



## SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION MEETING

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

MINUTES OF October 15, 2019

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- Present:** Christian Guntert, Chairman, First District  
Robert Olin, Commissioner, Second District  
Paul R. Franklin, Commissioner, Third District  
Earl De Vries, Commissioner, Fourth District  
Carey A. Stockton, Commissioner, Fifth District  
Beahta Davis, Director  
Beverly Pickens, Regional Parks
- Jason Anderson, San Bernardino County District Attorney  
Luis Garcia, State Fish and Wildlife
- Absent:** David Halbrook, Vice Chairman, First District
- Call to Order:** The October 15, 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 Olin seconded by Commissioner Stockton to approve the minutes of July 16, 2019. The minutes were approved.
- Staff Reports:**
- Mrs. Davis distributed the financial report.
  - Chairman Guntert asked about the actuals on revenue from shooting maps if any sales were from Calico or Mojave Narrows. Mrs. Davis stated she would have to check on that.
  - Commissioner Franklin asked if in the budget the grant amount should be increased since that is what they have to spend money on. Mrs. Davis stated this has been the budget since she has been here. The commission may have the ability to recommend to the Board of Supervisors how the budget is allocated.
- Other Reports:**
- Jason Anderson, District Attorney stated it was nice to see some familiar faces. Mr. Anderson stated it was good for him to be here to hear about new issues and consistent problems. Commissioner Franklin provided some background information for District Attorney Anderson. The Commission receives a portion of the fine imposed from Fish and Game violations. When a violation is no longer a fish and game violation, the commission receives none of the fine. Years ago there was someone that could be contacted who understood the violations. Warden Garcia stated most of the violations are direct file. Warden

Garcia stated he currently has 4-5 court appearances a month. Every fish and game misdemeanor he has written in the last five years that is not fishing related, nothing has happened to the people. A portion of the misdemeanors have been dismissed. Warden Garcia provided information regarding specific cases to District Attorney Anderson. District Attorney Anderson asked if it would be more helpful if the list was expanded to include direct files that you believe you would want to write the appropriate citations for or would you rather have less direct file and actually have someone to take it to so it is filed correctly. Warden Garcia stated Warden Fischer may be able to answer this question. Commissioner Franklin stated it would be helpful if there were one or two people in the District Attorney's office that the wardens could talk to and verbally express their concerns and teach the wardens how to present their case to show its severity. District Attorney Anderson asked Warden Garcia if he and Warden Fischer could put together a list of the ones you see the District Attorney's office most consistently drop the ball on, then we could meet and go over those. He could reach out to people in his office and assign people on those particular instances. Commissioner Franklin stated he would like some direction on Fish and Game does a lot with pollution, hazmat and streambed diversions. All of those things those are usually very large amounts of money and are fish and game codes. Where does the money from those violations go? How would I research those? District Attorney Anderson stated he could have someone contact Commissioner Franklin and give him all the information he needed.

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- Warden Garcia stated hunting tags are selling out. The court is the same. Fines are being reduced. Poaching is up. Poachers are hard to catch. A couple of poachers have been caught. Warden Garcia stated he took a rifle from a hunter with no license. Warden Garcia stated our evidence locker is in San Diego; he makes the trip to San Diego to lock up evidence. Commissioner Franklin suggested getting a deputy to assist with weapon removals. The deputy could do a report and take the evidence and save you the time. No license for dove season and this one. Warden Garcia stated he will follow up and let the Commission know what happens in those cases.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Federal Duck Stamp Event – Commissioner Olin stated he has not been able to get in touch with Suzanne Fellows. He spoke with the artist. The artist stated he has another event to go to on the day of our event. We might have to change the date of our event. Commissioner Franklin stated he met with the Museum Director. Some things have changed at the museum. There can be no sales of artwork at the museum. Commissioner Franklin said the Director of the Museum wants to be supportive. The Museum could hold an event in June 2021 an all-inclusive event on Father's Day Weekend promoting outdoor activities in San Bernardino County. They have staffing that could do the event. It gives the Commission lots of time to think about and plan for the event. Commissioner Franklin made a motion for several of the commissioners to get together with Museum staff and put together an initial proposal in regards to June 2021 for an outdoor event at the museum. Seconded by Commissioner De Vries. Motion carried. Mrs. Davis asked if they wanted us to arrange scheduling the meeting. Commissioner Franklin responded yes. Possible dates for the 2019 Federal Duck Stamp Event were discussed. Commissioner Olin will check with Suzanne Fellows and let Mrs. Davis know as soon as possible.
- Junior Pheasant Hunts continued to next meeting.

**New Business  
(Action Items)**

- Commissioner Franklin stated he would like to see the commission grants amount increased in the budget from \$3,000 to \$12,000. Discussion was held regarding the increase. Mrs. Davis stated that she thinks one of the things that is missing is some advertisement on what you offer. Mrs. Davis suggested the Commission write up something that describes the grant program, including, subject titles, and requirements. This information can be added to the new website. Commissioner Franklin would like the application for grants be put on the website. Mrs. Davis suggested the commissioners review the application before putting it on the website. The grant award process was discussed. Mrs. Davis suggested a follow up report from the recipient of the grant. Commissioner Olin stated in the past the recipients came to a meeting after the grant was awarded and presented photos from the project.
- Motion by Commissioner Franklin, second by Commissioner Stockton to change the grant amount to \$12,000 in the budget. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

- None

**Open  
Comment/Discussion:**

- Commissioner De Vries stated he enjoyed having District Attorney Anderson at the meeting and the discussion about the event in 2021. Hopefully Warden Garcia will have some better results.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

The next Fish and Game Commission Meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at Regional Parks, located at 777 E. Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino.