



MONTEREY COUNTY FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION 2021 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

I. MONTEREY COUNTY FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION CREATION/DUTIES

The Monterey County Fish and Game Advisory Committee was established by Board Order on June 20, 1947. Resolution No. 81-239, adopted by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors on April 28, 1981, created the Monterey County Fish and Game Advisory Commission and set the rules and regulations for the operation of the Commission. Exhibit 1 provides the referenced Board Order from the Minutes Book and Board Resolution 81-239.

Commission Bylaws established the duties for the Monterey County Fish and Game Advisory Commission (Commission) as follows:

The Commission shall make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors relative to the preservation and propagation of fish and wildlife and use of fish and game propagation funds. The Commission shall also investigate and evaluate proposals for projects intended to enhance and protect fish and wildlife.

II. 2021 MONTEREY COUNTY FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBERS

The Commission is appointed by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and is composed of fifteen residents of Monterey County, consisting of three (3) members appointed from each supervisorial district. Each Commissioner shall hold office for a term of three (3) years from and after February 1 of the year in which the appointment was made. Terms shall be staggered so that a simple majority are appointed in one year and the balance the following year. The bylaws do not designate how many times a member may be reappointed. Commissioners serve without compensation except for reimbursement for traveling expenses to and from Commission meetings and reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the course of official duties.

Commissioners Representing District 1

Richard Hughett	Charles Nelson	Vacant
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Commissioners Representing District 2

John Sargenti	Manuel Morales	Richard Medley
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Commissioner Representing District 3

Mark DeHart (thru 8/2021)	Kimberly Guilliam	Vacant
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Commissioner Representing District 4

Joseph Burnett	Craig Evans	Nick Brockman
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Commissioners Representing District 5

Kevin Kreyenhagen	Ron Lemos	Ty Brooks
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Commissioners leaving the Commission in 2021 included District 3 Commissioners Robert Monares and Mark DeHart and District 5 Commissioner Mike Odello. New Appointments to the Commission included District 5 Commissioners Ron Lemos (appointed 2/21/21) and Commissioner Ty Brooks (appointed 8/31/21).

III. 2021 MONTEREY COUNTY FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION ACTIVITY

In 2021, the Commission conducted six (6) open and public meetings (*see Exhibit 2*). Every meeting had a quorum of commissioners present. The meetings were recorded, and minutes were transcribed for the Commission's review and approval. Meeting minutes are a public document and available upon request to the public. The 2021 approved meeting minutes are provided in Exhibit 3. At every regular Commission meeting, an opportunity was provided to receive general public comments. The public was also invited to comment on each scheduled agenda item.

As prescribed by the Commission bylaws, the first meeting of the year began with the election of a officers. For 2021, the Commission voted to keep the 2020 slate of officers. The Commission Chair resigned in August 2021, and the Vice Chair was appointed by the Commission to serve as Acting Chair for the remainder of the year.

Commission 2021 Activity Highlights

A predominant focus of the Commission as prescribed by the bylaws involves the review of grant applications for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for award of Propagation Grant Program funds. California Fish and Game Code Section 13103 stipulates the sole authorized expenditures from the fish and wildlife propagation fund of any county may be made (Exhibit 4).

At its February 9, 2021 meeting, the Commission considered the Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project request for emergency funding to repair damages sustained to its diversion system from the CZU lightning fires. The Commission recommended an emergency grant of \$14,000 to the Board of Supervisors for funding. On June 8, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved a distribution from the Fish and Game Propagation Fund in the amount of \$14,000.

The Commission also evaluated the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 Propagation Grant Fund recipients to assess how their projects had been impacted by COVID-19 conditions. One applicant, the Monterey Bay Youth Outdoor Day project, had to cancel their event, and the Commission requested the return of the grant funds.

The COVID-19 pandemic also impacted the submittal of FY 2021-22 grant cycle applications, so a second solicitation for applications was issued. In response to the first solicitation, six (6) applications were received with grant requests totaling \$18,917. A second solicitation extending the time period for grant fund applications was issued to increase participation. Seven (7) grant proposals were received in response to the second solicitation with grant requests totaling \$33,506. The combined funding requests totaled \$52,423. The eligible funding requests were carefully reviewed by the subcommittee. In certain instances, the requested grant amount was adjusted to fund only allowable activities or to apportion the amount of the award to available funding. Three (3) grant applications did not meet the filing deadline or submittal requirements and were not considered for funding. The subcommittee made recommendations to the Commission for proposed project funding.

The Commission received presentations from the grant applicants and considered the first-round applications at its December 14, 2021 meeting. The Commission voted on each application and compiled a funding recommendation. The Commission received presentations and considered the second-round applications at its February 8, 2022 meeting. Three (3) applicants that did not meet submittal requirements, with a combined grant fund request of \$9,500, were contacted and encouraged to resubmit applications for future funding opportunities. For the FY 2021-22 grant cycle, the Commission recommended 13 projects totaling \$42,035 to the Board of Supervisors for a funding award. On May 17, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved FY 2021-22 Fish and Game Propagation Program grant awards for twelve (12) projects, totaling \$39,535.

Additionally, the Commission received periodic verbal reports from the State Department of Fish and Wildlife staff during 2021 on the following subjects:

1. Recent violations and poaching and trespass activities/cases: abalone, rockfish, mussels, turbin snails, rabbits, coho salmon, spike deer, pigeon take, wild pig
2. Bear encounters
3. OR-93 grey wolf travels from Oregon through Central California
4. Case diversion subject to judge discretion, including Trophy Enhancement special status cases
5. Warden enforcement in Salinas Wildlife Refuge
6. Carmel River (below Las Padres Reservoir) fish ladder's defunct condition/proposed repairs
7. Land-locked Steelhead relocation attempts along Carmel River
8. Illegal marijuana grow sites and streambed alteration violations
9. Mountain lion incident in the City of Greenfield
10. Depredation permits for wild pigs, including four issued in County Parks

The Commission also received State Department of Fish and Game bulletins throughout the year. *The Commission recommended it proactively speak before judges prior to settlement hearings. Commission Chair met with Assistant DA regarding the commercial fishing case involving fishing in a marine-protected area to question why Commission did not get a portion of the settlement. Commissioners were designated to reach out to Cal-Am Water regarding repair of the fish ladder. Commission requested State Fish and Wildlife staff to provide an update on the abalone case and associated \$6,000 fine.*

The Commission also received the following periodic verbal reports from District Attorney's Office:

1. Cannabis grow-site compliance and unfair business practices
2. Case settlement activities-Checks collected
3. Introduction of new DA staff

Commission staff also met with Deputy DA to advocate for settlement revenue. The DA was also asked to specify civil vs. criminal contributions on future checks.

The Commission also received periodic informational reports from Staff, including:

FY 2021-22 County Recommended Budget

Fish and Game Propagation Fund financial summaries

AB 361 Requirements for Remote Meetings

The Commission monitored Fish and Game Propagation Fund revenues received and ongoing expenditures. The Commission clarified that fine revenue comes from criminal cases and settlement revenue comes from civil cases. The Commission questioned why cost plan charges jumped from approximately \$400 to \$2298 per year in 2021 and conformance to code limitations and requested Staff to provide a breakdown of charges. Also, the Commission provided a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for \$40,000 for the FY 2021-22 Propagation Fund Budget.

The Commission also considered/reviewed the following matters:

1. Received an Update on proposed list of Commission projects.
2. Proposition 68 grant opportunity to improve for enhancing public access to boating, hunting, fishing, and wildlife recreation.
3. Considered adjusting the start time of Commission meetings.
4. Made a determination to follow Brown Act guidelines rather than making AB 361 findings.
5. Amending the Commission bylaws to institute an in-person attendance requirement for meetings for approval of the Board of Supervisors.
6. Received an update on Cal-Am Carmel River Fish Ladder Project.
7. Considered the start time of its meetings.
8. Clarification on County staff responsibilities pertaining to MCFGAC.
9. Appointed Acting Chair following the Chair's August departure.
10. Approved the Fish and Game Advisory Commission Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2022.
11. The Commission received two presentations from a CSUMB graduate student regarding research on mammal and bird distributions throughout agricultural, urban, and natural areas using field cameras and point count surveys in the Salinas Valley.

The Commission formed a subcommittee to review and update the list of Commission projects and added to the list: 1) the development of the Commission website and 2) identify ways to increase access to hunting in Monterey County. The Commission did not submit a concept project to pursue Proposition 68 grant funding. Commission officers met with County staff to clarify staff responsibilities.

IV. CONCLUSION

The Commission would like to thank the Monterey County Board of Supervisors for its commitment to providing support and funding needed to promote fishing and hunting and the propagation and conservation of the area's fish and wildlife resources. The Commission has served in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors for approximately 74 years and looks forward to continued collaboration with Staff and advising the Board on the effective management practices to sustain its valuable fish and wildlife resources for County residents and visitors to the area.

V. EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1-Board Order forming Advisory Committee/Resolution 81-239 Creating Commission
Exhibit 2-2021 2021 Commission Meeting Dates
Exhibit 3-2021 2021 Commission Meeting Minutes
Exhibit 4-California Fish and Game Code Section 13103

Exhibit 1

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Friday, June 20, 1947

Auditor Directed to Draw Warrants)
for Election Officers.....)

The sum of \$7.50 each is hereby fixed as compensation for election officers serving at the various precincts for the election held for the formation of the Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital District on June 9, 1947, and the Auditor is hereby directed to draw warrants for said amount in favor of each of such officers, upon receiving from the Clerk a list of the persons who served at such election.

Advisory Committee Appointed)
.....)

The following residents of the County are hereby appointed members of an advisory committee to confer with the Board of Supervisors on the expenditure of Fish and Game funds, to-wit:

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| Robert J. Bruce | Donald A. Rust |
| Hans C. Struve | Laughlin W. Wiley |
| Kirby H. Blohm | Hickey Stalter |
| Earl C. Pierson | William W. Wyatt |
| Ludington Patton | Dr. James B. Finley |
| Everall L. Adcock | Julius G. Trescony |
| John R. Doyle | Kenneth L. Eade |

Roy Bray

Name of Doss Avenue Changed)
to Towt Street.....)

Upon recommendation of the County Planning Commission, it is hereby ordered that that portion of Doss Avenue between Cortez Street and Sherwood Lane, as shown on Map of Burke Subdivision 4, Volume 4, Cities and Towns at page 35, and Map of Burke Subdivision 5, filed in Volume 4, Cities and Towns at page 7, Records of Monterey County, shall hereafter be known as Towt Street.

Boundaries of Voting Precincts)
Changed.....)

Pursuant to notification by the County Clerk and in conformity with the provisions of Division II, Chapter 1, Article 1, of the Elections Code of the State of California, the boundaries of the following named voting precincts are hereby changed as per detailed descriptions furnished by the County Clerk and the Surveyor and filed with this Board on the 20th day of June, 1947, the said boundaries thereof being now particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Monterey No. 10 Voting Precinct. Beginning at the intersection of the center line of Hawthorne Street with the center line of Prescott Avenue, and running thence southwesterly along the center line of Prescott Avenue to the corporate limit of Monterey; thence southerly along the corporate limits to the northerly boundary of the U. S. Military Reservation, Presidio of Monterey; thence along a general easterly direction along the northerly boundaries of said reservation to the center line of Oak Street; thence northerly along the center

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**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

RESOLUTION NO. 81-239

Creating the Monterey)
County Fish and)
Game Commission.....)

SECTION 1. CREATION OF COMMISSION

Be it resolved that:

There is hereby created the Monterey County Fish and Game Commission.

SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP

The Commission shall be appointed by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and shall consist of fifteen (15) residents of Monterey County, as follows: three (3) members appointed from each supervisorial district.

SECTION 3. VACANCIES

Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

A vacancy shall exist, and shall be reported to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, when: a) a member fails to attend two consecutive meetings of the Commission without good cause, entered into the Commission's Minutes; b) a formal letter of resignation is submitted to the Commission's Chairman and/or the appointing Supervisor; c) a Commission member no longer resides in Monterey County, or otherwise does not meet the qualifications for the appointment.

SECTION 4. TERM OF OFFICE

Each member of the Commission shall hold office for a term of three (3) years, from and after February 1 of the year in which he or she is appointed. Terms shall be staggered so that a simple majority are appointed in one year and the balance the following year.

SECTION 5. MEETINGS

The Commission shall hold regular meetings, open and public, within Monterey County, at a regularly established time and place, as selected by a majority of the Commission's members. Special public meetings may be held at such times and places as the Commission's Chairman and the Board of Supervisors shall direct.

SECTION 6. MINUTES

Official Minutes, indicating attendance and recording actions taken at each meeting of the Commission, shall be maintained and submitted to each member of the Commission and to each member of the Board of Supervisors, through its Clerk, prior to subsequent meetings.

SECTION 7. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION

The Commission shall make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors relative to the preservation and propagation of fish and wildlife and use of fish and game propagation funds. The Commission shall also investigate and evaluate proposals for projects intended to enhance and protect fish and wildlife.

SECTION 8. QUORUM

A quorum shall be a majority of the total current appointed membership of the Commission. Commission action may be taken by a majority of those present and voting at any given meeting.

SECTION 9. OFFICERS

The Commission shall elect a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and a Secretary who shall be elected during the Commission's first meeting of the year. Officers shall serve for one year and may run for reelection.

SECTION 10. COUNTY STAFF SUPPORT

The Commission shall be assisted by the Administrative Office. The Administrative Officer may designate a member of his or her staff to be his or her representative to the Commission.

SECTION 11. NOTICE OF SUBCOMMITTEES

A subcommittee shall mean any subsidiary study group appointed by the Commission to give assistance for longer than six months. Subcommittee members need not be Commission members, except that the Commission Chairman shall designate a Commission member to serve on said subcommittee.

SECTION 12. EXPENSES

Subject to budget limitations, the members of the Commission shall be entitled to reimbursement for traveling expense to and from Commission meetings and reimbursement for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the course of their official duties.

SECTION 13. ANNUAL REPORT

The Commission shall submit a concise annual report to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors by July 30 of each year. The report shall contain a summary of the Commission's activities and projects for the preceding year, and shall contain a list of individual Commission members and the Commission's responsibilities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of APRIL, 1981, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Del Piero, Petrovic, Moore, Peters.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Supervisor Shipnuck

I, ERNEST A. MAGGINI, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof at page _____ of Minute Book 45, on APRIL 28, 1981.

Dated: APRIL 28, 1981

ERNEST A. MAGGINI, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Monterey, State of California.

By Linda Spinday Deputy.

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2021 Fish and Game Commission

Agenda Calendar Meeting Dates for 2021
Location: Monterey County Government Center
Saffron Conference Room
1441 Schilling Place, 1st Floor, Salinas, CA 93901
At 7:00 pm unless noted

Meeting
February 9, 2021
April 13, 2021
June 8, 2021
August 10, 2021
October 12, 2021
December 14, 2021

**County of Monterey
Fish & Game Advisory Commission
Tuesday, 9 February 2021**

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Mark DeHart called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM, followed by roll call. There was a quorum.

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Staff	Guests
Mark DeHart, Chair Kevin Kreyenhagen, Vice Kim Guilliam, Secretary Joe Burnett, Treasurer Charles Nelson Rich Hughett Ron Lemos Craig Evans Mike Odello Manuel Morales Richard Medley	*John Sargenti *Nick Brockman District 1 vacancy District 3 vacancy	Susan Rosales-Nava John Akeman Keiha Yonemitsu Lt. Steve Schindler, CDFW	Jon Conatser Ben Harris Cody Hughes Krystle Hemming Bill Gaines Rachel Kippen

PUBLIC COMMENT

ACTION: There were no comments from the members of the public.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, REQUESTS, REFERRALS

- Commissioners Medley and Guilliam raised concern over the abundance of blank pages in the most recent meeting packet; 27 of 50 pages (54%) served no purpose and were unnecessary. We'd like to see the 'Attachment' headers and 'This page intentionally left blank' eliminated to save paper and reduce printing costs on both the Commission and personal levels.
- Commissioner Hughett asked Lt. Schindler if it's possible to receive contact info for the local wardens. Lt. Schindler said he would send Mr. Akeman a confidential roster which is not be shared with the general public.
- Commissioner Hughett commented that he was not receiving Western Outdoor News, other commissioners confirmed they weren't either. Mr. Akeman to look into it.
- Mr. Akeman confirmed the Warden stamps have been purchased but yet to be received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Kreyenhagen motioned to approve the December minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Odello, and the remaining commissioners were all in approval.

AYES: Mark DeHart, Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Joe Burnett, Charles Nelson, Rich Hughett, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, Mike Odello, Manuel Morales, and Richard Medley.

NOES: None

ABSENT: John Sargenti and Nick Brockman

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the members of the public.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

1. Elect 2021 Chair; Vice Chair; Treasurer and Secretary based on Section 9 of the By-Laws

MOTION: Commissioner Hughett motioned to keep officers as is, Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion, and the remaining commissioners were all in approval.

AYES: Mark DeHart, Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Joe Burnett, Charles Nelson, Rich Hughett, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, Mike Odello, Manuel Morales, and Richard Medley.

NOES: None

ABSENT: John Sargenti and Nick Brockman

2. Receive a verbal report from the California Department of Fish & Wildlife

Lt. Schindler provided a brief summary of recent violations for Monterey County, with citations being mostly issued for band tailed pigeons, rockfish, and waterfowl. He has also compiled reports from July–January into one report which he will send to Mr. Akeman to be distributed amongst commissioners. There are no updates on previously discussed cases involving the trophy status turkey and the Big Sandy elk. Diversion within the courts is still being widely used statewide, and it can be for any case, regardless of trophy status enhancement. Commissioner Kreyenhagen believes diversion is counterproductive to the trophy enhancement bill and would like Lt. Schindler to bring this to the attention of Doug Mathieson.

Federal wardens provided enforcement of the Salinas Wildlife Refuge for the first time in 6 years, alongside CDFW wardens; multiple citations were issued.

Lt. Schindler recently briefed new DAs, but Doug Mathieson is the main DA he works with. Lt. Schindler is being interviewed for the Captain position on 19 February; Tognazzini retired June 2020. Commissioner DeHart asked if the Commission could write a letter of recommendation, but that would need to be approved by the BOS and would not occur in time. A recommendation on the individual level is more feasible and encouraged.

3. Guest Speaker: Greg Peterson, Deputy District Attorney, Monterey County District Attorney's Office

Mr. Peterson preferred to present in person and will hopefully be able to attend the April 2021 meeting.

4. Receive Fish and Game Commission's Financial Summary Report through December 31, 2020; Advise staff on the Fish and Game Propagation Grant funds to be included in FY 2020/21 budget

The staff finance team wants to know what the Commission would like to submit to the BOS for approval of the next grant cycle budget. Overall, our fine revenue has increased 41% with an additional \$2,250 deposited today.

MOTION: Commissioner Evans motioned to accept the financials as presented, Commissioner Odello seconded the motion, and the remaining commissioners were all in approval.

AYES: Mark DeHart, Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Joe Burnett, Charles Nelson, Rich Hughett, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, Mike Odello, Manuel Morales, and Richard Medley.

NOES: None

ABSENT: John Sargenti and Nick Brockman

Ms. Yonemitsu advised that we do not need to spend the entire amount allocated. Commissioner Kreyenhagen does not want to vote on a grant budget a year out, but we recently adjusted the grant cycle and are now 10 months out. Commissioner DeHart stated that we've forecasted to spend \$35k in past discussions. Commissioner Hughett suggested \$40k. Commissioner Kreyenhagen questioned if our 'nuisance' fee (Cost Plan Charges) increases along with an increase in spending. Ms. Yonemitsu said no, cost plan charges will not increase. Commissioner Guillian suggests we stay with \$35k since our allocations for four of the last five years have been right at or under \$35k. Commissioner Odello calculated out a \$34.5k average for FY15/16–FY19/20. Commissioners Hughett and Nelson both agree that \$40k will allow for some padding, without having to be spent.

MOTION: Commissioner Hughett motioned to go forward to the BOS with an allocation budget of \$40k for the FY21/22 grant cycle, Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion, and eight commissioners were in approval, three in disapproval.

AYES: Mark DeHart, Joe Burnett, Charles Nelson, Rich Hughett, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, Manuel Morales, and Richard Medley.

NOES: Kevin Kreyenhagen, Mike Odello, and Kim Guillian

ABSENT: John Sargenti and Nick Brockman

5. Consider request from the Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project for emergency funding due to damage sustained from the CZU lightning complex fires

Ben Harris of Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project has submitted an emergency grant request for replacement of their diversion system that was completely destroyed in the fire. The subcommittee previously met to discuss the request and wanted to know what exactly was necessary to get the program up and running for the benefit of the fish. Mr. Harris identified the diversion system as being a critical component. They have received funding for other infrastructure, but not the diversion system. Contractors have yet to be able to make it out to the site to give an exact quote, but a previous quote of \$14k was given as an estimate. Commissioner Evans is reaching out to contacts at other agencies

for donation of materials. Commissioner Kreyenhagen asked what the Santa Cruz commission provided; they gave \$5k towards a new ATV so that they can access the site. Commissioner Evans asked is there was a scheduled release into the harbor prior to the fire. Mr. Harris responded, yes, from the Chinook program, no the Coho program. Commissioner Odello reviewed the requested list of materials to which he says is widely available and could be found for a better price. Mr. Harris is currently shopping around. Commissioner Odello asked who Mr. Harris spoke to at Granite as he may be able to get a better estimate through his contacts.

MOTION: Commissioner Nelson motioned to spend up to \$14k for emergency grant funding, Commissioner Hughett seconded the motion, and the remaining commissioners were all in approval.

AYES: Mark DeHart, Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Joe Burnett, Charles Nelson, Rich Hughett, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, Mike Odello, Manuel Morales, and Richard Medley.

NOES: None

ABSENT: John Sargenti and Nick Brockman

6. Verbal update from the Sub-Committee on the FY 2019/20 Propagation Grant Fund Proejcts/Programs

The subcommittee met to evaluate the FY19/20 grant recipients: of nine recipients, five were able to move forward as presented (Marine Life Studies, Ventana Wildlife Society, Reef Check Foundation, Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project, and Lazy Arrow Outdoor Adventures), and four were unable to move forward because of COVID related restrictions on public gatherings. Of the four, three (Bill Gaines and Associates, O'Neill Sea Odyssey, and Rancho Cielo) submitted alternate proposals. Monterey Bay Youth Outdoor Day has yet to submit a detailed alternate proposal.

Gaines and Associates: Mr. Gaines confirmed the cancellation of the 2020 trap shoot and stated that holding the event in 2021 is questionable at this point. As an alternate use of the grant funds, he cited section (a) of the State Fish and Game Code Section 13103, allowing for expenditures of funds toward public education. His firm continually reaches out to state legislatures and their staff, and other fish and wildlife personnel in an effort to keep them educated and informed. A recent proposed bill (SB 252) out of San Francisco banning bear hunting in the state was pulled after his firm was able to reach out to NGOs, and both hunting and non-hunting lobbyists. Funds will cover zoom calls and printing costs of informational material. None of these expenses are covered by any other client.

MOTION: Commissioner Nelson motioned to approve the amended request as presented, Commissioner Medley seconded the motion, and the remaining commissioners were all in approval.

AYES: Mark DeHart, Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Joe Burnett, Charles Nelson, Rich Hughett, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, Mike Odello, Manuel Morales, and Richard Medley.

NOES: None

ABSENT: John Sargenti and Nick Brockman

Rancho Cielo: Mr. Hughes and Ms. Hemming confirmed that their 2020 fish derby was cancelled, but they are able to continue the fishing program by having it occur more frequently with fewer participants. The campus is still currently housing students and operating their culinary and construction programs. Students are educated on fishing techniques and ecology, with instruction on lure knowledge and knot-tying being recently added. Fishing equipment that is purchased with the funds remains with the students once they are done with the program for two reasons: 1) to encourage them to participate in activities besides drugs and other illegal activities, and 2) current COVID precautions prevents equipment from being shared. They are looking into a charter boat trip now that restrictions have relaxed.

MOTION: Commissioner Evans motioned to approve the amended request as presented, Commissioner Medley seconded the motion, and the remaining commissioners were all in approval.

AYES: Mark DeHart, Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Joe Burnett, Charles Nelson, Rich Hughett, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, Mike Odello, Manuel Morales, and Richard Medley.

NOES: None

ABSENT: John Sargenti and Nick Brockman

O'Neill Sea Odyssey: Ms. Kippen confirmed they were unable to run their normal in-person educational program. They have developed a virtual program after surveying teachers to see what they needed in meeting their science and environmental goals. The funds would be used to cover staff time in developing and implementing the virtual classroom which targets low income students. Many of their other financial supporters had to transition to other relief programs in 2020, notably victims of the multiple disastrous wildfires. An added benefit of going virtual is the overall increase in students they can now reach out to.

MOTION: Commissioner Guillian motioned to approve the amended request as presented, Commissioner DeHart seconded the motion, and the remaining commissioners were all in approval.

AYES: Mark DeHart, Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Joe Burnett, Charles Nelson, Rich Hughett, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, Mike Odello, Manuel Morales, and Richard Medley.

NOES: None

ABSENT: John Sargenti and Nick Brockman

Monterey Bay Youth Outdoor Day: Mr. Akeman received communication from MBYOD that confirmed they were unable to hold their event in 2020 and that Ms. DeStout was attempting to put together a virtual alternative. However, no further details were submitted. Commissioners agreed that Ms. DeStout has had ample time to provide an alternate proposal as the other recipients did and didn't even have a representative present for the meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Medley motioned to ask for the funds to be returned to the Commission, Commissioner Hughett seconded the motion, and the remaining commissioners were all in approval.

AYES: Mark DeHart, Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guilliam, Joe Burnett, Charles Nelson, Rich Hughett, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, Mike Odello, Manuel Morales, and Richard Medley.

NOES: None

ABSENT: John Sargenti and Nick Brockman

Commissioner Guilliam questioned if some funds were already spent prior to the cancellation. If Ms. DeStout can't return the full amount, she will need provide details on where the money went at a future meeting.

