

**MONTEREY COUNTY FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION  
ANNUAL REPORT – FISCAL YEAR 2010/11 AND 2011/12**

**MEMBERSHIP:**

The Commission members are appointed by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and consist of 15 residents of Monterey County, with 3 members appointed from each supervisory district. Each member of the Commission holds office for a term of three years.

**DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION:**

The Commission makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors relative to the preservation and propagation of fish and wildlife as well as educational and youth programs or activities related to fish and game, through the use of the Monterey County Fish and Game Propagation Fund. The Commission also investigates and evaluates proposals for projects intended to enhance and protect fish and wildlife.

**MEETINGS:**

The Commission holds six public meetings in Monterey County at a regularly established time. Special public meetings are held at such times and places as the Commission's chairman and Board of Supervisors direct.

Official minutes, indicating attendance and recording actions taken at each meeting of the Commission, are maintained and submitted to each member of the Commission and other interested individuals or agencies prior to subsequent meetings.

**COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP AS OF JUNE 30, 2012**

<b>DISTRICT 1</b>		
Richard Hughett	Al Espindola	Charles Nelson
<b>DISTRICT 2</b>		
John Sargenti	Frank Gomes, Jr.	Richard Medley
<b>DISTRICT 3</b>		
Victor Lanini	Robert Monares	Vacant
<b>DISTRICT 4</b>		
Charlie Collins	Mike Hosfelt	Nick Brockman
<b>DISTRICT 5</b>		
Kevin Kreyenhagen	Kevan Urquhart	Chris Cullen

## SUMMARY OF COMMISSION'S ACTIVITIES FOR 2010-2011

### FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 BUDGET RECAP

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Service and Supplies	\$ 2,261	\$ 379
Grants	\$ 28,000	\$ 23,825
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 30,261</b>	<b>\$ 24,204</b>
<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Projected</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Fines/Interest	\$ 8,200	\$ 9,524
General Fund Contribution	\$ 10,786	\$ 15,000
Fund Balance	\$ 11,275	\$ - 320
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 30,261</b>	<b>\$ 24,204</b>

In September and October, 2010 and March and June of 2011, the Fish and Game Advisory Commission ("Commission") recommended to the Board of Supervisors approval of the following ten (10) fish and game projects totaling \$26,825.

1. Freedom II	\$ 3,000
2. Snow Goose	\$ 350
3. Warden Stamps	\$ 500
4. CalTIP	\$ 1,500
5. YONA Pond, Toro Park	\$ 1,500
6. Mty Bay Salmon Trout Project	\$ 8,000
7. Freedom II	\$ 5,000
8. South County Sportsman	\$ 3,000 ( <i>Event cancelled – funds returned</i> )
9. Rancho Cielo	\$ 1,975
10. Hunter Supply Youth Shoot	\$ 2,000 ( <i>Event cancelled – funds returned</i> )

## HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMISSION MEETINGS DURING FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011

### AUGUST 2010 MEETING

- Rich Hughett conveyed information from the Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project that the feeding rate for the Coho salmon in the fall of 2009 dropped off, and there was no increase in the population of their fall and winter Coho stock. But they were successful in keeping their Coho safe after the Lockheed fire. Because of the effects of the fire and a poor return rate of fish to the hatchery from the sea, their Coho inventory is now just 67% of normal. He believes this number will improve substantially during the next Coho season.
- Lieutenant Don Kelly, representing the State Department of Fish and Game (DFG), announced the desire of the Santa Cruz Fish and Game Advisory Commission to set up an outdoor sport heritage day event for kids at the Santa Cruz Fairground. They have been interested in the Monterey County Commission's annual Youth Shoot event and wondered if Monterey County's Commission would be interested in setting up a booth or related outdoor sport demonstration at the Santa Cruz event. (Note: *The event did occur on September 24, 2011 entitled the "Monterey Bay Youth Outdoor Day" with a Monterey*

*County Commission \$1,500 grant contribution and volunteer participation. There was a count of 1,632 attendees of which top attendees were from Salinas, Pacific Grove and Seaside, along with Watsonville and Santa Cruz.*)

- Joe Burnett, Senior Wildlife Biologist for the Ventana Wildlife Society presented a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions on “Lead Exposure in Condors.” Mr. Burnett’s agency does research on condors in collaboration with the State Fish and Wildlife Service.

