual Meeting.

Section 7.6 Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board for any purpose may be called at any time by the Chairperson, or the President, or the Vice President (if any), or the Secretary, or any three (3) Directors, or upon demand in writing to the Secretary, stating the purpose of the proposed meeting, and signed by not less than twenty percent (20%) of the members in good standing. The time and place of such special meeting shall be fixed by the President. Notice of the time, place and purpose of any special meeting shall be given by the Secretary to all Officers and Board of Directors and members in good standing in writing by United State mail not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date fixed for the holding of the meeting. Twenty percent (20%) of the membership in good standing shall be required for quorum at a special meeting.

Section 7.7 Notice of Meetings

7.7.1 Manner of Giving

Except when the time and place of a regular meeting is set by the Board by resolution in advance (as permitted by Section 7.5), notice of the time and place of all regular and special meetings shall be given to each Director by one of the following methods:

- (a) Personal delivery of oral or written notice;
- (b) First-class mail, postage paid;
- (c) Telephone, including a voice messaging system or other system or technology designed to record and communicate messages; or
- (d) Facsimile, electronic mail (“e-mail”) or other means of electronic transmission if the recipient has consented to accept notices in this manner.

All such notices shall be given or sent to the Director’s address, phone number, facsimile number or e-mail address as shown on the records of the Corporation. Any oral notice given personally or by telephone may be communicated directly to the Director or to a person who would reasonably be expected to promptly communicate such notice to the Director. Notice of regular meetings may be given in the form of a calendar or schedule that sets forth the date, time and place of more than one regular meeting.

7.7.2 Time Requirements

Notices sent by first-class mail shall be deposited into a United States mail box at least four days before the time set for the meeting. Notices given by personal delivery, telephone, voice messaging system or other system or technology designed to record and communicate messages, facsimile, e-mail or other electronic transmission shall be delivered at least 48 hours before the time set for the meeting.

7.7.3 Notice Contents

The notice shall state the time and place for the meeting, except that if the meeting is scheduled to be held at the principal office of the Corporation, the notice shall be valid even if no place is specified. The notice need not specify the purpose of the meeting unless required to elsewhere in these Bylaws.

Section 7.8 Place of Board Meetings

Regular and special meetings of the Board may be held at any place within or outside the state that has been designated in the notice of the meeting, or, if not stated in the notice or, if there is no notice, designated by resolution of the Board. If the place of a regular or special meeting is not designated in the notice or fixed by a resolution of the Board, it shall be held at the principal office of the Corporation.

7.8.1 Meetings by Telephone or Similar Communication Equipment

Any meeting may be held by conference telephone or other communications equipment permitted by California Nonprofit Corporation Law, as long as all Directors participating in the meeting can communicate with one another and all other requirements of California Nonprofit Corporation Law are satisfied. All such Directors shall be deemed to be present in person at such meeting.

Section 7.9 Quorum and Action of the Board

7.9.1 Quorum

A majority of Directors then in office (but no fewer than two Directors or 2/3 of the authorized number in Section 7.1.1, whichever is greater) shall constitute a quorum

for the transaction of business, except to adjourn as provided in Section 7.1.1. The total number of Association members in good standing present at any annual or regular meeting shall constitute a quorum.

7.9.2 Minimum Vote Requirements for Valid Board Action

Every act taken or decision made by a vote of the majority of the Directors present at a meeting duly held at which a quorum is present is the act of the Board, unless a greater number is expressly required by California Nonprofit Corporation Law, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws. A meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to transact business, notwithstanding the withdrawal of Directors from the meeting, if any action taken is approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for that meeting.

7.9.3 When a Greater Vote Is Required for Valid Board Action

The following actions shall require a vote by a majority of all Directors then in office in order to be effective:

- (a) Approval of contracts or transactions in which a Director has a direct or indirect material financial interest as described in Section 10.1 (provided that the vote of any interested Director(s) is not counted);
- (b) Creation of, and appointment to, Committees (but not advisory committees) as described in Section 8.1; and
- (c) Removal of a Director without cause as described in Section 7.4.2

Section 7.10 Waiver of Notice

The transactions of any meeting of the Board, however called and noticed or wherever held, shall be as valid as though taken at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice, if (i) a quorum is present, and (ii) either before or after the meeting, each of the Directors who is not present at the meeting signs a written waiver of notice, a consent to holding the meeting, or an approval of the minutes. The waiver of notice or consent does not need to specify the purpose of the meeting. All waivers, consents, and approvals shall be filed with the corporate records or made a part of the minutes of the meeting. Also, notice of a meeting is not required to be given to any Director who attends the meeting without protesting before or at its commencement about the lack of adequate notice. Directors can protest the lack of notice only by presenting a written protest to the Secretary either in person, by first-class mail addressed to the Secretary at the principal office of the Corporation as contained on the records of the Corporation as of the date of the protest, or by facsimile addressed to the facsimile number of the Corporation as contained on the records of the Corporation as of the date of the protest.