7. Written Communications, Correspondence, and Articles

- None.

8. Agenda Items for next meeting

- Guest Speaker, Greg Peterson
- Revisit Commission project list
- Monterey Bay Youth Outdoor Day?

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Evans motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Medley, and it was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by Vice-Chair Kreyenhagen.

AYES: Mark DeHart, Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guilliam, Joe Burnett, Charles Nelson, Rich Hughett, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, Mike Odello, Manuel Morales, and Richard Medley.

NOES: None

ABSENT: John Sargenti and Nick Brockman

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held 13 April 2021, 7:00 PM business meeting, location TBD and via Zoom.

**County of Monterey
Fish & Game Advisory Commission
Tuesday, 13 April 2021**

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Mark DeHart called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, followed by roll call. There was a quorum.

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Staff	Guests
Mark DeHart, Chair	*John Sargenti	Susan Rosales-Nava	Matt McGee, CSUMB Grad Student
Kevin Kreyenhagen, Vice	*Nick Brockman	John Akeman	Joseph Hertlein, Park Commissioner
Kim Guilliam, Secretary	*Joe Burnett, Treasurer	Keiha Yonemitsu	
Richard Medley	* Manuel Morales		Captian Steve Schindler, CDFW
Charles Nelson	District 1 vacancy		Lt. Matt Gil, CDFW
Rich Hughett	District 3 vacancy		Jeff Heitzenrater, CDFW
Ron Lemos			
Craig Evans			
Mike Odello			

PUBLIC COMMENT

ACTION: There were no comments from the members of the public.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, REQUESTS, REFERRALS

- Commissioner Guilliam reminded the commission of the annual Fort Hunter Liggett fishing derby to be held 24 April at Del Venturi Reservoir. She also passed along that boats were no longer permitted at any FHL pond; currently there is no process in place to screen watercrafts for zebra and quagga mussels and no immediate solution is known.
- Commissioner Hughett was sent a video of a defunct fish ladder below the Los Padres Reservoir and questioned who would be responsible for repair both physically and financially. Captain Schindler confirmed that part of the ladder has come off and has been like that for some time. There is no immediate fix due to lack of funding and because a certain CFS is required to even operate. He suggested perhaps Cal Am Water might be responsible. Commissioners Evans and Hughett are to reach out to Cal Am and other possible entities and would like to see the issue as a future agenda item.

ITEM #1

- Mr. Akeman has been in contact with Elyse DeStout of Monterey Bay Youth Outdoor Day; she is currently putting together a list of expenses she incurred prior to the cancellation of her event due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Commissioner Kreyenhagen has communication with Doug Matheson about the increase of diversion of fish and game related cases. Mr. Matheson confirmed that all cases can undergo diversion at the judges' discretion, even trophy special status cases. Mr. Matheson recommends that a commissioner speaks before the judge during the sentencing hearing. Capt.. Schindler suggested that if a case is diverted, perhaps part of the deal includes a donation made by the defendant to the Commission at least.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Medley motioned to approve the February minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Evans, and the remaining commissioners were all in approval.

AYES: Mark DeHart, Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Charles Nelson, Rich Hughett, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, Mike Odello, and Richard Medley.

NOES: None

ABSENT: John Sargenti, Nick Brockman, Joe Burnett, Manuel Morales

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the members of the public.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

1. **Receive a verbal report from the California Department of Fish & Wildlife**
Capt.. Schindler provided a brief summary of recent violations for Monterey County. A vessel inspection led to the discovery of an expired license well over a month with several landings made within that time. Within a MPA out of Elkhorn Slough, a long line between two jugs had twelve baited hooks and a leopard shark and a stingray hooked. No one was present so wardens waited for the individual to return; citations were issued. Evidence of trespass and poaching was observed within the Joshua Creek Canyon Ecological Reserve. Wardens intercepted poachers out of Pacific Grove with over 18 lbs of mussels and 1855 turbin snails (1700 over limit). Wardens found advertisement of a doe pelt and a turkey wing for sell. Dudleya poaching within the county continues and additional trespass cases were made on Camp Roberts and a county park; the latter having a pig in possession with no tag filled out.
2. **Guest Speaker: Matt McGee, CSUMB Graduate Student Research on mammal and bird distributions in the Salinas Valley**
Mr. McGee gave a presentation on his research of mammal and bird distributions throughout agricultural, urban, and natural areas using field cameras and point count surveys. He currently has 70 out of 80 sites identified. He still needs to identify additional urban sites and would appreciate any suggestions.

3. Elect 2021 Treasurer

MOTION: Commissioner Kreyenhagen motioned to elect Commissioner Hugett as treasurer, seconded by Commissioner Medley, Commissioner Hughett abstained, and the remaining commissioners were all in approval.
AYES: Mark DeHart, Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Charles Nelson, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, Mike Odello, and Richard Medley.
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Rich Hughett
ABSENT: John Sargenti, Nick Brockman, Joe Burnett, Manuel Morales

4. Receive Fish and Game Commission's Financial Summary Report through February 28, 2021

Ms. Yonemitsu provided a brief summary on recent financials and commented that this last year was one of our highest years in the amount of fine monies received. She commended our work with the DA's office and that our efforts appear to be working. A concern was raised over the \$292 spent under the Other Special Items expenditure category as the \$500 allotted was for warden stamps; Ms. Yonemitsu is to look into it. Contact information for Ms. Yonemitsu: 831-755-5052.

5. Consider adjusting the starting time for the Commission meetings, from 7 PM to 6 PM

Commissioner Medley expressed he would be fine with the earlier start, but other commissioners were concerned there wasn't ample time between their other obligations and a 6 PM meeting time.

MOTION: Commissioner Kreyenhagen motioned to keep the meeting time at 7 PM, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, and the remaining commissioners were all in approval.
AYES: Mark DeHart, Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Charles Nelson, Rich Hughett, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, Mike Odello, and Richard Medley.
NOES: None
ABSENT: John Sargenti, Nick Brockman, Joe Burnett, Manuel Morales

6. Written Communications, Correspondence, and Articles

- The San Francisco Chronicle had an article on the grey wolf, OR-93, who continues his historic trek down into California and crossed the central valley from the Sierra's into Monterey County 1 April As of 6 April, he had crossed into San Luis Obispo County. Capt., Schindler confirmed that it is indeed the actual wolf and not just his collar as he has been caught on field cameras. The last confirmed ping of his location was a week previous of this meeting.

7. Agenda Items for next meeting

- Guest Speaker, Deputy District Attorney Greg Peterson, Monterey County District Attorney's Office
- Revisit Commission project list
- Monterey Bay Youth Outdoor Day verbal update
- Los Padres Reservoir fish ladder repair

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Nelson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kreyenhagen, and it was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by Chair DeHart.

AYES: Mark DeHart, Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Charles Nelson, Rich Hughett, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, Mike Odello, and Richard Medley.

NOES: None

ABSENT: John Sargenti, Nick Brockman, Joe Burnett, Manuel Morales

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held 8 June 2021, 7:00 PM business meeting, location TBD and via Zoom.

**County of Monterey
Fish & Game Advisory Commission
Tuesday, 8 June 2021**

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call

Vice-Chair Kevin Kreyenhagen called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM, followed by roll call. There was a quorum.

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Staff	Guests
Mark DeHart, Chair Kevin Kreyenhagen, Vice Kim Guillian, Secretary Rich Hughett, Treasurer Richard Medley Charles Nelson Rich Hughett Ron Lemos Craig Evans Nick Brockman John Sargenti Manuel Morales	*Mike Odello District 1 vacancy District 3 vacancy	John Akeman Lisa Harris Keiha Yonemitsu Kristi Markey Lt. Matt Gil, CDFW	

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the members of the public.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, REQUESTS, REFERRALS

- Commissioner Sargenti commented on the increased amount of mountain lion sightings on private property where public gatherings, such as hosting of the Boy Scouts of America, and asked who's liable should an attack occur. General consensus is that the property owner is ultimately liable as they would be for any incident that might happen on their property; the property owner should obtain insurance regardless of whether mountain lions are a threat or not if hosting events that are attended by members of the public
- Commissioner Lemos introduced himself as the newest commissioner. He has recently retired from 42 years of fire service. Commissioners welcomed Ron to the Commission.
- Ms. Markey of County Counsel verified that there is no requirement to meet in-person at this time and if the Commission wishes to make in person attendance mandatory, that by-laws could be changed and approved by the BOS to reflect this.
- Mr. Akeman announced that most county parks would be open for free beginning 1 July if approved by the BOS. The exceptions are Lake San Antonio, Nacimiento, Laguna Seca Raceway, and special events where entry fees or tickets are required.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Lemos motioned to approve the April minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Hughett, and the remaining commissioners were all in approval.

