



County of Monterey



FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

Denny's Café

1255 De La Torre St. (off Airport Blvd and 101)

Salinas, CA

424-9551

Dinner – 5:30 PM, Business Meeting - 7:00 PM

REVISED AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes for June 14, 2016 are not ready to go out.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT - Public comments are limited to issues within the purview of the Fish and Game Commission and which do not pertain to matters on the agenda. Time limitations are at the discretion of the Chair.
4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE
 - Correspondence from the California Legislative Outdoor Sporting Caucus (Enclosure B).
5. CA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE REPORT – Captain Don Kelly
6. FINANCIAL REPORT – Current Financials (Enclosure C)
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Guest Speaker: Dan Haifley, Executive Director, O'Neill Sea Odyssey
 - b) Guest Speaker: Aaron Palacios, Program Director, Rancho Cielo
 - c) Propagation Grant Fund Program: Consideration to award the full amount of requested funds to the Ventana Wildlife Society (Enclosure D).

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a) Fish and/or Wildlife Research Grant Update – Commissioner Hughett
- b) Fish & Game Web Site Development – Commissioner Nelson, Hughett

9. **COMMISSIONERS / STAFF COMMENTS, REPORTS**

10. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

11. **ADJOURNMENT, NEXT MEETING**

Next Meeting

Date: October 11, 2016

Time: 6:00 pm – Dinner, 7:00 pm – Business Meeting

Place: TBD

Enclosures:

- A. Draft minutes, June 14, 2016
- B. Correspondence from the California Legislative Outdoor Sporting Caucus
- C. Current Financials
- D. Grant Application for Ventana Wildlife Society

Commissioners are reminded to call Susan Rosales-Nava or John Akeman at the Park Office at (831) 755-4895 and Al Espindola, at (831) 905-1588, prior to the Commission meeting to be excused.

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DRAFT Minutes of Meeting

Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Al Espindola called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the salute to the flag, and roll call. Commissioners in attendance:

District I (Armenta)

Al Espindola (Chair)
Charles Nelson

District IV (Parker)

Mike Hosfelt
Nick Brockman

District II (Phillips)

Richard Medley (Vice-Chair)
John Sargenti

District V (Potter)

Kevan Urquhart
Kevin Kreyenhagen
Chris Cullen

District III (Salinas)

Mark DeHart
Bob Monares
Kim Guillian (Secretary)

Excused Commissioner Absences: Manuel Morales, Rich Hughett, Charlie Collins

State of CA Department of Fish and Wildlife staff liaison: Captain Don Kelly

Monterey County Park Staff: John Akeman, Park Planning Manager

Guests: Mike Stake, Dan Haifley (O'Neill Sea Odyssey), Aaron Palacios (Rancho Cielo),
Warden Moore

Approval of minutes

The 9 June 2016 minutes were not available for approval.

Public Comment

None

Written Communications and Correspondence

Our Fish & Game Commission received a letter of gratitude from the California Legislative Outdoor Sporting Caucus for the Commissions support of the 2016 Annual Trap & Skeet Shoot.

CA Department of Fish & Wildlife Report – Captain Don Kelly

Captain Kelly introduced Game Warden Lieutenant Moore who is slated to take over Captain Kelly's position after his retirement. Warden Moore has been with CA Fish & Wildlife for 18

years. He started his career in Stockton and is now with the Central Coast region since 2014. Commissioners welcomed Warden Moore.

Captain Kelly gave a brief update on the Soberanes Fire and on his role as the state agency rep to incident command. He takes the concerns and considerations on behalf of state biologists to command staff. People have reported seeing bears, mountain lions, and coyotes as they are being pushed from the area.

Currently, his department is operating at 90% because of three openings: the Salinas warden moved north, and there is still an opening on the boat and in Santa Cruz.

Financial Report

Of the \$33,463 available as grant funding, only \$26,545.50 has been allocated, leaving \$6,917.50.

New Business

Guest Speakers

- Dan Haifley of O'Neill Sea Odyssey presented a report on the grant funding his organization received from the Propagation Grant Fund Program. Mr. Haifley noted that the funds were spent on the transportation for Monterey County Stewards. The educational program operates on the O'Neill catamaran out of Santa Cruz. The program consists of a one day science field trip that focuses on navigation, marine science, studying plankton, and conservation by observing sea otter and kelp forest habitat and on-shore habitat looking at non-point source pollution. Their program curriculum is set to go nationally. The program has served over 9000 students since 1996. A college study done by a former student found that 75% of high school students retained stewardship principals and knowledge from their participation in the program while in elementary school. The grant funding allocated from the Monterey County Fish and Game Commission provided transportation for two classes from Marina and five classes from Santa Lucia Elementary School in King City. A 20-year celebration is scheduled for 17 September 2016 at the Seymour Marine Discovery Center in Santa Cruz.
- Aaron Palacios, Rancho Cielo Youth Corps Program Director, returned to thank the commission for grant funding for their program. Rancho Cielo is directed toward at-risk youth, providing them with job skills, transitional housing, and a job placement program. About 80% of the participants are on probation or parole. The 6-month long program includes 2 days of vocational training and 3 days of academic studies a week with the end goal of earning a high school diploma and a job.
- Mike Stake of Ventana Wildlife Society also returned to thank the Commission for the grant funding utilized in purchasing non-lead ammo for Monterey County residents that entered their monthly drawing. At the cost of approximately \$40/box, 100 applicants received their ammo. Drawings were held for June, July, and August. Participation was

up significantly for the months of July and August, mostly due to word of mouth advertisement. A proposed Senate bill limiting internet ammunition sales may create hurdles for their program, but they are determined to continue their program until no additional funding is available.

Following the presentation, Commissioner Kreyenhagen motioned to fund the remaining \$6,000 that was not allocated during the original \$10k request back in February, seconded by Commissioner Monares. Commissioners Urquhart, Hosfelt, and Sargenti abstained as they are recipients of the program. Motion passed 9-0.

Old Business

- a) Fish and/or Wildlife Research Grant Update
Ideas and criteria have been discussed. Subcommittee to meet again to continue work on a proposal. Continued to next meeting.
- b) Fish & Game Commission Website Development
The website is in the works, using the Mendocino County Commission's as an example. Cost is expected to be <\$2k (8 hours @ \$200/hr). Plan is to train a county employee to help maintain the site once it's developed to help keep recurring costs down. Commissioners DeHart and Guillian expressed interest in turning the grant application into a fillable PDF that can be available on the website and hopefully make submission easier for everyone.

Commissioners/Staff Comments, Reports

- Commissioner Kreyenhagen proposed to create t-shirts with the Commission logo on them.

Next Meeting, Adjournment

Meeting motioned to adjourn by Commissioner Sargenti, seconded by Commissioner Espindola.