Section 7.11 Adjournment

A majority of the Directors present, whether or not constituting a quorum, may adjourn any meeting to another time and place.

Section 7.12 Notice of Adjournment

Notice of the time and place of holding an adjourned meeting need not be given, unless the meeting is adjourned for more than 24 hours, in which case personal

notice of the time and place shall be given before the time of the adjourned meeting to the Directors who were not present at the time of the adjournment.

Section 7.13 Conduct of Meetings

Meetings of the Board shall be presided over by the President or, if the President is absent, by the Vice President, or, in the absence of each of these persons, by a chairperson of the meeting, chosen by a majority of the Directors present at the meeting. The Secretary shall act as secretary of all meetings of the Board, provided that, if the Secretary is absent, the presiding officer shall appoint another person to act as secretary of the meeting. Meetings shall be governed by rules of procedure as may be determined by the Board from time to time, insofar as such rules are not inconsistent with or in conflict with these Bylaws, with the Articles, or with any provisions of law applicable to the Corporation.

Section 7.14 Action Without Meeting

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the Board, individually or collectively, consent in writing to the action. For the purposes of this Section 7.14 only, "all members of the Board" shall not include any "interested Director" as defined in section 5233 of the California Nonprofit Corporation Law. Such written consent shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the Board taken at a meeting. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board.

Written consent may be transmitted by first-class mail, messenger, courier, facsimile, e-mail or any other reasonable method satisfactory to the Chairperson or the President.

Section 7.15 Fees and Compensation of Directors

The Corporation shall not pay any compensation to Directors for services rendered to the Corporation as Directors, except that Directors may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties to the Corporation, in reasonable amounts as approved by the Board.

Also, Directors may not be compensated for rendering services to the Corporation in a capacity other than as Directors, unless such compensation is reasonable and further provided that not more than 49% of the persons serving as Directors may be "interested persons" which, for purposes of this Section 7.1.5 only, means:

- (a) any person currently being compensated by the Corporation for services rendered to it within the previous 12 months, whether as a full or part-time Officer or other employee, independent contractor, or otherwise, excluding any reasonable compensation paid to a Director as Director; or
- (b) any brother, sister, ancestor, descendant, spouse, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, or father-in-law of any such person.

Section 7.16 Non-Liability of Directors

The Directors shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or other obligations of the Corporation.

## ARTICLE 8 COMMITTEES

Section 8.1 Committees of Directors

The President shall appoint the Chairman for the standing committees at the beginning of each business year or as necessary. The standing committees shall be: Membership Committee, House Committee, Club Social & Program Committee, Range Committee, Activities Committee, Fishing Derby Committee, Flea Market Committee, Finance and Budget Committee and Youth Committee. Committee chairs who are appointed by the President that are not already elected Board members will become board members as stated in Article 7 section 7.1.1 (a). Each chair must find a minimum of 2 people to serve on the committee with them.

Range Committee: Chapter 5 “Range Staff” of the Mariposa County Fish and Game Protective Association Standard Operating Procedures outlines the details and duties of the Range Committee.

Youth Committee: The Youth Committee is responsible for the implementation of youth programs to keep the youth engaged in the Association and Shooting Sports. The Youth Trap Team Policies and Procedures Handbook outlines the expectations of the Youth Shooting Sports Programs and may be updated annually as seen fit by the Board of Directors.

Section 8.2 Meetings and Action of Board Committees

Meetings and action of Committees shall be governed by, and held and taken in accordance with, the provisions of Article 7 concerning meetings of Directors, with such changes in the context of Article 7 as are necessary to substitute the Committee and its members for the Board and its members, except that the time for regular meetings of Committees may be determined by resolution of the Board, and special meetings of Committees may also be called by resolution of the Board. Minutes shall be kept of each meeting of any Committee and shall be filed with the corporate records. The Committee shall report to the Board from time to time as the Board may require. The Board may adopt rules for the governance of any Committee not inconsistent with the provisions by these Bylaws. In the absence of rules adopted by the Board, the Committee may adopt such rules.