AYES: Mark DeHart, Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Joe Burnett, Charles Nelson, Rich Hughett, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, Richard Medley, John Sargenti, Nick Brockman, and Manuel Morales.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mike Odello

SCHEDULED MATTERS**2. Receive a verbal report from the California Department of Fish & Wildlife**

Lt. Gil provided a brief summary of recent violations for Monterey County. Two bear encounters occurred recently with one entering a tent in Salmon Creek and another at Pine Ridge; in an effort to notify the public of the presence of bears in the area, signs were installed at trail heads and announcements were made via social media. A coyote pup was found to be in possession by an individual for about eight months after he shot the mother and discovered the orphan pup; the individual had created social media accounts specifically for the animal. A neighbor ended up shooting the coyote and wounding it, and it was euthanized. The DA is now filing charges against the owner. Abalone cases have been made with one woman in possession of 10 black abalone and wardens found another 13 in possession by her associates, as well as 60 mussels. There has been a large influx of Coho salmon citations, mostly due to misidentification. Three fishermen sighted just 3 months prior were again sighted for being in possession of an overlimit of rock fish. The Governor has increased the CDFW budget by \$252 million, bringing the total budget to just shy of \$1 billion, to compensate for drought related issues; funds to focus on wildlife projects and the hiring of additional biologists. The department is also purchasing an additional helicopter, fixed-wing aircraft, and boat for their use. The lone wolf, OR-93, has not given a signal since 5 April and was last observed to be in SLO county. The collar is not giving off a mortality signal; it is unknown if the collar is faulty or if the animal has died.

3. Guest Speaker: Deputy District Attorney Greg Peterson with the Monterey County District Attorney's Office

Mr. Peterson was unable to attend the meeting and Mr. Akeman will reach out to reschedule.

4. Receive Fish and Game Commission's Financial Summary Report through April 30, 2021

Ms. Yonemitsu provided a brief summary on recent financials. Commissioner Kreyenhagen questioned why the cost plan charges jumped from approximately \$400 a year to \$2298 in 2021. Mr. Akeman suggested that recent out-of-the-ordinary transactions, i.e. granting of emergency funding to Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Program and effects of the COVID-19 pandemic (checking on the status of propagation checks since many projects were cancelled), may have resulted in additional work and consequently fees.

MOTION: Commissioner Nelson motioned to recommend Commissioner Hughett look into the breakdown of cost plan charges, seconded by Commissioner Sargenti, and the remaining commissioners were all in approval.

AYES: Mark DeHart, Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Rich Hughett, Charles Nelson, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, John Sargenti, Nick Brockman, Joe Burnett, Manuel Morales, and Richard Medley.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mike Odello

Mr. Akeman provided an update on the funds granted to Monterey Bay Youth Outdoor Day in 2020; Ms. DeStout has elected to shut-down the non-profit and will be returning the funds in the issuance of a cashier's check directly from her bank. Mr. Akeman also affirmed that the BOS approved the \$14k granted by the Commission as emergency funding to the Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Program in their effort to recover from a devastating wildfire in 2020.

MOTION: Commissioner Lemos motioned to approve the financials as presented, seconded by Commissioner Morales, and the remaining commissioners were all in approval.

AYES: Mark DeHart, Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Rich Hughett, Charles Nelson, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, John Sargenti, Nick Brockman, Joe Burnett, Manuel Morales, and Richard Medley.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mike Odello

5. Receive a verbal report on the Carmel River Fish Ladder

Commissioner Hughett gave a brief update on the status of the Carmel River fish ladder. Only 65 fish were recorded this past year using a motion activated camera. Captain Schindler passed on the information that a CDFW biologist based out of San Luis Obispo would be the best contact in regards to the ladder. Cal-Am Water is the entity responsible for the ladder. Commissioner Evans communicated with Cal-Am; the lead engineer is aware of the issue and they have the project to extend the ladder by 3 ft budgeted. Currently, the problem only occurs in times of low-flow conditions.

6. Receive a report on the proposed list of Commission projects FY2021/22

Mr. Akeman provided the list of projects drafted by the Commission a couple years ago for our review and consideration. Development of the Commission website and identify ways to increase access to hunting in Monterey County should be added to the list. Some projects, such as deer and mountain lion population studies are currently occurring by researchers. A subcommittee was created to look at the list and revise it prior to the next meeting. The subcommittee consists of Commissioners DeHart, Evans, Burnett, Medley, and Hughett.

7. Staff/Written Communications

- Mr. Akeman passed out information on the Public Access Program, which provides grant funds through Proposition 68 and aims to enhance public access to boating, hunting, fishing, and wildlife recreation. Concept applications are due 29 June 2021.

8. Agenda Items for next meeting

- Guest Speaker, Greg Peterson
- Revisit Commission project list
- Deer population research, CSUMB Grad Student

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Lemos motioned to adjourn at 8:25 PM, seconded by Commissioner Guilliam, and it was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by Vice-Chair Kreyenhagen.

AYES: Mark DeHart, Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guilliam, Rich Hughett, Charles Nelson, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, John Sargenti, Nick Brockman, Joe Burnett, Manuel Morales, and Richard Medley.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mike Odello

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held 10 August 2021, 7:00 PM business meeting, location TBD and via Zoom.

County of Monterey
Fish & Game Advisory Commission
Tuesday, 10 August 2021

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-chair Kevin Kreyenhagen called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM, they delay being attributed to issues with Zoom, followed by roll call. There was a quorum.

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Staff	Guests
Kevin Kreyenhagen, Vice Kim Guillian, Secretary Rich Hughett, Treasurer Richard Medley Charles Nelson John Sargenti Ron Lemos Craig Evans Nick Brockman Joe Burnett	*Manual Morales District 1 vacancy District 3 vacancy District 3 vacancy District 5 vacancy	Susan Rosales-Nava John Akeman Keiha Yonemitsu Randall Ishii Tom Bonigut Lt. Matt Gil, CDFW	Matt McGee

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the members of the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Brockman motioned to approve the June minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Lemos, and the remaining commissioners were all in approval.

AYES: Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Rich Hughett, Richard Medley, Charles Nelson, John Sargenti, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, Nick Brockman, and Joe Burnett.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Manuel Morales

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, REQUESTS, REFERRALS

Mark DeHart has stepped down from the Commission for personal reasons. He was currently serving as chair.

MOTION: Commissioner Hughett motioned for Vice-Chair Kreyenhagen to be acting-chair until the 2022 election of officers, seconded by Commissioner Lemos, and the remaining commissioners were all in approval.

AYES: Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Rich Hughett, Richard Medley, Charles Nelson, John Sargenti, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, Nick Brockman, and Joe Burnett.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Manuel Morales

Commissioner Nelson asked if there was any movement on recruitment of new commissioners. Mr. Akeman responded that one person has shown interest, but the appointment has yet to be made.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

1. Receive a verbal report from the California Department of Fish & Wildlife

Lt. Gil provided a brief summary of recent violations for Monterey County which has been relatively quiet, with most action occurring in neighboring San Luis Obispo and Santa Cruz counties. A poaching case was made of highways 25 and 198 on private land; poachers were in possession of 2 pigs, 3 rabbits, assault weapons, night vision equipment, lead ammunition, and a silencer, while having no hunting licenses or tags. A total of 10 separate violations were issued and they are suspected of being involved in other poaching cases throughout the state. Landowners are reporting finding their water trough valves tampered with so that water overflows, creating pig wallows.

Commissioner Hughett mentioned that NOAA had increased protections for orca habitat within the Monterey Bay and Big Sur coast; Lt. Gil confirmed they have yet to receive any direction from CDFW on enforcement.

Biologists will be attempting to relocate landlocked steelhead by electrofishing local creeks and portions of the Carmel River that are drying up.

Commissioner Kreyenhagen asked on the status of the abalone poaching case that resulted in a \$6000 fine to be paid to the Commission; status is unknown and Lt. Gil is to follow up.

Several illegal marijuana grow sites in south Monterey County were recently busted by both the CDFW and sheriff's department. Law enforcement officers are currently evaluating each site for streambed alteration violations.

2. Receive Fish and Game Commission's Financial Summary Report through June 30, 2021: update on the County's Cost Plan Charges and status on MBYOD Propagation Grant Funds

Mr. Akeman, Commissioners Kreyenhagen and Hughett, Shawna Ellerbee, and a representative from the auditor's controller office met to discuss the significant increase in cost plan charges billed out to the Commission by the County. In summary, there is no accounting to show breakdown of charges and it's hard to determine what's what. A bulk of the amount is a rollover from up to 2 years prior. Most charges are based on checks distributed and received, as well as an annual audit and budget costs. It is questionable if Fish and Game code section 13103 allows for these charges to be billed by the County.

For reference:

California Code, Fish and Game Code - FGC § 13103

(j) Reasonable administrative costs, excluding the costs of audits required by Section 13104, for secretarial service, travel, and postage by the county fish and wildlife commission when authorized by the county board of supervisors. For purposes of this

subdivision, "reasonable cost" means an amount which does not exceed 15 percent of the average amount received by the fund during the previous three-year period, or ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) annually, whichever is greater, excluding any funds carried over from a previous fiscal year.

