



## Legislation Text

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### Memorandum

**Date:** October 27, 2020

**To:** The Honorable Moke Simon, Chair, Lake County Board of Supervisors

**From:** District 4 Supervisor, Tina Scott

**Subject:** Discussion of Potential Eradication of Mute Swans from Clear Lake by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Executive Summary:** (include fiscal and staffing impact narrative):

A recently-published Record-Bee article caused community concern the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) may be poised to eradicate approximately 20-25 Mute Swans on Clear Lake in the immediate future.

CDFW classifies the Mute Swan as an invasive species, noting, "Each adult swan [consumes] up to 8 pounds of [Submerged Aquatic Vegetation] per day," posing potential threats to "the structure and function of aquatic habitats native species depend upon." Additionally, they have been observed to be, "Aggressive towards other birds, as well as people," per CDFW:  
<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Invasives/Species/Mute-Swan>

Lake County residents have expressed concern Mute Swans are an important part of our local landscape, and noted other non-native species have been embraced, including the largemouth bass that have made Clear Lake one of the most prominent fishing lakes in the nation.

CDFW has indicated there are no detailed and immediate plans to eradicate the Mute Swans. A CDFW representative will be present, via Zoom, to provide a report clarifying misconceptions and the process, moving forward. They will also hear and respond to Lake County residents' questions and concerns.

**If not budgeted, fill in the blanks below only:**

Estimated Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Budgeted: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Future Annual Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**Consistency with Vision 2028 and/or Fiscal Crisis Management Plan** (check all that apply):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Well-being of Residents | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety               | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure        | <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development               | <input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Recovery           | <input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce      | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology Upgrades |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Collaboration | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Process Efficiency | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clear Lake | <input type="checkbox"/> Revenue Generation  |
|   |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Cost Savings        |

**If request for exemption from competitive bid in accordance with County Code Chapter 2 Sec. 2-38, fill in blanks below:**

Which exemption is being requested?

How long has Agreement been in place?

When was purchase last rebid?  
Reason for request to waive bid?

**Recommended Action:** No action, informational report, only.