



SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION MEETING

Regional Parks Department
777 E. Rialto Avenue
San Bernardino, California

MINUTES OF July 16, 2019

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- Present:** Christian Guntert, Chairman, First District
David Halbrook, Vice Chairman, First District
Robert Olin, Commissioner, Second District
Earl De Vries, Commissioner, Fourth District
Carey A. Stockton, Commissioner, Fifth District
Beahta Davis, Director
Beverly Pickens, Regional Parks
- Chad Thomas, Institute for Wildlife Studies
Luis Garcia, State Fish and Wildlife
Rick Fischer, State Fish and Wildlife
- Absent:** Paul R. Franklin, Commissioner, Third District
- Call to Order:** The July 16, 2019 meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Chairman Guntert
- Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Guntert led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Introductions:** Introductions were made of Commissioners, staff and all in attendance.
- Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Commissioner Stockton seconded by Commissioner Halbrook to approve the minutes of April 16, 2019. Chairman Guntert abstained. The minutes were recommended for approval.
- Staff Reports:**
- Mrs. Davis distributed the financial report. Stipends for the October 2018, January 2019 and April 2019 meetings were discussed.
 - Lapel Pins – The department started the approval process for the lapel pins. All expenditures from the fund require approval by the Board of Supervisors. County Counsel determined the purchase of lapel pins was not an appropriate purchase from the fund.
 - Mrs. Davis provided copies of the night fishing flyers to Warden Garcia and requested the wardens come out to night fishing if possible. People may be chumming at the events.
 - Chairman Guntert asked if the fund balance carried over from previous years. Mrs. Davis responded yes. Chairman Guntert said he would reach out to Cliff McDonald regarding requests for funding.
 - Commissioner Halbrook stated he had spoken with a couple of groups that are interested in submitting requests for funding. Chairman Guntert suggested the requests be presented at the next meeting.
- Other Reports:**
- None

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of Fish & Wildlife:**

- Warden Fischer stated there are lots of great fishing opportunities. Warden Fischer received an inquiry from a deer hunter regarding doe hunts in D14. Warden Fischer stated the policy states doe hunts have to be approved by the county where the hunt would be located. Warden Fischer received a complaint from fishermen at Lake Gregory regarding one of the workers checking for fishing licenses and permit. Warden Fischer stated park staff can ask for the fishing license but fishermen do not have to show their license to park staff.
- Warden Garcia stated everything is good. Fishing is good this year. Warden Garcia stated he is writing more tickets for everything, including over limit. Warden Garcia stated the courts are still the same; we are not getting good dispositions. Warden Garcia stated he was in Victorville Court last week to follow up on a case: Fish and Wildlife had confiscated a firearm from a hunter with no hunting license who had doves. The hunting with no license was dropped. The hunter was fined \$200 for the possession of doves. Vice Chairman Halbrook suggested going to the top of the department. What is going on from the time the case is presented to the District Attorney and the time the case goes to court? Warden Fischer stated the courts don't feel game laws in this county are that important. Warden Garcia stated he is averaging 3 to 4 court dates per month. Chairman Guntert suggested sending an e-mail to the District Attorney requesting someone from the District Attorney's office attend the meetings. Commissioner Olin stated he would contact the District Attorney and see if someone from the District Attorney's office can attend the meeting.
- Vice Chairman Halbrook asked if there was a trespassing hotline. The Etiwanda Game Association is dealing with a lot of trespassing. Is trespassing with a firearm a felony? Discussion was held regarding trespassing. The wardens responded that Game Wardens are not security guards for private property. Chairman Guntert asked what the Fish and Game Commission could do to help. Warden Garcia recommended posting signs stating no vehicles allowed in the area may help dissuade trespassing.

Unfinished Business:

- Federal Duck Stamp Event – Commissioner Olin stated the fine gun room at Bass Pro Shop might be available for the event. If not, the event would be downstairs. Commissioner Olin stated he hoped the support from Regional Parks and Public Works would be the same as last year. Commissioner De Vries stated he met with a person from the Yucaipa School District and shared the information regarding the art portion of the event. The dates of the event are November 16 & 17, 2019. Vice Chairman Halbrook stated he would meet with San Manuel and will check with Museums. Chairman Guntert suggested reaching out to animal control.

**New Business
(Action Items)**

- Vice Chairman Halbrook discussed having Junior Pheasant Hunts at Camp Cady. The Commission has the money to get birds to the area. San Diego Fish and Game Commission has taken over the hunts in San Diego County. This would be a great opportunity for the County. Discussion was held regarding holding a special meeting in September at Camp Cady. Warden Fischer stated he would see if Chanelle Davis would attend the special meeting in September.
- Vice Chairman Halbrook stated High Desert Fly Fishing Club the group out at Jess Ranch notified him there is funding available through the Forest Service for ADA docking for the Santa Ana River near Seven Oaks. They will be at the next regular Fish and Game Commission meeting to share their projects with the commission.

- Correspondence:** • None
- Open
Comment/Discussion:** • Commissioner De Vries requested more shooting maps.
- Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Olin seconded by Commissioner Stockton. Motion carried
- Next Meeting:** The next Fish and Game Commission Meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at Regional Parks, located at 777 E. Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino.