



## SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION MEETING

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

### MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

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- Present:** Robert Olin, Vice Chairman, Second District  
Paul R. Franklin, Commissioner, Third District  
Todd M. Richard, Commissioner, Third District  
Carey A. Stockton, Commissioner, Fifth District
- Ryan Isom, Regional Parks  
Beverly Pickens, Regional Parks
- Chanelle Davis, California Fish and Wildlife
- James Blocker, Hesperia resident
- Absent:** David Halbrook, Chairman, First District  
Karen Shackelford, First District  
Gregg Fresonke, Fourth District
- Call to Order:** The September 21, 2021, meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Vice Chairman Olin
- Pledge of Allegiance:** Vice Chairman Olin led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Introductions:** Introductions around the room.
- Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Commissioner Franklin seconded by Commissioner Richard to approve the minutes of July 20, 2021. Motion carried.
- Staff Reports:**
- Mr. Isom distributed the financial report to the commission.
  - Commissioner Franklin asked when the budget runs. Mr. Isom responded July to June. The reason Commissioner Franklin brought it up is because he received a call from Kyle Chang regarding Riverside County's Fish and Game Commission receiving \$150 last year in fine revenue. Vice Chairman Olin stated he believes the county has the option to not have the Fish and Game Commission receive money. Is that true? Commissioner Franklin stated that may be the case. Ms. Davis stated she has not been to a Riverside County Fish and Game Commission meeting in a while.
- Other Reports:**
- None
- California Department of Fish & Wildlife:**
- Ms. Davis stated the bear study is at a halt since the forest is closed. Hunting season in D14 opens the 9<sup>th</sup> of October in the process of setting up some check stations. Ms. Davis stated she is 90% sure that pheasant hunts will take place

at Camp Cady in November. Once she is sure she will have birds, the information will be posted. This is the only hunt in the high desert. Commissioner Olin stated this is the type of event that he would support for funding. Ms. Davis stated the State is currently paying for the birds. They only purchase male birds. Ms. Davis stated a lot of the breeders don't want to work with the State. Commissioner Franklin asked the average cost of the birds. Ms. Davis stated it varies based on location. Costs have been \$14.50 to \$18 per bird. Commissioner Franklin stated at the last meeting Ms. Davis reported she was having problems getting birds. Commissioner Franklin stated he exhausted his contacts quickly. Commissioner Franklin suggested maybe as a commission they could develop a relationship with breeders and almost be the middleman and purchase the birds. Ms. Davis stated she is open to holding other junior hunts on wildlife areas, the hunts can't be on private land.

- Unfinished Business:**
- Future Federal Duck Stamp Event/Wildlife Festival - Commissioner Franklin stated he communicated with Suzanne Fellows with the Federal Duck Stamp regarding the 2022 event. She is interested in doing something with us. She said September is a bad month. She said Bass Pro had first point of sale this year. They would be very interested in doing something on the west coast depending on what happens with COVID. Commissioner Stockton asked if the corporation has first point of sale. Commissioner Olin stated Fish and Wildlife has final say. Commissioner Franklin shared the e-mail correspondence from Suzanne with the commission. Discussion was held regarding possible inclusion of the Duck Stamp Event in the 2022 Wildlife Festival with the artwork available for viewing during the day with an evening event with the artists. Commissioners would reserve the RV trailers that are available at the park. Commissioner Franklin stated in speaking with Chairman Halbrook they don't believe San Bernardino County is a wildlife art county. Commissioner Olin stated he agreed with that. It used to be. Commissioner Franklin asked if we could transition out of it. Commissioner Olin stated he would handle the Duck Stamp event for the Wildlife Festival. Commissioner Franklin stated we have all agreed that we won't do another virtual festival. Commissioner Olin stated he would contact Suzanne Fellows to see if the June date is available. Commissioner Olin shared the history of the duck stamp coming to San Bernardino County with the commission. The Wildlife Festival is on schedule for the Saturday of Father's Day weekend 2022.
  - Canine for Fish and Wildlife – Discussion was held regarding Warden Garcia having a companion dog. . It was recommended to remove the item from the agenda at this time.

**New Business  
(Action Items)**

- None

**Correspondence:**

- None

**Open  
Comment/Discussion:**

- Commissioner Richard asked why don't we have squirrel hunting in San Bernardino County. Ms. Davis responded as far as grey squirrels, there was a disease that almost wiped them out. A research study would need to be done. Commissioner Richard stated if you need help with the study in the mountains, he is willing to help. Commissioner Franklin stated he thought that was a ballot vote. Commissioner Franklin asked Ms. Davis if she would have a problem if he contacted Jeff. Ms. Davis stated no, Jeff had started a study or at least the beginning steps of one.

- Mr. Blocker thanked Fish and Wildlife for the youth hunts. The kids' program is amazing.
- Commissioner Olin shared a photo from his fishing trip in July with the commissioners.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned 2:33 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** The next Fish and Game Commission Meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.