SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION MEETING

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

MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2019

Present: Christian Guntert, 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
Luis Garcia, State Fish and Wildlife

Absent: David Halbrook, Vice Chairman, First District
Paul R. Franklin, Commissioner, Third District

Call to Order: The January 22, 2019 meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Chairman De Vries.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman De Vries led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions: Introductions were made of Commissioners, staff and all in attendance.

Election of Chair/Vice Chair: Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Nominations for Chair were opened. Commissioner De Vries nominated Commissioner Guntert, with a second by Commissioner Olin. Commissioner Guntert unanimously elected Chairman. Nominations for Vice Chair were opened. Commissioner Olin nominated Commissioner Halbrook for Vice-Chair, with a second by Commissioner Stockton. Commissioner Halbrook unanimously elected Vice-Chair.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Commissioner De Vries seconded by Commissioner Olin to approve the minutes of October 16, 2018. The minutes were recommended for approval.

Staff Reports:

• Financial Report: Mrs. Davis distributed the financial report. Commissioner De Vries stated he was shocked at the amount of money in the fund.

Other Reports:

• None

California Department of Fish & Wildlife:

• Warden Garcia stated everything is the same in the field. The County parks are looking good, some fishermen are catching their limits. The crowd is not as rough at the parks as it used to be. Cucamonga Guasti needs more patrol from Fish and Wildlife. The fishermen are happy to see them. There are more families fishing and more kids. Some fishermen at the parks don’t know they need a state fishing license in addition to the county permit. Mrs. Davis stated
she would have staff remind fishermen when purchasing a county fishing permit that a state fishing license is required in addition to the county permit.

Unfinished Business:

- Federal Duck Stamp Event – Commissioner Olin stated it was a great event; the nicest one we have had. Commissioner Olin thanked the County and Commissioner Stockton and Public Works. The artist was impressed with the event and the agencies that participated. Commissioner Stockton stated Brandi (who brought the snakes) from Public Works no longer works for the County. Commissioner De Vries stated he sent out thank you notes to the people at the various tables. The room at Bass Pro Shop will not be available for next year. Commissioner Olin stated he would contact Bob at Bass Pro Shop. We all should start thinking about other locations for the event. Commissioner Guntert asked if we have sold any shooting maps at Calico or Mojave Narrows. Warden Garcia stated he didn’t notice signage at Mojave Narrows stating the shooting maps are available for purchase. Mrs. Davis stated we would have signage posted at the parks stating the shooting maps were available for sale.

New Business (Action Items)

- Jenks Lake – Moved to April meeting agenda.
- Fish Cleaning Station – Mrs. Davis distributed quotes for the fish cleaning station at Cucamonga Guasti. Discussion was held regarding the fish cleaning station. Motion by Commissioner Olin seconded by Commissioner De Vries to purchase a fish cleaning station for Cucamonga Guasti. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- None

Open Comment/Discussion:

- Commissioner De Vries asked Commissioner Olin the status of his application for the federal duck stamp judge. Commissioner Olin stated the program is frozen along with other federal government items. Commissioner Olin stated he received letters of recommendation to include with his application. It will come down to if they have someone in mind or not.
- Commissioner Olin asked about lapel pins, he stated we did the pins years ago. He stated when he first came on the commission he received a bag of 1,000 to distribute. Mrs. Davis responded the department will get quotes for lapel pins.
- Chairman Guntert requested the funding request form be sent to the commission members since we have money in the fund. Commissioner Olin stated it should be up to the individual commissioners to reach out to the organizations they have contact with and notify them of available funding. Commissioner De Vries stated he would send a note to Commissioners Franklin and Halbrook.
- Discussion was held regarding enforcement of shooting regulations and misdemeanors and infractions. Warden Garcia stated infractions are easier to enforce. Commissioner Guntert requested Commissioner Olin contact the District Attorney to send someone to the meeting to speak.
- Warden Garcia asked if the commission was okay with the shooting map. Most of the commissioners at the meeting stated they don’t use the shooting map. Warden Garcia asked what the commissioners would like the wardens to do about shooting and the map. Commissioner Stockton stated there are not enough of you. Commissioner Olin stated eliminate the automatic weapons at Hodge Road. Commissioner Guntert stated you do a good job; you have a tough job; keep on doing what you are doing. There are not enough of you.
Commissioner Stockton stated increase your exposure, not necessarily writing more tickets. Commissioner Guntert suggested taking to the Sheriff at Pinon Hills. They cover El Mirage, Dumont Dunes and other areas. They probably would coordinate with you if there is an area you need covered. Chairman Guntert stated he would speak with Warden Garcia after the meeting.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m. on motion of Commissioner Stockton seconded by Commissioner Olin. Motion carried

**Next Meeting:** The next Fish and Game Commission Meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at Regional Parks, located at 777 E. Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino.