



SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION MEETING

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

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2020

- Present:** David Halbrook, Chairman, First District
Robert Olin, Vice Chairman, Second District
Paul R. Franklin, Commissioner, Third District
Todd M. Richard, Commissioner, Third District
Earl De Vries, Commissioner, Fourth District
Carey A. Stockton, Commissioner, Fifth District
- Beahta Davis, Director
Mary Sheehan, Regional Parks
- Kyle Chang, California Fish and Wildlife
Luis Garcia, California Fish and Wildlife
Rick Fischer, California Fish and Wildlife
- Call to Order:** The November 17, 2020 meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Chairman Halbrook.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Olin led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Introductions:** Introductions around the table. Commissioner Todd Richard was welcomed and introduced.
- Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Commissioner DeVries seconded by Commissioner Stockton to approve the minutes of September 15, 2020. The minutes were recommended for approval.
- Staff Reports:**
- Mrs. Davis distributed financial reports to the commission.
 - Trout stocking starts Wednesday, November 25th stocking at Prado, Yucaipa, Glen Helen, Cucamonga Guasti, Mojave Narrows, and Lake Gregory Regional Parks. Stockings will be 775 lbs. on regular stocking days. After the initial stocking, these lakes will be stocked regularly except for Lake Gregory. Lake Gregory will be stocked on Nov. 25 but will not be stocked again until March due to winter weather. Lake Gregory will be stocked March – June with 1550 pounds per stocking. The other parks stock will continue through end of March and possibly early April depending on weather. All parks will receive the same total poundage of trout this season. The Department is waiting for approval to hold derbies. Chairman Halbrook thanked staff for the great social media information on Facebook. Mrs. Davis acknowledged that Kristie Stevens and Tammy Gann are doing great updating the Department's social media information.

Other Reports:

- None

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- Warden Cheng stated Warden Fischer is retiring in December. There are three vacancies in the area, however he is confident that adequate coverage is being maintained. He will try to attend meetings more.
- Warden Garcia stated deer season finished. He has issued lots of citations, more poaching and can only get about 10% of them because they are not able to obtain enough information on the individuals. This season was one of the busiest ones, maybe because of COVID and more interest in outdoors this year. Commissioner Franklin asked how it was going with the courts. Warden Garcia responded some of them are being convicted of Fish and Game violations and fines are being collected. Commissioner Franklin thanked Warden Garcia regarding the filings on Fish and Game violations, he does see an improvement in the financial report. Commissioner Franklin asked if it would do any good if the commission let Sacramento know that we do have a deficiency and need some additional patrol in the area? Would it make any difference? Commissioner Olin would like it if a representative from the State level in our area could come to a meeting to see firsthand San Bernardino County issues. Discussion was held regarding having a State Fish and Game Commission meeting held in San Bernardino County. Commissioner Franklin motioned that a letter be written in support of the Wardens, seconded by Commissioner Franklin. Motion carried. Chairman Halbrook thanked the Fish and Game Wardens for all they do.
- Warden Fischer stated his last day is December 8, 2020. Business as usual.

Unfinished Business:

- Future Federal Duck Stamp Events – Commissioner Olin stated there are no Duck Stamp Events this year. Chairman Halbrook stated we will keep this on the agenda until post COVID
- Commissioner Franklin provided an update on the Wildlife Festival. Mrs. Davis stated Kristie Stevens is finalizing a letter which will be sent out by both Museums and Regional Parks. It is still inconclusive whether this will be a virtual event. Decisions regarding if the Wildlife Festival will become virtual, due to COVID restrictions, will be made closer to the date of the event. The 2021 Duck Stamp and the Wildlife Festival will not be held at the same time. The 2022 Wildlife Festival will be scheduled on Father's Day weekend. The Commission would prefer to have the Duck Stamp opening at this event.

New Business (Action Items)

- Commissioner Stockton asked if this is the meeting to pick the new Chair and Vice Chair. Discussion was held regarding nominations.
- Commissioner Franklin stated the fund balance is \$52,000 we are not receiving grant requests. Commissioner Franklin requested the commission come up with a list of organizations worthy of our funding that fall within our charter. Discussion was held regarding potential organizations. Mrs. Davis reminded the Commission that they do not have \$52,000 in their budget. Funding for the Wildlife Festival has not been updated in the financial report.

Correspondence:

- None

Open Comment/Discussion:

- Commissioner Richard stated it is good to be here.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned on motion by Commissioner Franklin seconded by Commissioner De Vries. Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

The next Fish and Game Commission Meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.