Section 8.3 Quorum Rules for Board Committees

A majority of the Committee members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of Committee business, except to adjourn. A majority of the Committee members present, whether or not constituting a quorum, may adjourn any meeting to another

time and place. Every act taken or decision made by a majority of the Committee members present at a meeting duly held at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as an act of the Committee, subject to the provisions of the California Nonprofit Corporation Law relating to actions that require a majority vote of the entire Board. A meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to transact business, notwithstanding the withdrawal of Committee members, if any action taken is approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for that meeting.

Section 8.4 Revocation of Delegated Authority

The Board may, at any time, revoke or modify any or all of the authority that the Board has delegated to a Committee, increase or decrease (but not below two) the number of members of a Committee, and fill vacancies in a Committee from the members of the Board.

Section 8.5 Nonprofit Integrity Act/Audit Committee

In any fiscal year in which the Corporation receives or accrues gross revenues of two million dollars or more (excluding grants from, and contracts for services with, governmental entities for which the governmental entity requires an accounting of the funds received), the Board shall (i) prepare annual financial statements using generally accepted accounting principles that are audited by an independent certified public accountant (“CPA”) in conformity with generally accepted auditing standards; (ii) make the audit available to the Attorney General and to the public on the same basis that the Internal Revenue Service Form 990 is required to be made available; and (iii) appoint an Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee shall not include paid or unpaid staff or employees of the Corporation, including, if staff members or employees, the President or chief executive officer or the Treasurer or chief financial officer (if any). If there is a finance committee, members of the finance committee shall constitute less than 50% of the membership of the Audit Committee and the chairperson of the Audit Committee shall not be a member of the finance committee. Subject to the supervision of the Board, the Audit Committee shall:

- (a) make recommendations to the Board on the hiring and firing of the CPA;
- (b) confer with the CPA to satisfy Audit Committee members that the financial affairs of the Corporation are in order;
- (c) approve non-audit services by the CPA and ensure such services conform to standards in the Yellow Book issued by the United States Comptroller General; and
- (d) if requested by the Board, negotiate the CPA’s compensation on behalf of the Board.

Section 8.6 Advisory Committees

The Board may create one or more advisory committees to serve at the pleasure of the Board. Appointments to such advisory committees need not, but may, be

Directors. The Board shall appoint and discharge advisory committee members. All actions and recommendations of an advisory committee shall require ratification by the Board before being given effect.

## **ARTICLE 9 OFFICERS**

### Section 9.1 Officers

The officers of the Corporation (“Officers”) shall be a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Vice President, who need not be Directors, with such duties, powers, titles and privileges as the Board may fix, including such Officers as may be appointed in accordance with Section 9.6.6. Any number of offices may be held by the same person, except that the Secretary and the Treasurer may not serve concurrently as the President.

### Section 9.2 Election of Officers

The Officers, except those appointed in accordance with Section 9.6.6, shall be elected by the membership in good standing at the annual meeting of the Corporation for a term of one year, and each shall serve at the discretion of the Board until his or her successor shall be elected, or his or her earlier resignation or removal. Officers may be elected for no more than [4] consecutive terms. *With the exception of the President (who’s term shall consist of 2 years to equal one term may only be elected for 2 terms).* as President and then is required to serve at least 1 more term as a Board member, *which is to be known as the Immediate Past President.*

### Section 9.3 Removal of Officers

Subject to the rights, if any, any Officer may be removed, with or without cause, (i) by the Board, at any regular or special meeting of the Board, or at the annual meeting of the Corporation. (ii) by an Officer on whom such power of removal may be conferred by the Board.

Charges against any *officer* of this Association calling for the officer’s suspension or removal may be referred by any **member** in good standing. They shall be in writing clearly stating the facts relied upon and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits which are to be used in their support. Such charges shall be filed with the Secretary who will immediately notify the President. The President shall call a special meeting to hear the charges. The Secretary shall give at least fifteen (15) days’ notice of the date, time, place and reason for such meeting by United States Postal or Electronic mail to each member in good standing and to the accuser and to the accused, which notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and of the supporting affidavits and exhibits and stating the reasons for the officer’s suspension or removal. At such special meeting the officer shall be given a full hearing.

An *officer* may be suspended or removed by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote by ballot of the members in good standing present at any special meeting called for that purpose.

Any *member* may be suspended or expelled from the Association for any cause deemed sufficient by the **Executive Committee** by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members of the Committee present at any regular or special meeting of the Committee.

No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless written notice has been sent to the member by United States Postal or Electronic mail at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting stating the charges preferred and giving the date, time and place of the meeting of the Executive Committee at which such charges will be considered. At such meeting the member under charges will be accorded a full hearing.