Commissioner Hughett is awaiting follow up on whether charges are warranted and correct.

Per Commissioner Hughett, we currently have a balance of approximately \$48,000.

MOTION: Commissioner Lemos motioned to approve the financials as presented, seconded by Commissioner Evans, and the remaining commissioners were all in approval.

AYES: Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Rich Hughett, Richard Medley, Charles Nelson, John Sargenti, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, Nick Brockman, and Joe Burnett.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Manuel Morales

Mr. Akeman gave an update on the return of unused funds by MBYOD. A check for \$1717 was returned with a breakdown of how funding was used. The propagation grant fund subcommittee reviewed the expenses and disagreed with expenses for bank fees (\$70) and labor (\$400).

MOTION: Commissioner Kreyenhagen motioned to have county staff contact Elyse DeStout by both email and a letter concerning the disapproved use of funding and seek out an additional reimbursement of \$470, seconded by Commissioner Sargenti, and the remaining commissioners were all in approval.

AYES: Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Rich Hughett, Richard Medley, Charles Nelson, John Sargenti, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, Nick Brockman, and Joe Burnett.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Manuel Morales

3. Receive a verbal update from Matt McGee, CSUMB Graduate Student, on his thesis research on mammal and bird distributions along an urbanization gradient in the Salinas Valley

Mr. McGee gave a brief update on his on-going research on habitat use by wildlife in urban, agricultural, and natural areas within the Salinas Valley. Cameras have now been deployed for 6-7 months, with approximately 6.5 months more to go of collecting photo data. So far, more than 600,000 photos have been taken, some of which have been triggered by movement of vegetation. One trend he has identified is the presence of deer in the protected natural areas but not in the urban areas. Commissioner Hughett asked if Mr. McGee would be interested in pursuing a deer study based on his current research to which Mr. McGee replied he is likely not to stick around once he's done with his current thesis. Commissioner Burnett volunteered to reach out to CSUMB professors in an effort to recruit an interested student.

4. Receive a verbal update on the Carmel River Fish Ladder; consider invitation to attend a tour of the site

Commissioner Evans provided an status update on the dilapidated fish ladder: final drawings of the new ladder have been completed and funding is secured. The project is to go out to bid in the spring with construction slated to be completed summer 2022. A tour is being offered to interested commissioners, preferably on a Monday thru Thursday and the number of commissioners attending should be kept to below a quorum.

5. **Receive a verbal update on the proposed list of Commission projects FY2021/22.**
The subcommittee has asked that commissioners look over their revised list and provide feedback. Commissioner Kreyenhagen joined the subcommittee in place of Mark DeHart. Further discussion to take place at the October meeting.
6. **Receive a verbal update on the 2021/22 Propagation Grant Fund Program**
Mr. Akeman provided the new timeline for the upcoming Propagation Grand Fund Program; newspaper advertising will take place in early September, applications will be available 15 September, due by 15 October. The subcommittee will then have several weeks to review the applications and determine if additional information is necessary prior to applicant's verbal presentation at the December meeting. Commissioner Hughett volunteered to draft up a press release. Social media will also be utilized in an effort to advertise the program. Ms. Rosales-Nava and Mr. Akeman's replacement (TBD) will handle advertising and accepting of applications.
7. **Staff/Written Communication**
 - Mr. Akeman announced his departure from County staff and will be taking a position with the City of Salinas. There are currently 3 other county employees who are being considered to take over Mr. Akeman's role with the Commission.
8. **Agenda Items for next meeting**
 - Guest Speaker, Greg Peterson
 - Revisit Commission project list
 - Monterey Bay Youth Outdoor Day verbal update

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Lemos motioned to adjourn at 8:19 pm, seconded by Commissioner Sargenti, and it was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by Chair DeHart.

AYES: Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Rich Hughett, Richard Medley, Charles Nelson, John Sargenti, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, Nick Brockman, and Joe Burnett.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Manuel Morales

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held 12 October 2021, 7:00 PM business meeting, location TBD and via Zoom.

**County of Monterey
Fish & Game Advisory Commission
Tuesday, 12 October 2021**

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance

Acting chair Kevin Kreyenhagen called the meeting to order at 7:16 PM, they delay being attributed to issues with Zoom, followed by roll call. There was a quorum.

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Staff	Guests
Kevin Kreyenhagen, Acting Chair	*Manual Morales	Susan Rosales-Nava	Phil Kohmetz
Kim Guilliam, Secretary	*Rich Hughett	John Akeman	
Ty Brooks	*Richard Medley	Keiha Yonemitsu	
Charles Nelson	District 3 vacancy	Bryan Flores	
John Sargenti	District 3 vacancy	Jon Anthony	
Ron Lemos	District 5 vacancy	Lt. Matt Gil, CDFW	
Craig Evans		Kristi Markey	
Nick Brockman			
Joe Burnett			

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Akeman shared his new contact information: 831-758-1221; johnake@ci.salinas.ca.us

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, REQUESTS, REFERRALS

Commissioner Kreyenhagen introduced our newest commissioner, Ty Brooks, representing District I.

Commissioner Sargenti asked the interim Chief of Parks, Bryan Flores, if the cost of overnight shipping of the agenda packet is taken from our commission budget; Mr. Flores did not know the answer.

Commissioner Kreyenhagen updated the Commission on his meeting with DA Emily Hickok regarding the commercial fishermen case fishing in the marine protected area and questioned why we didn't get a portion of the settlement. Commissioner Kreyenhagen and Cpt Schindler are to sit down with judges and bring awareness to the matter of the Commission being overlooked.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Lemos motioned to approve the August minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Sargenti, and the remaining commissioners were all in approval.

AYES: Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Ty Brooks, Charles Nelson, John Sargenti, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, Nick Brockman, and Joe Burnett.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Manuel Morales, Rich Hughett, and Richard Medley

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the members of the public.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

- 1. Introduce Interim Chief of Parks Bryan Flores and Park Ranger Supervisor Jon Anthony as Staff to the Commission**
Mr. Flores and Mr. Anthony were introduced to the Commissioners.
- 2. Receive a verbal report from the California Department of Fish & Wildlife**
Lt. Gil provided a brief summary of recent violations for Monterey County including the take of a few spike deer during J10 and G8 hunts and the take of pigeons during the dove season. He also provided an update on pending cases: a black abalone case was supposed to be diverted but is now trying to be reassigned; a poaching case made east of King City is slated to be tried as a felony. Commissioner Kreyenhagen would like to follow the rock fish case with a potential fine of \$2500 and asked for the case number; Lt. Gil to follow up. Commissioner Sargenti asked if the department is issuing depredation permits, especially for the lettuce fields off of River Road in Salinas; there has been an increase in permits for wild pigs but not for other species. Depredation tags were recently issued to the following county parks: San Antonio and Nacimiento, San Lorenzo, and Toro.

Lt. Gil asked for clarification as to where fine money made out to the Commission should be delivered. Ms. Yonemitsu stated that checks can be mailed to the county office on Schilling Place.
- 3. Guest Speaker: Deputy District Attorney Greg Peterson, Monterey County District Attorney's Office – Cannabis Grow Site Compliance and Unfair Business Practices**
Mr. Peterson has been with the DA's office for 5 years and was in the Army JAG core prior to that. His past was mostly focused on sexual assault prosecution, but he now focuses on cannabis enforcement in which he creates strategy and policy to disrupt illegal cannabis grows. We are in a unique situation at this time as we are basically coming out of prohibition of marijuana. Felony charges just lead to probation and criminal enforcement is counterproductive. He believes that treating grower's as a business that you can sue, you will get better results with a fine of \$2,500 per violation. Although, pursuing cases can be tough as 10-20% of bases can't be pinned down to the actual people running the show with money and they don't recoup anything from cartel grows. Lt. Gil interjected that one case in particular with multiple fish and game violations is heading to Mr. Peterson.
- 4. Receive the AB 361 Report on Remote Meetings for Fish and Game Commission Meeting and Provide Direction to Staff Regarding Whether to Schedule Special Meetings**

Ms. Markey provided direction on future meeting requirements to keep in compliance with the Brown Act. The Brown Act requires telephone participants to post their location as a public meeting spot three days prior to the meeting date. The Governor issued an executive order once the pandemic hit allowing entirely remote participation, but that order ended 30 September. Moving forward, we can submit to the Brown Act rules or we would need to meet every 30 days to make our findings public. The Commission would like to return to the Brown Act standards. Public and guests speakers may still participate via zoom without announcing their location.

