

## Tom and Diana Orgain

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California Fish and Game Commission Members  
1416 Ninth Street, Room 1320  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Michael Sutton/Fish & Game Commission

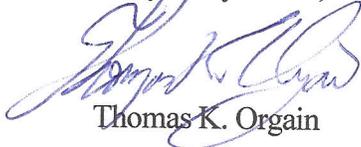
Dear Commission Member:

We are informed that Michael Sutton, President of the Fish and Game Commission has done a serious disservice to the people of California with his recent remarks about hunting in California made before a Humane Society audience. Mr. Sutton's remark therein *'that legal hunting is a greater problem than poaching'* leads even the most objective observer to posit that the Fish and Game Commission is somehow defective in carrying out its regulatory mission on behalf of the people of California. Mr. Sutton should correctly be pointing a finger at himself if he finds grave defect with the Commission process. It seems that Sutton made a mistake in joining the Commission, and as such, he should resign immediately.

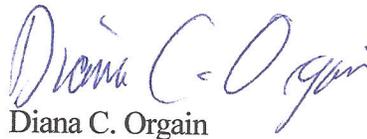
We believe that Mr. Sutton's conduct directly undermines the daily work and mission of the CA Fish and Game Commission as well as the Department of Fish and Game. Sutton's words tend to undermine faith in government – not only for those narrowly interested in matters “for” or “against” hunting. Yet, bigger questions come to mind: How prevalent is this mindset in government? Are the people of California faithfully served by any Board or Commission? Regrettably, Mr. Sutton issued a tangential apology and has made no effort [to our understanding] to make a genuine retraction or mitigate the damages he caused to the hunting community in front of his politically charged audience. This situation is outrageous.

As CA residents, voters and lifetime hunting and fishing license holders, we conclude that Mr. Sutton has demonstrated himself unqualified to preside over, let alone act as a member of the California Fish and Game Commission. We hope that the next Commission President can make an effort to repair the damage caused by Mr. Sutton, pursue the mission and restore the good standing of our Fish and Game Commission. **We request you initiate steps to dismiss Michael Sutton from the Fish and Game Commission as soon as possible.**

Very Truly Yours,



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cc: Governor Brown