Charges against any *member* of this Association calling for the member's suspension or expulsion may be referred by any **member** in good standing. They shall be in writing clearly stating the facts relied upon and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits which are to be used in their support. Such charges shall be filed with the Secretary who will immediately notify the President. The President shall call a special meeting of the Executive Committee to hear the charges. The Secretary shall give at least fifteen (15) days notice of the date, time, place and reason for such meeting by United States Postal or Electronic mail to each member of the Committee and to the accuser and to the accused, which notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and of the supporting affidavits and exhibits. At such meeting the member under charges will be accorded a full hearing. An accused member may be suspended or removed by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members of the Committee present at any special meeting called for that purpose.

Any *member* suspended or expelled by the **Executive Committee** may appeal to the full membership of the club. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Secretary who will notify the president. The President shall call a special meeting of the Association for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Secretary shall give at least fifteen (15) days notice in writing by United States Postal or Electronic Mail to all members of the Association in good standing of the date, time, place and reason for such special meeting. At the special meeting the Secretary will read the original charges, the supporting affidavits, and will read or display the accompanying exhibits, and will read the minutes of the special meeting of the Executive Committee at which the charges were heard and action taken.

A full hearing will be given to the accuser and the accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present at the meeting and two-thirds (2/3) votes shall be required to reverse the action of the Executive Committee.

Section 9.4 Resignation of Officers

Any Officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Corporation. Any resignation shall take effect at the date of the receipt of that notice or at any later time specified in that notice; and, unless otherwise specified in that notice, the acceptance of the resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. Any resignation is without prejudice to the rights, if any of the Corporation under any contract to which the Officer is a party.

Section 9.5 Vacancies in Offices

A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or any other cause shall be filled in the manner prescribed in these Bylaws for regular appointments to that office, provided that such vacancies shall be filled as they occur and not on an annual basis. In the event of a vacancy in any office other than the President or one appointed in accordance with Section 9.6.6, such vacancy shall be filled temporarily by appointment by the President, or if none, by the Chairperson, and the appointee shall remain in office for 60 days, or until the next regular meeting of the Board, whichever comes first. Thereafter, the position can be filled only by action of the Board.

Section 9.6 Responsibilities of Officers

9.6.1 Chairperson of the Board

The Mariposa County Fish and Game Protective Association does not have this position.

9.6.2 **President.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee. The President shall perform all such duties as usually pertain to his office, and shall have the powers and duties prescribed in Section 9.7 and Chapter 5 “Range Staff” of the Standard Operating Procedures.

9.6.3 **Vice-President.** The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or at his request.

9.6.4 Secretary

The secretary of the Corporation (the “Secretary”) shall attend to the following:

9.6.4.1 Bylaws

The Secretary shall certify and keep or cause to be kept at the principal office of the Corporation the original or a copy of these Bylaws as amended to date.

9.6.4.2 Minute Book

The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept a minute book as described in Section 12.1.

- 9.6.4.3      Notices  
The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the Board in accordance with these Bylaws.
- 9.6.4.4      Corporate Records  
Upon request, the Secretary shall exhibit or cause to be exhibited at all reasonable times to any Director, or to his or her agent or attorney, these Bylaws and the minute book.
- 9.6.4.5      Corporate Seal and Other Duties  
The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept the seal of the Corporation, if any, in safe custody, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties incident to the office of Secretary as may be prescribed by the Board or these Bylaws.

9.6.5      Treasurer

The treasurer of the Corporation (the “Treasurer”) shall attend to the following:

- 9.6.5.1      Books of Account  
The Treasurer shall keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, adequate and correct books and records of accounts of the properties and transactions of the Corporation, including accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains, losses, capital, retained earnings, and other matters customarily included in financial statements. The books of account shall be open to inspection by any Director at all reasonable times.
- 9.6.5.2      Financial Reports  
The Treasurer shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify, or cause to be certified, the financial statements to be included in any required reports.
- 9.6.5.3      Deposit and Disbursement of Money and Valuables  
The Treasurer shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, all money and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the Corporation with such depositories as may be designated by the Board; shall disburse, or cause to be disbursed, the funds of the Corporation as may be ordered by the Board; shall render, or cause to be rendered to the President and Directors, whenever they request it, an account of all of his or her transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Corporation; and shall have other powers and perform such other duties incident to the office of Treasurer as may be prescribed by the Board or these Bylaws as follows  
The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of all dues and assessments and maintaining an up-to-date roster of all members in good standing. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all transactions and render a detailed monthly report at each meeting of the Executive Committee and an annual report to the Association at its annual meeting.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for re-affiliating the Association annually with the National Rifle Association.

