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## ***County of Monterey Fish and Game Advisory Commission***

*Tuesday, April 9, 2013  
Salinas Elks Lodge  
614 Airport Blvd., Salinas, California*

### ***Meeting Minutes {restricted to portions related to grant requests}***

#### **Call to Order**

Chairman Al Espindola called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the salute to flag also conducted by Chairman Espindola

#### **Roll Call**

##### District I (Armenta)

Al Espindola  
Charles Nelson  
Rich Hughett

##### District IV (Parker)

Charlie Collins  
Mike Hosfelt  
Nick Brockman

##### District II (Calcagno)

Richard Medley  
John Sargenti  
Frank Gomes Jr.

##### District V (Potter)

Kevin Urquhart  
Chris Cullen  
Kevin Kreyenhagen

##### District III (Salinas)

Bob Monares (absent)  
Vic Lanini  
*Vacant*

State Department of Fish & Wildlife Liaison: Captain Don Kelly  
Monterey County Parks Staff: John Akeman, Park Planning Manager

##### Guests

Kelly Sorenson, Ventana Wildlife Society  
Tim Frahm and Sam Davidson, Trout Unlimited  
Herman Garcia, Coastal Habitat Education & Environmental Restoration (CHEER)

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## **New Business**

### **a. CHEER Funding Request**

John Akeman announced that all projects submitted to the Board of Supervisors for grant funds had been approved and that the Board expressed appreciation for the work the Commission is involved in. He noted that the Board also asked the Commission to consider a request from the Coastal Habitat Education & Environmental Restoration (CHEER), an organization involved in the restoration of the Pajaro River.

Herman Garcia, President of CHEER, gave a presentation of the work his group is doing in the Pajaro River. CHEER is involved with cleaning up the river and surrounding habitat to promote better water and fish health along with the support from other organizations that assist in many different ways, including donation of money or supplies. CHEER is requesting a grant of \$1,000 to be paid in two installments; one in FY 12/13 for \$500 and another in FY 13/14 for \$500. The funds will be used to purchase fuel for the heavy machinery equipment that is donated for use during the clean-up workdays. Through their work they have hauled away several tons of garbage, promoted an awareness of environmental restoration, and have increased the total fish count substantially.

Rich Hughett moved and Charlie Nelson seconded that the grant be funded in the requested amount and installments. The Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the motion.