



SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION MEETING

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

Home 2 Suites by Hilton (in Lobby)
2681 Plaza Parkway
Wichita Falls, TX 76308

MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2022

- Present:** David Halbrook, Chairman, First District
Robert Olin, Vice Chairman, Second District
Paul R. Franklin, Commissioner, Third District (On telephone)
Todd M. Richard, Commissioner, Third District
James Blocker, Commissioner, First District
Beahta Davis, Director Regional Parks
Mary Sheehan, Regional Parks
- Staff:** Beahta Davis, Director Regional Parks
Mary Sheehan, Regional Parks
- Absent:** Gregg Fresonke, Commissioner, Fourth District
Vacant, Commissioner, First District
- Guests:** Jeff Villepique, Fish & Wildlife
- Call to Order:** The March 22, 2022, meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m. by Chairman Halbrook.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Halbrook led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Election of Chair/Vice Chair:** Chairman Halbrook made a motion to nominate Todd M. Richards the new Chairman and Gregg Frensonke the new Vice Chairman, motion 2nd by Vice Chairman Robert Olin. All were in favor, motion carried. The new Chairman, Todd Richard took over the meeting agenda.
- Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Chairman Richard, seconded by Commissioner Olin to approve the minutes of November 16, 2021. Motion carried.
- Staff Reports:** Mrs. Davis passed out the financial report. There are no changes at this time. The Regional Parks Administration office will be moving to the 3rd floor of 268 W. Hospitality Lane, in San Bernardino. The space will be available in July 2022. Mrs. Davis will provide additional information once the timeline and relocation details have been finalized.
- Other Reports:**
- None
- California Department of Fish & Wildlife:**
- Representative Jeff Villepique gave a report on the status of the drought mitigation and stated this is the driest time period ever. He reported on the big

game guzzlers and the ramifications the drought is having on those. He also reported at this time their volunteer program has less members to help. The big horned sheep population in the area has been declining in the recent year due to lack of water and the respiratory disease in the herds. The situation is being monitored. He stated that these are challenging times for staff. Commissioner Olin stated that the Commission would be an available resource, if needed.

- Unfinished Business:**
- Future Federal Duck Stamp Events – Commissioner Olin stated he had nothing to report today.
 - The Wildlife Festival will be held on June 18, 2022, Commissioner Halbrook moves to have Chairman Richard and Vice Chair Frensonke reach out to and secure companies and vendors for the event rather than himself. Commissioner Franklin stated he also would also be involved in that. Mrs. Davis stated the new recreation coordinator would be starting soon. There will be a Fish and Wildlife Festival committee meeting within the next two weeks. At the next Commission meeting we will report back on the event.

- New Business (Action Items)**
- Representative Jeff Villepique gave a report of the ongoing sheep issue in Forest Falls. The Eldorado fire opened area up along the Valley of the Falls Road, and the sheep have more habitat, but also has led to them roaming and foraging along the highway. Signage warning vehicles has been placed. Their department has been working with Cal Trans. Chairman Richards thanked Jeff and his team for his work. Commission Franklin also thanked him for his report.

- Correspondence:**
- None

- Open Comment/Discussion:**
- Commissioner Olin stated that there has been an ongoing concern regarding coyotes. Calls from worried residents have increased. The commissioners and Jeff Villepique, Fish and Wildlife, discussed various strategies to handle the problem. He stated the urban coyote is frequently an issue in all states. Commissioner Halbrook stated he will look into ways of trapping the animals that pose a threat to the community's safety when they get to close and lose the fear of people. He will notify Fish and Wildlife of the areas that are a concern at this time. Commission Olin shared a video and pictures of the activity in his district to the members present at the meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned on motion by Commissioner Halbrook seconded by Commissioner Olin. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 2:41 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next Fish and Game Commission Meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.