

County of Monterey
Fish and Game Advisory Commission

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

[Abridged]

[GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS ONLY]

Minutes of Meeting

Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chairman Frank Gomes filled in for Chair Al Espindola, who was out ill. It was reported that Al was hospitalized but in good hands and all of the commissioners wished him a speedy recovery. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the salute to flag.

District I (Armenta)

Charles Nelson
Rich Hughett

District IV (Parker)

Nick Brockman
Charlie Collins
Mike Hosfelt

District II (Calcagno)

Richard Medley
John Sargenti
Frank Gomes Jr.

District V (Potter)

Kevin Urquhart
Chris Cullen
Kevin Kreyenhagen

District III (Salinas)

Bob Monares
Vic Lanini
Mark DeHart

Excused Absence: Al Espindola

Department of Fish & Wildlife Liaison - Captain Don Kelly

Guests – Kim Gilliam, Jason Hayward, Kenny Carlotta, Dennis Michniuk, Ron Schoenmehl, Bob Anderson, Lt. Todd Tognazzini, Hank Hodel, Bill Reisig, Kelly Sorenson, April Wakeman, John Robinson. Elyse Destout, Rich Parske, Carol Reeb, Bill Gaines, David Boughton,

Staff - John Akeman, Monterey County Parks

Grant Applications Presentations

1. **Camp Pico Blanco, Fish and Habitat Conservation Education** submitted by the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council, Boy Scouts of America. The commission approved the amount requested in the grant application.
Motion: Bobby Monares made a motion to approve the grant request, seconded by Kevan Urquhart, motion passed on a 7 to 6 vote to fund \$2,000.
2. **Patterns of Genetic Diversity in Steelhead Trout inhabiting the Carmel River** submitted by Carol Reeb, Ph.D, Research Associate, Hopkins Marine Station and Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD). The commission considered funding a portion of the project in the amount of \$1,500. Motion Bobby Monares, seconded Chris Collins. Under discussion it was noted that this project required funding from a larger grant program and funding a portion would not be feasible. The motion failed on an 11 to 2 vote with no funds recommended for this proposed project.
3. **Carmel River Striped Bass Removal** submitted by California Department of Fish & Wildlife. The commission expressed concern about the purchase of a used “Johnboat” as proposed in the grant yet supported recommending funds for the purchase of new gill nets.
Motion: Rich Hughett made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Rich Medley, motion passed on a 11 to 2 vote to fund \$500.
4. **Lazy Arrow Pheasant Hunt** submitted by Morrison Ranch in partnership with the California Department of Fish & Wildlife. Due to the timing of this event, the commission chose to approve the funding request of \$2,500 to be allocated in the next FY 2014/15.
Motion: Mike Hosfelt made a motion to approve the grant request, seconded Bobby Monares, motion passed 12-1 to fund \$2,500 in FY 2014/15.
5. **Monterey Bay Youth Outdoor Day (MBYOD).** The commission discussed the success of this event and expressed their support with the hope that it could be held in Monterey County next year.
Motion: Bobby Monares made a motion to approve the grant request, Mike Hosfelt seconded, motion passed 11-2 to fund \$2,500.
6. **Toro Pond Renovation, Monterey County Parks Department,** presented by Park Rangers Kenny Carlotta and Jason Hayward. The commission expressed concern about the condition of the pond at Toro Park (YONA) and felt the need to support the project, yet felt that other involved groups and organizations that currently use the facility should also support it financially and chose to recommend a portion of the requested funds.
Motion: Kevin Kreyenhagen made a motion to approve in the amount of \$2,000, seconded by John Sargenti, motion passed 11-2 to fund \$2,000.

7. **Wildlife Conservation and Hunting in the Golden State, Gaines & Associates**, submitted by Bill Gaines. Commissioner Kevin Kreyenhagen made a motion to fund this request for \$2,500, seconded by Frank Gomes. Under discussion several questions were asked regarding clarification of the project and specifically how the funds were to be used. The commission provided direction to the applicant to revise their budget to reflect actual line item expenses. The motion to recommend funds failed 11 to 2. Commissioner Urquart made a motion to recommend that the applicant reapply based on the criteria of the grant program and to provide specifics on budget line item costs and expenditures, Kevin Kreyenhagen seconded, motion passed 10 to 3.
8. **The Salmon and Trout Education Program (STEP), Monterey Bay Salmon Trout Project**, Commissioner Nelson made a motion to fund \$6,000 of the \$8,000 grant request, and return after the FY 2014/15 to request an additional \$2,000, Frank Gomes seconded. Under discussion it was noted that the budget numbers and associated tasks didn't add up, that school funding wasn't fully identified and the school that was identified was a private school capable of funding their own portion of teacher training. Commissioners agreed that the salmon net pen was important to support. The original motion failed 13 to 0.
Motion: Commissioner Nelson made another motion to fund the salmon net pen in amount of \$5,000, Rich Hughett seconded, motion passed 8 to 5 to fund \$5,000.
9. **Disabled Veterans Fishing Rehab**, submitted by the Monterey Bay Veterans, Inc. Kevan Urquhart made a motion to fund \$5,000 for the project and Mark DeHart seconded, Under discussion Kevin Kreyenhagen requested an amendment to fund \$4,000, which was agreed by the maker of the motion and Charlie Nelson seconded, motion failed 6-5.
Motion: Rich Medley made a motion to fund \$2,500 and Chris Cullen seconded, motion passed 10-3 to fund \$2,500.
10. **Outmigration of Steelhead from Carmel River** submitted by SW Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Fisheries. Commissioner Sargenti, expressing that same concern about funding projects that are better qualified for funds from larger grant programs made a motion that no funds be recommend for this project. Kevin Kreyenhagen seconded, motion passed 11-2 to NOT recommend funds for this project.
11. **Free Non-lead Bullet Program**, Ventana Wildlife Society. Based on earlier discussions about funding projects after the FY 2014/15, the organization can wait to receive funds due to the timing of their program.
Motion: Kevin Kreyenhagen made a motion to fund the project for FY 2014/15, Bobby Monares seconded, motion passed 11-2 to fund \$5,000 in FY 2014/15.
12. **CalTIP Rewards** submitted by the CalTIP Committee, CA Wildlife Officers Foundation. The commission has funded this program in past years.
Motion: Commissioner Hughett made a motion to fund the CalTIP program in the amount of \$1,000, Bobby Monares seconded, motion passed 11-2 to fund \$1,000.