9.6.5.4

Bond

NOT REQUIRED BY MCFGPA

If required by the Board, the Treasurer shall give the Corporation a bond in the amount and with the surety or sureties specified by the Board for faithful performance of the duties of his office and for restoration to the Corporation of all its books, papers, vouchers, money, and other property of every kind in his possession or under his control on his death, resignation, retirement, or removal from office.

9.6.6

Additional Officers

The Board may empower the Chairperson, President, or chief executive, to appoint or remove such other Officers as the business of the Corporation may require, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as are provided in these Bylaws or as the Board from time to time may determine.

Section 9.7

Chief Executive

Subject to such supervisory powers as may be given by the Board to the Chairperson or President, the Board may hire a chief executive who shall be the general manager of the Corporation, and subject to the control of the Board, shall supervise, direct and control the Corporation's day-to-day activities, business and affairs. The chief executive (who may be referred to as the "chief executive officer" or "executive director" or *President*) shall be empowered to hire, supervise and fire all of the employees of the Corporation, under such terms and having such job responsibilities as the chief executive shall determine in his or her sole discretion, subject to the rights, if any, of the employee under any contract of employment. The chief executive may delegate his or her responsibilities and powers subject to the control of the Board. He or she shall have such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board or these Bylaws. Additionally, the Board may, by resolution, appoint the chief executive as an Officer.

Section 9.8

Compensation of Officers

MCFGPA Does not compensate its officers for serving on the Board.

**ARTICLE 10 TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN CORPORATION AND DIRECTORS OR OFFICERS**

Section 10.1 Transactions with Directors and Officers

10.1.1 Interested Party Transactions

Except as described in Section 10.1.2, the Corporation shall not be a party to any transaction:

- (a) in which one or more of its Directors or Officers has a material financial interest, or

- (b) with any corporation, firm, association, or other entity in which one or more Directors or Officers has a material financial interest.

10.1.2 Requirements to Authorize Interested Party Transactions

The Corporation shall not be a party to any transaction described in 10.1.1 unless:

- (a) the Corporation enters into the transaction for its own benefit;
- (b) the transaction is fair and reasonable to the Corporation at the time the transaction is entered into;
- (c) prior to consummating the transaction or any part thereof, the Board authorizes or approves the transaction in good faith, by a vote of a majority of Directors then in office (without counting the vote of the interested Directors), and with knowledge of the material facts concerning the transaction and the interested Director's or Officer's financial interest in the transaction;
- (d) prior to authorizing or approving the transaction, the Board considers and in good faith determines after reasonable investigation that the Corporation could not obtain a more advantageous arrangement with reasonable effort under the circumstances; and
- (e) the minutes of the Board meeting at which such action was taken reflect that the Board considered and made the findings described in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this Section 10.1.2.

10.1.3 Material Financial Interest

A Director or Officer shall not be deemed to have a "material financial interest" in a transaction:

- (a) that fixes the compensation of a Director as a Director or Officer;
- (b) if the contract or transaction is part of a public or charitable program of the Corporation and it (1) is approved or authorized by the Corporation in good faith and without unjustified favoritism, and (2) results in a benefit to one or more Directors or their families only because they are in the class of persons intended to be benefited by the program; or
- (c) where the interested Director has no actual knowledge of the transaction and it does not exceed the lesser of one percent of the gross receipts of the corporation for the preceding year or \$100,000.

Section 10.2 Loans to Directors and Officers

The Corporation shall not make any loan of money or property to or guarantee the obligation of any Director or Officer, unless approved by the Attorney General; except that, however, the Corporation may advance money to a Director or Officer for expenses reasonably anticipated to be incurred in the performance of duties of

such Director or Officer, if in the absence of such advance, such Director or Officer would be entitled to be reimbursed for such expenses by the Corporation.

The limitation above does not apply if (i) the loan is necessary, in the judgment of the Board, to provide financing for the purchase of the principal residence of an Officer in order to secure the services of (or continued services of) the Officer and the loan is secured by real property located in California; or (ii) the loan is for the payment of premiums on a life insurance policy on the life of a Director or Officer and repayment to the Corporation of the amount paid by it is secured by the proceeds of the policy and its cash surrender value.

Section 10.3 Interlocking Directorates

No contract or other transaction between the Corporation and any corporation, firm or association of which one or more Directors are directors is either void or voidable because such Director(s) are present at the Board or Committee meeting that authorizes, approves or ratifies the contract or transaction, if (i) the material facts as to the transaction and as to such Director's other directorship are fully disclosed or known to the Board or Committee, and the Board or Committee authorizes, approves or ratifies the contract or transaction in good faith by a vote sufficient without counting the vote of the common Director(s) (subject to the quorum provisions of Article 7); or if (ii) the contract or transaction is just and reasonable as to the Corporation at the time it is authorized, approved or ratified.