5. Receive Fish and Game Commission's Financial Summary Report through August 31, 2021

Ms. Yonemitsu gave a brief summary on our financials. Commissioner Kreyenhagen asked for an update on the return of \$471 from Monterey Bay Youth Outdoor Day; Ms. DeStout has not responded and we agreed to let the issue go as the amount spent in pursuing the money would greatly exceed what is owed.

MOTION: Commissioner Lemos motioned to approve the August financials as presented, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, and the remaining commissioners were all in approval.

AYES: Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Ty Brooks, Charles Nelson, John Sargenti, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, Nick Brockman, and Joe Burnett.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Manuel Morales, Rich Hughett, and Richard Medley

6. Receive a verbal update on 2021/22 Propagation Grant Fund Program and List of Commission FY 2021-22 Projects and Make Recommendation to Staff Regarding Propagation Fund Projects

Further discussion on the list of commission projects is to be tabled to the February meeting, post-propagation grant fund distribution.

Mr. Kohmetz interjected with a question as a member of the public. He has made multiple attempts to reach county staff to receive an application for the propagation grant fund program; where can he attain the application? Commissioners discussed with county staff the process for advertising the program along with details on how applications are provided upon request. Public notice of the application period should have been advertised within the Monterey County Weekly for several weeks; a check-copy of the notice was received from the publication but no one can confirm it was actually printed as several commissioners checked for it but did not see it. Applications are automatically sent to individuals and organizations who have applied in the past. The publicized notice directs people looking to apply to contact county staff via telephone for additional information and grant application forms. Mr. Kohmetz expressed concern in being able to fully complete application within the couple of days remaining before the due date. We agreed that since the subcommittee meets prior to the December meeting to review applications and relay to the applicant the need for additional information, a partially completed application as a placeholder would be acceptable, especially given the delay in him receiving an application form.

7. Staff/Written Communications – Receive a Verbal Update on Communication(s) Received by County Public Works, Facilities, & Parks and Provide Direction to Staff on Needed Responses

There were no staff or written communications.

8. Agenda Items for next meeting

- Propagation Grant Fund Presentations

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Sargenti motioned to adjourn at 8:42 pm, seconded by Commissioner Lemos, and it was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by Interim Chair Kreyenhagen.

AYES: Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Ty Brooks, Charles Nelson, John Sargenti, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, Nick Brockman, and Joe Burnett.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Manuel Morales, Rich Hughett, and Richard Medley

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held 14 December 2021, 7:00 PM business meeting, location TBD and via Zoom.

County of Monterey
Fish & Game Advisory Commission
Tuesday, 14 December 2021

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance

Acting chair Kevin Kreyenhagen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, followed by roll call. There was a quorum.

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Staff	Guests
Kevin Kreyenhagen, Acting Chair Kim Guillian, Secretary Rich Hughett, Treasurer Richard Medley Manuel Morales Ty Brooks Charles Nelson John Sargenti Joe Burnett Ron Lemos Craig Evans	*Nick Brockman District 1 vacancy District 3 vacancy District 3 vacancy	Jon Anthony Bryan Flores Susan Rosales-Nava Keiha Yonemitsu Rita Hickman Kristi Markey Lt. Matt Gil, CDFW Cpt. Steve Schindler, CDFW	John Akeman Phil Kohlmetz Matt McGee Mike Stake Jeffrey Smallwood Amanda Preece Jeannine Pacioni Emily Hickok

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from members of the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Lemos motioned to approve the October minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Sargenti, Commissioner Hughett abstained, and the remaining commissioners were all in approval.

AYES: Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Richard Medley, Ty Brooks, Charles Nelson, John Sargenti, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, Manuel Morales, and Joe Burnett.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Rich Hughett

ABSENT: Nick Brockman

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, REQUESTS, REFERRALS

Commissioner Nelson asked for clarification on the need to take a roll call vote after every motion as this has not been required in the past. Ms. Markey responded that it is a Brown Act requirement when there is remote participation.

Commissioner Evans has received follow-up communication with a representative from Cal-Am Water regarding a tour of the Carmel River dam and fish ladder; the tour is to be scheduled sometime in January.

Commissioner Guillian asked if any applications have been received for the open MCFGAC seats, two for district III and one for district I.

Commissioner Hughett asked for clarification on county staff responsibilities pertaining to the MCFGAC. A meeting between officers and county staff is to be scheduled in January.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

1. Guest Speaker: District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni, Monterey County District Attorney's Office – Presenting a Check to the Fish and Game Commission

Ms. Pacioni introduced herself and informed the Commission of a \$2500 check we have received as part of a settlement. She voiced her appreciation for the work the Commission does to support, conserve, and restore the environment. Ms. Pacioni also introduced Deputy District Attorney Emily Hickok.

2. Receive a verbal report from the California Department of Fish & Wildlife

Lt. Gil provided a brief summary of recent violations for Monterey County, including a poaching and trespass case that took place along the Monterey/Fresno county line. Fishermen were cited at Lake San Antonio for using throw nets. Charges have been filed for the pig case outside of King City.

Lt. Gil also briefed commissioners of the mountain lion incident that took place in Greenfield; the lion was first spotted in a shed in a backyard at the eastern edge of town. Officers decided it was unsafe to try to tranquilize the lion in its current location and give it a chance to leave on it's own since it had not caused any other problems. Officers set up a camera and saw the lion leave the shed at 4:45 am the following morning. That evening, the lion was once again spotted further in the city center. Officers were able to track the fleeing lion and successfully tranquilized the lion before transporting to the Los Padres National Forest for release. Lt. Gil encourages people to report mountain lion sightings as an incident report on the CDFW website (<https://apps.wildlife.ca.gov/wir>) so in the event that more drastic action needs to be taken, the action is justified.

3. Approve Fish and Game Advisory Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2022.

MCFGAC meeting dates were reviewed and approved.

4. Receive a Report on the Fish and Game Commission's Financial Summary Report through October 31, 2021

Commissioner Hughett gave a brief summary on our financials. We have an approximate total balance of \$66,000 with \$40,000 of that available for propagation grants. Ms. Yonemitsu added that the cost plan charges within the approved budget has reduced to \$672. We are expecting another \$10,500 annual deposit from the county and additional citation money. A \$7000 check was received, but not yet deposited, for an abalone case with half of that being owed and sent to the stated abalone fund. The \$2500 check referenced by Ms. Pacioni has been deposited and is reflected in the current balance. The settlement has incorporated under the 'fines' category and should be reflected under

'settlements' instead. Fine revenue comes from criminal cases and settlement revenue is from civil cases, which the DA's office has helped us to obtain. Ms. Hickok will try to specify civil vs criminal contributions in the future.

5. Receive a verbal update from the Subcommittee on the FY2021/22 Propagation Grant Fund Projects/Programs. Review and consider the grant applications submitted and receive direction from the subcommittee to extend the invitation again to the public.

Prior to propagation grant presentations, Commissioner Hughett noted the number of previous and repeat grant applications that were not received this cycle. It was determined that these applicants had not received email notification announcing the open application cycle and change in application period dates, although the announcement was publicized in the Monterey County Weekly as required. Commissioner Hughett would like commissioners to consider reopening the grant application period and hear their presentations at the February meeting; applicants that had already applied would still present right now. Commissioner Guillian asked if we would need to open up the extended application period to the public as well. Ms. Markey recommended we re-publicize the extended application period in the paper and Mr. Flores stated that a press release from directly from the county may be better received and distributed.

Commissioner Kreyenhagen asked if there was any public comment on the matter to which Mr. Kohlmetz stated despite the MCFGAC having two webpages devoted to them on the county website, it was lacking information, especially on the propagation grant fund. Mr. Flores recommended the commission hold off on allocating funds as requested tonight until all presentations have been received as it is a competitive grant with a finite amount of funds available. Commissioners decided to move forward with allocating money after the current round of presentation as just over \$20,000 in grant fund requests were being voted on tonight, leaving a sizable remaining balance to be distributed amongst additional applicants from the total \$40,000 budgeted amount.

MOTION: Commissioner Hughett motioned to receive and review current applicant presentations and determine granted funds right now, then extend and reopen the grant application period until 15 January 2022 for distribution of the remaining funds at the 8 February meeting. Commissioner Lemos seconded the motion. Mr. Flores stated that timing of the extended period would be tough for county staff to readvertise and receive applications in that timeframe since the county offices would be closed from 24 December–4 January. It was also noted that approval of the allocations would need to go before the board of supervisors twice in order to prevent delay in fund distribution. The motion was repropounded the same as above but with a closing date of 25 January. A roll call vote was taken with all present commissioners in approval of the amended motion.

