



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, May 21, 2024**

Commission Members Present:

Commissioner James Blocker First District
Commissioner Robert Olin Second District
Commissioner Paul Franklin Third District
Chair Todd M. Richard Third District
Vice Chair Gregg Fresonke Fourth District
Commissioner Roy Cox Fifth District

Commission Members Absent:

Commissioner David Halbrook First District

Staff Present:

Beahta Davis Director, Regional Parks
Heather Placencia Executive Administrative Assistant III, Regional Parks
Mary Sheehan Office Assistant III, Regional Parks
Chanelle Davis California Department of Fish & Wildlife
Alvin Brown Royal Rangers NSSP
Luis Garcia California Department of Fish & Wildlife

Guests Present:

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

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance:

Commissioner Franklin led the Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions:

Introductions were conducted around the room.

Approval of Minutes from March 19, 2024:

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

Staff Reports:

The Fish and Game Commission went over their budget and mileage. Regional Parks staff have been working on this and the issue has been rectified. The Fish and Game Commission is not receiving as much revenue in the budget as it has in previous years. Next year's budget will be adjusted to reflect this change. Chair Richard discussed the projections and discussed the process with the Commission on how to reject the stipend and mileage. He asked the Commission to email Mrs. Placencia if they would like to

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proceed with cancelling their stipend. Commissioner Franklin stated he recommends the Commissioners do this to provide more money for Grants and the Festival. A discussion ensued regarding the budget.

Chair Richard asked Mrs. Davis for a 5-year fine trend for the Commission to review. Mrs. Davis explained to move around funds permanently that it will have to be approved by the Board of Supervisors. Warden Garcia said it is a constant fight with the Court system. Commissioner Olin stated he knows the District Attorney and will contact him. It was decided that Commissioner Franklin, Chair Richard, and Warden Garcia will meet with the District Attorney's office to gather more information. Warden Garcia will gather the last three years of fines for the Commission to review.

Warden Garcia explained that there are only two Wardens for San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. They are unable to fill and keep filled positions. Their patrol is limited and the opportunity to patrol public land is extremely rare.

Other Reports:

Five hundred and ninety pounds of Catfish are being stocked on Thursdays at Regional Parks lakes. The catfish derby is in August at Cucamonga-Guasti, Glen Helen, and Mojave Narrows Regional Parks. Glen Helen Regional Park's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is on Friday, May 24th with fishing ending at 8:00 PM.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife:

Chanelle Davis stated there are positive chronic waste disease reported in deer and elk in two counties in California. There is no cure, and it can be devastating for deer. It is transmitted through soil and urine and can only be detected if the animal is sick, or a screening is conducted. There are still bear concerns in Oak Glen and Yucaipa. California Fish and Game has teamed up with bear wise campaigns.

Ms. Davis presented the Wild Sheep Grant report.

Ms. Davis will email Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Placencia their requests for the Fish and Wildlife Festival.

Warden Garcia stated they are doing minimal proactive patrols and averaging about 10 citations a month. The Rancho DDA convicted the suspect who shot the decoy about two years ago. He asked if the restitution could be paid to San Bernardino County. A conversation about turkeys ensued. The boat is fixed at Silverwood Lake.

Unfinished Business

Grant Funding Request from the California Wild Sheep Foundation
Commissioner Franklin stated the information Ms. Davis provided is the information that was requested.

Commissioner Franklin motioned to make the Grant payment to the California Wild Sheep Foundation for \$1,615.

Second: Commissioner Blocker

Abstained: None

Motion passed.

Casting for Recovery, Inc. Grant Request

Additional information is needed for the Grant request. Once this information is received, it will be submitted for Board of Supervisor approval.

California Inland Empire Council 045 Grant Request

Additional information is needed for the Grant request. Once this information is received, it will be submitted for Board of Supervisor approval.

We Can Fish, Inc. Grant Request

Additional information is needed for the Grant request. Once this information is received, it will be submitted for Board of Supervisor approval.

2024 Fish and Wildlife Festival

The Fish and Wildlife Festival flyer was passed out to the Commission. Prepayment of parking will assist in the traffic flow at Prado Regional Park. Mrs. Hill will provide the booth, table, and chairs for the Commission booth. Chair Richard will work with the Commission to create a schedule for the Commissioner booth. Commissioner Blocker stated he is not able to attend the festival. Commissioner Fresonke has been in contact with Turner's Outdoorsman.

New Business
(Action Items)

Pinecrest Christian Conference Center Grant Request

Mrs. Davis has some additional questions regarding the submitted grant. Mr. Brown will let the requestee know to attend the next Fish and Game Commission meeting.

Royal Rangers Outpost Grant Request

The Royal Rangers are from the City of Victorville and camp, hike, hunt, fish, and mentor. Mr. Brown stated they have partnered with Big 5 and are receiving a discount on tents. With the discount, it would be \$1,200 for 30 tents. The Royal Rangers are also asking for the cost to cover books and materials and bb guns. The total of the Grant request is \$3,016.30. Mr. Brown stated tents are their primary concern. Warden Garcia offered to assist with the training classes. Commissioner Franklin provided information to Mr.

Brown regarding hunting safety classes. Commissioner Franklin explained that more written information about Royal Rangers needs to be provided on the grant request. Mrs. Davis suggested for Mr. Brown to resubmit the grant with the additional information before the July meeting.

Correspondence:

None

Open

Comment/Discussion:

Commissioner Franklin provided an update on Jenk's Lake. The lake has been full the last few months and has already been stocked twice.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 2:57 P.M.

Motion: Commissioner Cox
Second: Commissioner Olin
Abstained: None
Motion Carried

Next Meeting:

The next Fish and Game Commission Meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2024.