Section 10.4 Duty of Loyalty; Construction with Article 11

Nothing in this Article 10 shall be construed to derogate in any way from the absolute duty of loyalty that every Director and Officer owes to the Corporation. Furthermore, nothing in this Article 10 shall be construed to override or amend the provisions of Article 11. All conflicts between the two articles shall be resolved in favor of Article 11.

## **ARTICLE 11 INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS**

Section 11.1 Definitions

For purpose of this Article 11,

11.1.1 "Agent"

means any person who is or was a Director, Officer, employee, or other agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a Director, Officer, employee, or agent of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, or was a Director, Officer, employee, or agent of a foreign or domestic corporation that was a predecessor corporation of the Corporation or of another enterprise at the request of the predecessor corporation;

11.1.2 "Proceeding"

means any threatened, pending, or completed action or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative; and

11.1.3 “Expenses”

includes, without limitation, all attorneys’ fees, costs, and any other expenses reasonably incurred in the defense of any claims or proceedings against an Agent by reason of his or her position or relationship as Agent and all attorneys’ fees, costs, and other expenses reasonably incurred in establishing a right to indemnification under this Article 11.

Section 11.2 Applicability of Indemnification Provisions

11.2.1 Successful Defense by Agent

To the extent that an Agent has been successful on the merits in the defense of any proceeding referred to in this Article 11, or in the defense of any claim, issue, or matter therein, the Agent shall be indemnified against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by the Agent in connection with the claim.

11.2.2 Settlement or Unsuccessful Defense by Agent

If an Agent either settles any proceeding referred to in this Article 11, or any claim, issue or matter therein, or sustains a judgment rendered against him, then the provisions of Section 11.3 through Section 11.6 shall determine whether the Agent is entitled to indemnification.

Section 11.3 Actions Brought by Persons Other than the Corporation

This Section 11.3 applies to any proceeding other than an action “by or on behalf of the corporation” as defined in Section 11.4. Such proceedings that are not brought by or on behalf of the Corporation are referred to in this Section 11.3 as “Third Party proceedings.”

11.3.1 Scope of Indemnification in Third Party Proceedings

Subject to the required findings to be made pursuant to Section 11.3.2, the Corporation *may* indemnify any person who was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party, to any Third Party proceeding, by reason of the fact that such person is or was an Agent, for all expenses, judgments, fines, settlements, and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the proceeding.

11.3.2 Required Standard of Conduct for Indemnification in Third Party Proceedings

Any indemnification granted to an Agent in Section 11.3.1 above is conditioned on the following. The Board must determine, in the manner provided in Section 11.5, that the Agent seeking reimbursement acted in good faith, in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in the best interest of the Corporation, and, in the case of a criminal proceeding, he or she must have had no reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful. The termination of any proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or on a plea of *nolo contendere* or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith or in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in the best interest of the Corporation

or that he or she had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

Section 11.4 Action Brought By or On Behalf Of the Corporation

This Section 11.4 applies to any proceeding brought (i) by or in the right of the Corporation, or (ii) by an Officer, Director or person granted relator status by the Attorney General, or by the Attorney General, on the ground that the defendant Director was or is engaging in self-dealing within the meaning of section 5233 of the California Nonprofit Corporation Law, or (iii) by the Attorney General or person granted relator status by the Attorney General for any breach of duty relating to assets held in charitable trust (any such proceeding is referred to in these Bylaws as a proceeding “by or on behalf of the Corporation”).

11.4.1 Scope of Indemnification in Proceeding By or On Behalf Of the Corporation

Subject to the required findings to be made pursuant to Section 11.4.2, and except as provided in Sections 11.4.3 and 11.4.4, the Corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party, to any proceeding by or on behalf of the Corporation, by reason of the fact that such person is or was an Agent, for all expenses actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of such action.

11.4.2 Required Standard of Conduct for Indemnification in Proceeding By or On Behalf Of the Corporation

Any indemnification granted to an Agent in Section 11.4.1, is conditioned on the following. The Board must determine, in the manner provided in Section 11.5, that the Agent seeking reimbursement acted in good faith, in a manner he or she believed to be in the best interest of the Corporation and with such care, including reasonable inquiry, as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances.

11.4.3 Claims Settled Out of Court

If any Agent settles or otherwise disposes of a threatened or pending action brought by or on behalf of the Corporation, with or without court approval, the Agent shall receive no indemnification for amounts paid pursuant to the terms of the settlement or other disposition. Also, in cases settled or otherwise disposed of without court approval, the Agent shall receive no indemnification for expenses reasonably incurred in defending against the proceeding, unless the proceeding is settled with the approval of the Attorney General.

