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**County of Monterey**  
**Fish & Game Advisory Commission**  
**Tuesday, 09 October 2018**

DRAFT Minutes of Meeting

**Call to Order, Pledge Of Allegiance, Roll Call**

Chair Kevan Urquhart called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by roll call. There was a full quorum.

Commissioners Present	Commissioners Absent	Staff	Guests
Kevan Urquhart, Chair Rich Hughett, Treasurer Kim Guillian, Secretary Craig Evans Mark DeHart Kevin Kreyenhagen John Sargenti Nick Brockman Chris Cullen	* Charles Nelson * Robert Monares * Rich Medley * Manuel Morales * Joe Burnett District 1 vacancy  *Excused absence	John Akeman	Cpt. Tognazzini Lt. Schindler Susie Brusa

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Approve the Draft Minutes of August 14, 2018 Fish and Game Commission Meeting**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Brockman motioned to accept the minutes as presented, Commissioner Kreyenhagen seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**AYES:** Kevan Urquhart, Kim Guillian, Craig Evans, Mark DeHart, Kevin Kreyenhagen, Rich Hughett, John Sargenti, Chris Cullen, and Nick Brockman.

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Charles Nelson, Robert Monares, Rich Medley, Manuel Morales, and Joe Burnett

**ABSTAIN:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ACTION:** There was no comment from members of the public.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, REQUESTS, REFERRALS**

- Commissioner Hughett stated that the sub-committee reviewed the input on the by-laws from county staff and would like to add the item to the agenda for the next meeting for discussion.

- Commissioner Hughett provided a brief update on the funding set aside for education and special projects. To review, each sub-committee member had submitted their top five ideas from the list generated by all the commissioners. Commissioner Hughett asked that this item return to the Commission for further discussion.
- Commissioner Kreyenhagen mentioned the 186 acres donated to Monterey Regional Park District in an effort to stop over-pumping the Carmel River basin. Included was half of the water rights, which are now retired.
- Commissioner Guilliam asked about the status of filling the District 1 vacancy and staff responded that Alejo's office is in the process of appointing someone.
- Commissioner Guilliam mentioned the mountain lion collaring/study to be conducted on Fort Hunter Liggett and suggested the possibility of having the CADF&W trappers be invited as a guest speaker at a future meeting.
- Commissioner Cullen gave a brief update on the 2018 Monterey Bay Youth Outdoor Day. The number of booths that participated was down by about half and attendance was also noticeably lower due to many of the schools being off that Friday. The target-shooting booth sponsored by the CaDFW wardens and our Commission was well attended.

## **SCHEDULED MATTERS**

### **2. Guest Speaker: Ms. Susie Brusa, Executive Director, Rancho Cielo**

Ms. Brusa provided a presentation on how their organization used the grant funds provided by the Commission and an overview of Rancho Cielo and the projects and programs that have going on. Rancho Cielo was established as an alternative program for first-time offenders, offering learning opportunities and social services. Judge Phillips founded the center in 2000 with the idea that offering young men alternatives to serving time in jail or on strict probation, may help turn their lives around and provide them with another opportunity to make better choices. The program serves 125 students per day, and offers vocational training, education, behavioral health, life skills, and enrichment opportunities. Students helped with the construction on the transitional housing village on the campus, and in the process they learned carpentry, electrical and plumbing skills as well as specialized skill such as solar system installation. An agricultural center is currently in construction, which will train in areas of agriculture and food safety, in addition to welding and fabrication, sustainable construction, and mechanics and maintenance.

Ms. Brusa again thanked the Commission for their support of the grant funds for the installation of a solar pump in the upper pond located on the property. The lower pond is utilized during family days and the upper pond is vital for wildlife on the property. Commissioners suggested other ideas for various opportunities such as Caterpillar equipment operation and water pump refurbishment.

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

Lt. Schindler distributed a report detailing recent cases within Monterey and neighboring counties. He stated that all cases are now being filed under the Environmental Unit within the Monterey County Courts District Attorney. A case involving illegal take of a pig, deer, and a trophy turkey was filed with emphasis on the trophy status. Other cases were discussed as well as CADF&W district updates.

**4. Receive Fish and Game Commission's Financial Summary Report through August 31, 2018; Request the Commissioners support an increase by \$10,300 to object code 6614 to increase the FY2018-19 Grant Award Appropriations from \$29,700 to \$40,000**

Commissioner's Hughett and Urquhart met with county staff to receive clarification on the new charges reflected in the F&G budget. They reported that the charges are based on the staff costs from other County departments who work and support the F&G Commission activities. They are annual charges, not monthly. The charges are paid from the money allocated from the county contribution and not the Propagation Grant Fund fine monies. These charges should have been applied to our Commission in past years and this will now be an annual charge.

For this past 2017/18 propagation grant cycle, our Commission recommended awarding \$45,499 in grant funds, which was the most ever funded. As the commissioners will recall, the Commission took action to use no more than \$20,000 of the \$50,000 in settlement monies to help fund these grants because the significant decline of the (Proposition Grant Fund) fine money. Regarding the Propagation Grant Fund program for FY 2018/19, County finance staff suggested that the Commission act to request that the Board approve an increase by \$10,300 to the 2018/19 grant appropriations from \$29,700 to \$40,000. Commissioner Hughett recommended the Commission make a motion for this request for FY2018/19.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Hughett made a motion to reflect the action item (that the Commissioners support an increase by \$10,300 to object code 6614 to increase the FY2018-19 Grant Award Appropriations from \$29,700 to \$40,000); Commissioner Sargenti seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**AYES:** Kevan Urquhart, Kim Guillian, Craig Evans, Mark DeHart, Kevin Kreyenhagen, Rich Hughett, John Sargenti, Chris Cullen, and Nick Brockman.

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Charles Nelson, Robert Monares, Rich Medley, Manuel Morales, and Joe Burnett

**ABSTAIN:** None

**5. Written Communication and Correspondence**

Thank you letters from Propagation Grant Fund recipient Rancho Cielo and Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project were shared.

**6. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- Guest speaker TBD
- By-laws update
- List of Commission projects update
- Election of Officers (Dec or Feb)
- 2018/19 Propagation Grant Fund Program

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Hughett motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Brockman, unanimously approved, and Chair Urquhart adjourned the meeting at 8:45.

**AYES:** Kevan Urquhart, Kim Guillian, Craig Evans, Mark DeHart, Kevin Kreyenhagen, Rich Hughett, John Sargenti, Chris Cullen, and Nick Brockman.

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Charles Nelson, Robert Monares, Rich Medley, Manuel Morales, and Joe Burnett

**ABSTAIN:** None

**NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting to be held 11 December 2018, 7:00 PM business meeting, location at the Black Bear Diner.