



Regional Parks

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Director

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
FISH AND GAME COMMISSION MEETING
777 E. Rialto Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415
Minutes
Tuesday, July 19, 2022**

Commission Members

Present:

Commissioner David Halbrook	First District
Commissioner James Blocker	First District
Commissioner Paul R. Franklin	Third District
Vice Chairman Gregg Fresonke	Fourth District
Commissioner Roy Cox	Fifth District

Commission Members

Absent:

Commissioner Robert Olin	Second District
Chairman Todd M. Richard	Third District

Staff Present:

Beahta Davis	Director, Regional Parks
Heather Placencia	Executive Secretary II, Regional Parks

Guests Present:

Warden Jeff Villepique	California Department of Fish & Wildlife
Warden Luis Garcia	California Department of Fish & Wildlife
Chanelle Davis	California Department of Fish & Wildlife
Evan Surek	San Bernardino National Forest Service
Donovan Brambila	District Attorney's Office

Call to Order:

Vice Chairman Fresonke called the meeting to order at 1:29 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Commissioner Franklin led the Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions:

Introductions were conducted around the room.

**Approval of Minutes from
May 17, 2022:**

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

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Staff Reports:

Mrs. Davis distributed the financial report to the Commission. The Fish and Wildlife Festival's preliminary expenditures were \$6,500, leaving over \$23,000 in the fund. The final total cost of the festival will be presented next meeting to the Commission.

Other Reports:

None

California Department of Fish and Wildlife:

Warden Luis Garcia, California Fish and Wildlife, provided information regarding the priority and extension of the Joshua Tree Ordinance. Warden Garcia introduced Evan Surek, San Bernardino National Forest Service and Donovan Brambila from the District Attorney's office. Donovan Brambila explained the complications with filing of the Fish and Game cases. Since volunteering to take on Fish and Game cases, he has been able to file 100% of the Fish and Game cases. Commissioner Franklin inquired about the state statute that allows the Fish and Game Commission to receive funding from Fish and Game fines, specifically the stream bed altercations. Donovan Brambila stated he will conduct research to include the Fish and Game Commission onto these settlements.

Chanelle Davis, California Fish and Wildlife, discussed Camp Katie and the difficulties of not having local pheasant breeders. She stated all hunts are scheduled and will be posted on the Fish and Wildlife website. Chanelle Davis then discussed the current conflict between bears and humans in communities. Fish and Wildlife rescued three bear cubs, which were sent to rehab, marked, collared, and will be released back to the same mountain range.

Chanelle Davis explained the San Bernardino County trash ordinance. Commissioner Franklin would like to send a request to the Board of Supervisors to ask if Code Enforcement and/or Deputies could assist in the issuance of the citations for this ordinance. Chanelle Davis and the Commission discussed wildlife resistance trash cans. Commissioner Franklin stated the Commission could fund a program to provide bear proof trashcans to local mountain communities. Mrs. Davis stated this program could fall under wildlife education. She will have an answer to the Commission by the next meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Future Federal Duck Stamp Events.

Commissioner Franklin was unable to locate the Congress Bill regarding Federal Duck Stamps. He stated there might be a possibility to transfer it to Sonoma County, although he must read the official document. Heather Placencia stated she will try and find the official bill.

New Business (Action Items)

Grant Funding Request from The California Wild Sheep Foundation

Mrs. Davis asked Warden Jeff Villepique, Fish and Wildlife a few questions regarding the Grant Funding Request. He stated the funding was requested to cover one flight for the airplane and fuel cost within San Bernardino County. Commissioner Franklin asked when the flight would occur. Warden Villepique stated that the flight may have already been completed.

Mrs. Davis expressed concerns about the project's eligibility if the project is completed before the funding request was approved by the Board of

Supervisors. She stated she will consult with County Counsel and provide feedback to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Halbrook motioned to approve the Grant Funding Request in the amount of \$2500 for the Wild Sheep Foundation. This grant would go to the Board of Supervisors for approval on August 23, 2022.

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

The Commission requested feedback on the success of the flight and if the funding made a difference with the monitoring of the sheep.

2023 Fish and Wildlife Festival

Vice Chairman Fresonke reported that he would like to see more advertisement at churches, schools, and local retailers for this event. He proposed a subcommittee to discuss the Fish and Wildlife Festival for 2023. Vice Chairman Fresonke also had ideas regarding possible activities. Mrs. Davis expressed that Karen Stevenson has been working on activities for next year and will work with the subcommittee. The Commission discussed the date of the event and stated they originally chose Father's Day weekend to provide an outing for youth and their fathers.

Mrs. Davis reported that sponsorships from local businesses could help with improving the event. Vice Chairman Fresonke stated he would like to have retailers advertise for the festival on their customer email lists. Commissioner Halbrook suggested Commissioners contact retailers and see if one of their employees could participate in the subcommittee. Mrs. Davis stated Big 5 was at the festival and expressed interest in being a sponsor. Mrs. Davis explained the advertising expense and stated if the subcommittee could develop a sponsorship package, it would provide an opportunity to increase marketing for the event. Commissioner Blocker reported that he has experience obtaining sponsors.

The Fish and Wildlife Festival will occur on June 17, 2023. Vice Chairman Fresonke and Commissioner Blocker are assigned to the Fish and Wildlife Festival subcommittee with Regional Parks personnel. The subcommittee will meet in a virtual TEAMS meeting in August 2022 and bring meeting outcomes to the next Commission meeting.

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

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Heather Placencia will create a virtual meeting for the subcommittee meeting

Correspondence:

None

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Comment/Discussion:

Commissioner Halbrook thanked everyone.

Chanelle Davis inquired about shooting maps, which can be purchased at Regional Parks Administration, Yucaipa Regional Park, Mojave Narrows Regional Park, and Calico Ghost Town Regional Park. The Commission recommended that signs advertising the sale of shooting maps be placed in more prominent locations at the park.

Commissioner Blocker stated the Hesperia Lakes Rodeo is from September 17-18, 2022.

Chanelle Davis inquired about parking fees for a fishing event at Guasti Regional Park for children with disabilities. Commissioner Franklin stated this event is a great opportunity for the Fish and Game Commission to help fund. Mrs. Davis stated they should apply for this funding as soon as possible.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 3:00 P.M.

Motion:

Commissioner Halbrook

Second:

Commissioner Franklin

Abstained:

None

Motion Carried

Next Meeting:

The next Fish and Game Commission Meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2022, at 1:30 P.M. Heather Placencia will update the Commission on the location of the September's meeting, due to the relocation of Regional Park's administration offices.