11.4.4 Claims and Suits Awarded Against Agent

If any Agent is adjudged to be liable to the Corporation in the performance of the Agent’s duty to the Corporation, the Agent shall receive no indemnification for amounts paid pursuant to the judgment, and any indemnification of such Agent under Section 11.4.1 for expenses actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense of that action shall be made only if both of the following conditions are met:

- (a) The determination of good faith conduct required by Section 11.4.2 must be made in the manner provided for in Section 11.5; and
- (b) Upon application, the court in which the action was brought must determine that, in view of all of the circumstances of the case, the Agent is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for the expenses incurred. If the Agent is found to be so entitled, the court shall determine the appropriate amount of expenses to be reimbursed.

Section 11.5 Determination of Agent's Good Faith Conduct

The indemnification granted to an Agent in Section 11.3 and Section 11.4 is conditioned on the findings required by those Sections being made by:

- (a) the Board by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who are not parties to the proceeding; or
- (b) the court in which the proceeding is or was pending. Such determination may be made on application brought by the Corporation or the Agent or the attorney or other person rendering a defense to the Agent, whether or not the application by the Agent, attorney, or other person is opposed by the Corporation.

Section 11.6 Limitations

No indemnification or advance shall be made under this Article 11, except as provided in Section 11.2.1 or Section 11.5(b), in any circumstances when it appears:

- (a) that the indemnification or advance would be inconsistent with a provision of the Articles of Incorporation, as amended, or an agreement in effect at the time of the accrual of the alleged cause of action asserted in the proceeding in which the expenses were incurred or other amounts were paid, which prohibits or otherwise limits indemnification; or
- (b) that the indemnification would be inconsistent with any condition expressly imposed by a court in approving a settlement.

Section 11.7 Advance of Expenses

Expenses incurred in defending any proceeding may be advanced by the Corporation before the final disposition of the proceeding on receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the Agent to repay the amount of the advance unless it is determined ultimately that the Agent is entitled to be indemnified as authorized in this Article 11.

Section 11.8 Contractual Rights of Non-Directors and Non-Officers  
Nothing contained in this Article 11 shall affect any right to indemnification to which persons other than Directors and Officers of the Corporation, or any of its subsidiaries, may be entitled by contract or otherwise.

Section 11.9 Insurance  
The Board may adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase and maintenance of insurance on behalf of any Agent, as defined in this Article 11, against any liability asserted against or incurred by any Agent in such capacity or arising out of the Agent's status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify the Agent against the liability under the provisions of this Article 11.

## **ARTICLE 12 CORPORATE RECORDS, REPORTS AND SEAL**

Section 12.1 Minute Book  
The Corporation shall keep a minute book in written form which shall contain a record of all actions by the Board or any committee including (i) the time, date and place of each meeting; (ii) whether a meeting is regular or special and, if special, how called; (iii) the manner of giving notice of each meeting and a copy thereof; (iv) the names of those present at each meeting of the Board or any Committee thereof; (v) the minutes of all meetings; (vi) any written waivers of notice, consents to the holding of a meeting or approvals of the minutes thereof; (vii) all written consents for action without a meeting; (viii) all protests concerning lack of notice; and (ix) formal dissents from Board actions.

Section 12.2 Books and Records of Account  
The Corporation shall keep adequate and correct books and records of account. "Correct books and records" includes, but is not necessarily limited to: accounts of properties and transactions, its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains, and losses.

Section 12.3 Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws  
The Corporation shall keep at its principal office, the original or a copy of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws as amended to date.

Section 12.4 Maintenance and Inspection of Federal Tax Exemption Application and Annual Information Returns  
The Corporation shall at all times keep at its principal office a copy of its federal tax exemption application and, for three years from their date of filing, its annual information returns. These documents shall be open to public inspection and copying to the extent required by the Code.

Section 12.5 Annual Report; Statement of Certain Transactions  
The Board shall cause an annual report to be sent to each Director within 120 days after the close of the Corporation's fiscal year containing the following information:

- (a) The assets and liabilities of the Corporation as of the end of the fiscal year;
- (b) The principal changes in assets and liabilities, including trust funds, during the fiscal year;
- (c) The revenue or receipts of the Corporation, both unrestricted and restricted to particular purposes, for this fiscal year;
- (d) The expenses or disbursements of the Corporation for both general and restricted purposes during the fiscal year;
- (e) A statement of any transaction (i) to which the Corporation, its parent, or its subsidiary was a party, (ii) which involved more than \$50,000 or which was one of a number of such transactions with the same person involving, in the aggregate, more than \$50,000, and (iii) in which either of the following interested persons had a direct or indirect material financial interest (a mere common directorship is not a financial interest):
  - (1) Any Director or Officer of the Corporation, its parent, or its subsidiary;
  - (2) Any holder of more than 10% of the voting power of the Corporation, its parent, or its subsidiary.

