



Regional Parks

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**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
FISH AND GAME COMMISSION MEETING
268 W. Hospitality Lane, 3rd Floor, Suite #303
San Bernardino, CA 92408
Minutes
Tuesday, March 19, 2024**

Commission Members Present:

Commissioner James Blocker
Commissioner David Halbrook
Commissioner Robert Olin
Commissioner Paul Franklin
Chair Todd M. Richard
Vice Chair Gregg Fresonke
Commissioner Roy Cox

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Commission Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Behta Davis
Heather Placencia

Director, Regional Parks
Executive Administrative Assistant III,
Regional Parks

Guests Present:

Warden Dustin Holyoak
Chanelle Davis
Patrick Willard
Darell Freeman
Alvin Brown
Ken Rinehart
Kirkly Peterson
John Rilya
Linda Lewellen

California Department of Fish & Wildlife
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Boys Scouts of America
Royal Rangers NSSP
Cub Scouts of America
Pinecrest Christian Conference Center
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We Can Fish
Casting for Recovery, Inc

Call to Order:

Chair Richard called the meeting to order at 1:36 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Commissioner Blocker led the Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions:

Introductions were conducted around the room.

Approval of Minutes from January 16, 2024:

Motion: Commissioner Halbrook
Second: Commissioner Franklin
Abstained: None
Minutes Approved

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Staff Reports:

The financial report was provided to the Commission and will be listed as new business for the next meeting to discuss adjustments.

Other Reports:

Fishing with Supervisor Baca, Jr. had 200 attendees. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife stocked the lake. Warden Garcia was thanked for participating in the workshop.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife:

Warden Holyoak discussed citing Off Highway Vehicle's in the Santa Ana River. Channelle Davis thanked Regional Parks for hosting Fishing with Friends at Cucamonga-Guasti Regional Park. Ms. Davis reported that there are still concerns with residents feeding wildlife. Recently, a big horn sheep survey was conducted in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. The only sheep that were located were in the Lytle Creek area. The survey for San Gorgonio herd resulted in locating 55 sheep with no observation of sickness.

Unfinished Business

Grant Funding Request from the California Wild Sheep Foundation

Channelle Davis apologized for Jeff Villepique not being in attendance and presented the information that was provided to her. Chair Richard asked for a summary to be presented at the next meeting. This item was continued.

New Business
(Action Items)

Casting for Recovery, Inc. Grant Request

Linda Lewellen presented a grant funding request for a Casting for Recovery retreat in Lake Arrowhead from April 5-7, 2024. Casting for Recovery, Inc. is a free fly-fishing retreat for breast cancer survivors. This retreat will consist of 14 women and 14 volunteer.

Commissioner Halbrook motioned to provide \$1,330 for fly fishing equipment and cases.

Second: Commissioner Olin
Abstained: None
Motion passed

California Inland Empire Council 045 Grant Request

Patrick Willard presented a grant funding request for the Boy Scouts of America California Inland Empire Council 045. He requested a grant for hover ball sets and bows.

Commissioner Halbrook motioned to provide \$1,956 to go towards the hover ball sets.

Second: Commissioner Fresonke
Abstained: None
Motion passed

We Can Fish, Inc. Grant Request

John Rilya presented a grant funding request for We Can Fish, Inc. We Can Fish, Inc, offers fishing for special needs adults and children. They provide the attendees fishing poles, tackle boxes, and shirts. Commissioner

Fresonke asked if they had volunteers that could help at the Fish and Wildlife Festival. John Rilya will try and obtain volunteers.

Commissioner Halbrook motioned to provide \$1,050 for fishing equipment and bait.

Second: Commissioner Blocker
Abstained: None
Motion passed

It was explained to all grantees the process of the grant requests, including the requirement to present a summary at the end of their event with pictures to put on the Commission's website. Mrs. Placencia will update the grant application.

2024 Fish and Wildlife Festival

Commissioner Fresonke updated the Commission on the status of the Fish and Wildlife Festival. There are 26-28 confirmed vendors and 8 food vendors. Commissioner Fresonke is going to ask Flo's Restaurant for donations for the pie eating contest. The Commission has received multiple sponsors. A discussion ensued regarding banner designs. Director Davis will have Tammy Gann design a banner.

Chanelle Davis inquired about bringing K9 units. She requested multiple booths away from the stage. Director Davis stated it could be arranged. Heather Hill will notify vendors there is camping available for the event.

Correspondence:

None

Open

Comment/Discussion:

Darell Freeman from Royal Rangers Shooting Program discussed his program of teaching hunter safety. He will be submitting a future grant request. The Royal Rangers are interested in a booth at the Family Fish and Wildlife Festival and provided their cards to Director Davis.

Alvin Brown is planning on submitting a future grant request regarding his mentoring program in Victorville. This program assists with fishing, hiking and camping.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 3:06 P.M.

Motion: Commissioner Franklin
Second: Commissioner Halbrook
Abstained: None
Motion Carried

Next Meeting:

The next Fish and Game Commission Meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2024