AYES: Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Rich Hughett, Richard Medley, Ty Brooks, Charles Nelson, John Sargenti, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, Manual Morales, and Joe Burnett.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Nick Brockman

a) International Bird Rescue

Submitted and presented by Phil Kohlmetz, International Bird Rescue is seeking funding for the rescue and care of wildlife affected by human caused incidents. Funding would support the purchase of critical medicine, surgical, nutritional and rehabilitation supplies, as well as provide a clean and healthy environment for wildlife to reoperate in. Commissioner Kreyenhagen asked if they have approached other commissions for funds to which Mr. Kohlmetz responded, yes, they receive anywhere from \$5,000-\$16,000 annually from Sonoma, Napa, and Alameda counties, with requests in line with the average amount of rehab expense per county. Commissioner Hughett asked if they have approached Santa Cruz, San Luis Obispo, or Fresno counties; they have not yet asked Santa Cruz, and they don't receive many individuals in need from the other two counties. Funding request: \$5,000.

MOTION: Commissioner Guilliam motioned to fund the full requested amount of \$5,000, Commissioner Burnett seconded the motion, Commissioners Sargenti and Hughett voted no, and the remaining commissioners were in support. Motion passed 9-2 to fund \$5,000.

AYES: Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guilliam, Richard Medley, Ty Brooks, Charles Nelson, Ron Lemos, Craig Evans, Manual Morales, and Joe Burnett.

NOES: Rich Hughett and John Sargenti

ABSENT: Nick Brockman

b) Lazy Arrow Outdoor Adventures

Submitted by Mark Morrison in partnership with the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife. Lt. Matt Gil presented for the annual Lazy Arrow Pheasant Hunt. The event was started by longtime warden Ray Azbill as an outdoor educational event aimed at teaching local youth from Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties on the aspects of hunting. The event is based similar to the hunter education course where participants are educated, trained, and participate hands on in an actual pheasant hunt. The event now includes a youth and women's hunt. Funding would contribute to the purchase of game birds, ammo, targets, safety equipment, t-shirts, chemical toilets, and food. Funding request: \$2,800. Commissioner Guilliam suggested allocating funds for both the 2022 and 2023 events as the events take place at the end of February, before a check can be processed by the county. Commissioner Hughett commented that he would prefer they come back as an emergency grant request in the next fiscal year in order to have plenty of funds available for other applicants.

MOTION: Commissioner Hughett motioned to fund the full requested amount of \$2,800, Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion, Commissioner Guilliam voted no, and the remaining commissioners were in support. Motion passed 10-1 to fund \$2,800.

AYES: Kevin Kreyenhagen, Rich Hughett, Richard Medley, Ty Brooks, Charles Nelson, Ron Lemos, John Sargenti, Craig Evans, Manual Morales, and Joe Burnett.

NOES: Kim Guilliam

ABSENT: Nick Brockman

c) Monterey Audubon Society

Submitted and presented by Amanda Preece, the Monterey Audubon Society aims to increase public engagement and identification of local bird species with the purchase of equipment, including Nikon binoculars and field identification guides, as well cover the cost for a coordinator to organize field trips throughout the county. The subcommittee has identified coordination costs (\$1,472) as administrative, which we do not fund. Funding request: \$5,000.

MOTION: Commissioner Hughett motioned to fund an amount of \$3,528, Commissioner Lemos seconded the motion, Commissioner Medley voted no, and the remaining commissioners were in support. Motion passed 10-1 to fund \$3,528.

AYES: Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Rich Hughett, Ty Brooks, Charles Nelson, Ron Lemos, John Sargenti, Craig Evans, Manual Morales, and Joe Burnett.

NOES: Richard Medley

ABSENT: Nick Brockman

d) Matt McGee, Grad student at CSUMB

Submitted and presented by Matt McGee, Mr. McGee is a grad student with California State University Monterey Bay, and is conducting study utilizing camera traps to assess the affects of mesopredator predation on avian species along an urbanization gradient on the central coast. Funding would cover the purchase of materials necessary to complete the camera trap surveys. Funding request: \$2,509.15.

MOTION: Commissioner Nelson motioned to fund the full requested amount of \$2,509.15, Commissioner Lemos seconded the motion, and the remaining commissioners were in support. Motion passed 11-0 to fund \$2,509.15.

AYES: Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Rich Hughett, Ty Brooks, Charles Nelson, Ron Lemos, John Sargenti, Richard Medley, Craig Evans, Manual Morales, and Joe Burnett.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Nick Brockman

e) Salinas Surf Club

Submitted and presented by Jeffrey Smallwood, the Salinas Surf Club is an elementary school educational club that teaches ocean safety, surfing skills, ocean stewardship, and marine life awareness. Over 50 students aged 8–12 have been served. The club is requesting funds to take students on a charter boat for a fishing trip; funds would cover the cost of the charter boat and fishing equipment. Funding request: \$2,080.

MOTION: Commissioner Lemos motioned to fund the full requested amount of \$2,080, Commissioner Burnett seconded the motion, and the remaining commissioners were in support. Motion passed 11-0 to fund \$2,080.

AYES: Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Rich Hughett, Ty Brooks, Charles Nelson, Ron Lemos, John Sargenti, Richard Medley, Craig Evans, Manual Morales, and Joe Burnett.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Nick Brockman

f) Ventana Wildlife Society

Submitted and presented by Mike Stake, VWS coordinates a program that aims to work cooperatively with Monterey County hunters to reduce the amount of lead from spent ammo in the local environment. VWS is not opposed to hunting, as condors rely on carcasses, but is hoping to encourage the use of non-lead ammo. VWS aims to supply 120 boxes of centerfire and 100 boxes of rimfire to Monterey County recipients in 2022. Funding will go towards purchase of ammo from cooperating suppliers. Funding request: \$3,000.

MOTION: Commissioner Sargenti motioned to fund the full requested amount of \$3,000, Commissioner Lemos seconded the motion, Commissioner Burnett abstained, and the remaining commissioners were in support. Motion passed 10-0 to fund \$3,000.

AYES: Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Rich Hughett, Ty Brooks, Charles Nelson, Ron Lemos, John Sargenti, Richard Medley, Craig Evans, and Manual Morales.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Joe Burnett

ABSENT: Nick Brockman

6. Staff/Written Communications – Receive a Verbal Update on Communication(s) Received by County Public Works, Facilities, & Parks and Provide Direction to Staff on Needed Responses

Mr. Anthony has received 17 emails pertaining to the State Fish and Game Commission; he will forward to commissioners when received from now on.

7. Agenda Items for next meeting

- Propagation Grant Fund Presentations (2nd cycle)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Lemos motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Burnett, and it was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by Acting Chair Kreyenhagen.

AYES: Kevin Kreyenhagen, Kim Guillian, Rich Hughett, Ty Brooks, Charles Nelson, Ron Lemos, John Sargenti, Richard Medley, Craig Evans, Manual Morales, and Joe Burnett.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Nick Brockman

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held 8 February 2022, 7:00 PM business meeting, location TBD and via Zoom.

California Fish and Game Code Section 13103

13103. Expenditures from the fish and wildlife propagation fund of any county may be made only for the following purposes:

(a) Public education relating to the scientific principles of fish and wildlife conservation, consisting of supervised formal instruction carried out pursuant to a planned curriculum and aids to education such as literature, audio and video recordings, training models, and nature study facilities.

(b) Temporary emergency treatment and care of injured or orphaned wildlife.

(c) Temporary treatment and care of wildlife confiscated by the department as evidence.

(d) Breeding, raising, purchasing, or releasing fish or wildlife which are to be released upon approval of the department pursuant to Sections 6400 and 6401 onto land or into waters of local, state, or federal agencies or onto land or into waters open to the public.

(e) Improvement of fish and wildlife habitat, including, but not limited to, construction of fish screens, weirs, and ladders; drainage or other watershed improvements; gravel and rock removal or placement; construction of irrigation and water distribution systems; earthwork and grading; fencing; planting trees and other vegetation management; and removal of barriers to the migration of fish and wildlife.

(f) Construction, maintenance, and operation of public hatchery facilities.

(g) Purchase and maintain materials, supplies, or equipment for either the department's ownership and use or the department's use in the normal performance of the department's responsibilities.

(h) Predator control actions for the benefit of fish or wildlife following certification in writing by the department that the proposed actions will significantly benefit a particular wildlife species.

(i) Scientific fish and wildlife research conducted by institutions of higher learning, qualified researchers, or governmental agencies, if approved by the department.

(j) Reasonable administrative costs, excluding the costs of audits required by Section 13104, for secretarial service, travel, and postage by the county fish and wildlife commission when authorized by the county board of supervisors. For purposes of this subdivision, "reasonable cost" means an amount which does not exceed 3 percent of the average amount received by the fund during the previous three-year period, or three thousand dollars (\$3,000) annually, whichever is greater, excluding any funds carried over from a previous fiscal year.

(k) Contributions to a secret witness program for the purpose of facilitating enforcement of this code and regulations adopted pursuant to this code.

(l) Costs incurred by the district attorney or city attorney in investigating and prosecuting civil and criminal actions for violations of this code, as approved by the department.

(m) Other expenditures, approved by the department, for the purpose of protecting, conserving, propagating, and preserving fish and wildlife.