The statement shall include: (i) a brief description of the transaction; (ii) the names of interested persons involved; (iii) their relationship to the Corporation; (iv) the nature of their interest in the transaction, and; (v) when practicable, the amount of that interest, provided that, in the case of a partnership in which such person is a partner, only the interest of the partnership need be stated.

- (f) A brief description of the amounts and circumstances of any loans, guaranties, indemnifications, or advances aggregating more than \$10,000 paid during the fiscal year to any Officer or Director under Article 10 or Article 11.

#### Section 12.6 Directors' Rights of Inspection

Every Director shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time to inspect the books, records, documents of every kind, and physical properties of the Corporation and each of its subsidiaries. The inspection may be made in person or by the Director's agent or attorney. The right of inspection includes the right to copy and make extracts of documents.

#### Section 12.7 Corporate Seal

The corporate seal, if any, shall be in such form as may be approved from time to time by the Board. Failure to affix the seal to corporate instruments, however, shall not affect the validity of any such instrument.

## **ARTICLE 13 EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS, DEPOSITS AND FUNDS**

### **Section 13.1 Execution of Instruments**

The Board, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, may by resolution authorize any Officer or agent of the Corporation to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Unless so authorized, no Officer, agent, or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the Corporation by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable monetarily for any purpose or in any amount.

### **Section 13.2 Checks and Notes**

Except as otherwise specifically determined by resolution of the Board, or as otherwise required by law, checks, drafts, promissory notes, orders for the payment of money, and other evidence of indebtedness of the Corporation shall be signed by the Treasurer.

### **Section 13.3 Deposits**

All funds of the Corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board may select.

### **Section 13.4 Gifts**

The Board may accept on behalf of the Corporation any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for the charitable or public purposes of the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE 14 CONSTRUCTION AND DEFINITIONS**

Unless the context requires otherwise, the general provisions, rules of construction, and definitions of California Nonprofit Corporation Law shall govern the construction of these Bylaws. Without limiting the generality of the above, the masculine gender includes the feminine and neuter, the singular number includes the plural, the plural number includes the singular, and the term “person” includes both the Corporation and a natural person. All references to statutes, regulations and laws shall include any future statutes, regulations and laws that replace those referenced.

## **ARTICLE 15 AMENDMENTS**

### **Section 15.1 Amendment by Directors**

Proposed amendments to these bylaws may be introduced by the Executive Committee or by any member of the Association in good standing at any regular

meeting or any special meeting called for the purpose of amending these bylaws. The date and time for such meeting shall be fixed by the President.

The Secretary shall give at least ten (10) days written notice by United States Postal or Electronic mail to all members of the Association in good standing stating the date, time, place and reason for such meeting and a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members present will be necessary to adopt the proposed amendments.

- (a) If bylaws are adopted, amended or repealed at a regular meeting, such action is authorized only at a duly called and held meeting for which written notice of such meeting, setting forth the proposed bylaw revisions with explanations therefore, is given in accordance with these Bylaws, unless such notice is waived in accordance with these Bylaws.

These bylaws pertain to the membership as a whole, other governing documents specific to individual programs outline additional information and requirements pertaining to their specific nature. The Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) holds additional rules, and specifications for the Range. The Youth Trap Team Policies and Procedures outlines additional requirements, expectations and rules for participation specific to the Youth Programs.

All documents shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the Board of Directors to make sure that they are with in the goals of the Association and meet the specific requirements of their specialized area with in the Association.

Any amendments brought forth regarding these bylaws will always be presented for vote to the members in good standing that are participating with in the Association.

However, changes and amendments to the specialized areas of the Range, Youth Programs and other committee documents will only require alteration by the board as long as they remain with the scope, goals, and best interest of the Association. All documents are available for viewing online and by requests made to the secretary.

Members are always welcomed and encouraged to review these documents and make suggestions to better the standards set forth in each document.

**CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

I certify that I am the duly elected and acting Secretary of **Mariposa County Fish and Game Protective Association** a California nonprofit public benefit corporation; that these Bylaws, consisting of *[25]* pages, are the Bylaws of this Corporation as adopted by the Board of Directors and the membership on February 21, 2019; and that these Bylaws have not been amended or modified since that date.

Executed on February 21, 2019 at Mariposa, California.

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**Tamara L. Posey**  
Secretary