#### **OCTOBER 2010 MEETING**

- Rich Medley and John Sargenti reported on the October 2, 2010 Youth Shoot event. Only 13 kids participated, but they had a great time. There was general agreement that the Commission needs to work harder at outreach, maybe tag-team with other counties, to promote events like this which help preserve our hunting and fishing heritage. Sam Davidson proposed that Commission members do more definitive outreach (make presentations) to youth groups such as the Boy Scouts, 4H, and perhaps schools at least once per year. The Commission discussed this idea in some detail.
- Kevin Kreyenhagen briefed the Commission on recent-passed state legislation: SB 1058, which requires that hunting tag fees can only be used for game management/conservation; and, AB 1254, which does two primary things: (1) authorizes the Department of Fish and Game to offer special hunting opportunities to qualified hunter education instructors for recruitment and retention purposes; and (2) allows DFG to suspend or seek reimbursement for improper expenditures of Fish and Game fine revenues by county governments. (*Unlike the case in Monterey County, some county governments have used Fish and Game Code violation monies to support programs unrelated to hunting, fishing and conservation activities, in contravention of the State Fish & Game Code*).
- Lt. Don Kelly of the DFG shared examples of new electronically-issued hunting licenses and tags generated by DFG’s new ALDS (“Automated License Dispersal System”) and talked about how they will work.
- Rich Hughett reported on recent communication from Rancho Cielo staff, describing the success of their youth programs over the summer, some of which have been funded by grants from this Commission.

#### **DECEMBER 2010 MEETING**

- Anthony Canales, President of the San Fernando Council of the NRA and a Quality Control professional was the guest speaker for the Commission’s meeting. Mr. Canales presented his public record research on the ongoing California condor recovery program initiated by State bill SB 821. Mr. Canales participated in the early California State Fish and Game Commission discussions on SB 821, and provided hand-outs on the subject to accompany his PowerPoint presentation: “A Discussion About Information Regarding The Ongoing California Condor Recovery Program – Public Record Research.”
- There was a discussion as to how the Commission could participate in the Santa Cruz Outdoor Youth Day scheduled for September 24, 2011, by setting up a booth and/or contributing to educational hunting and fishing demonstrations. John Sargenti added that the County’s annual Youth Shoot could possibly follow the September Outdoor

Youth Day event as a spin-off. (As stated above, the Santa Cruz Outdoor Youth Day was a success, but the Monterey County's Youth Shoot event was eventually cancelled.)

- Vic Lanini distributed to the Commissioners 15 of the 50 Snow Goose Production DVDs purchased by the Commission entitled "Endangered Species: California Fish and Game Wardens." The 35 remaining DVDs will be retained by the County Parks Department administration office for future showings to interested parties such as school districts, Boy and Girl Scout groups, sportsman organizations and the like at the request of the Commission members.
- Vic Lanini, Frank Gomes, and Rich Hughett volunteered to participate in the initial review of the fiscal year's (FY10/11) grant applications that are due by January 31st, 2010 and heard by the entire Commission at their regularly scheduled meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011. It is understood that the Application Review Committee will provide the initial review of the applications only as to their completeness of information, and will request further information from the applicants if necessary in preparation for the publicly-noticed February 8, <sup>th</sup> 2011 meeting.
- Kevin Kreyenhagen recommended that Michael Sutton, Director of the State Fish and Game Commission, be invited to speak to the Commission at a future date. The Commission approved the recommendation by consensus.

### **FEBRUARY 2011 MEETING**

Grant requests were heard at this meeting:

- South County Sportsmen' Association presented by Leno Morini who stated that this year's fish derby followed State Fish and Game regulations to keep account of the introduced fish and remove remaining fish after the event. **Requesting \$3,000.**
- Rancho Cielo presented by Nancy Towett who stated that the projected expenditures will be similar to last year's expenditures. The Commission requested that more definition be given to projected expenditures. **Requesting \$1,975.**
- Monterey Bay Salmon & Steelhead Rearing Program ("MBSTP"). Allen Smith presented the MBSTP project. The Commission asked for a corrected accounting of last year's grant award of \$8,000 rather than \$12,000 as incorrectly stated on the application and in the Commission letter to the applicant requesting more information to make the application complete. Also, it was stated that a summary of how past Commission grant awards were spent was not clearly applicable because the project is ongoing. **Requesting \$12,000.**
- Freedom II presented by Rick Buvia provided additional information to make the application complete as requested. **Requesting \$5,000.**
- Lazy Arrow Outdoor Adventures presented by Hank Hodel representing Mark Morrison, stated that up to 90 kids participated in the last event, providing hunting skills and practice for kids. **Requesting \$2,500.**
- Hunter's Supply presented by Jeff Pluta who sponsors an annual Youth Trap Shoot. **Requesting \$3,250.**
- CalTIP presented by John Robinson. CalTip encourages citizens to turn in fish and game environmental violators by calling a 24/7 open telephone hotline. **Requesting \$1,500.**

[Note: action on recommendations for funding was taken at April 2011 meeting.]

### **APRIL 2011 MEETING**

- Kevin Kreyenhagen made the comment that PG&E is installing an underground power line at Andersen Peak to protect Condors, paid for by rate payers at a cost of 4.2 million. He then referred to an article on the protection of Blacktail Deer out of Mendocino County, and stated we need to follow this matter in the future as it may apply to our deer populations. He referred also to an article in WON about how priorities are getting out of hand in regard to protection of predator and endangered species.
- John Sargenti noted that the recent flooding of the Salinas River had taken a toll on animals that have taken up residence along the river and could not escape due to food safety fencing blocking their retreat. John requested that we place this issue on our agenda for the next meeting in June, and he would provide speakers to attend. It was moved by Rich Medley, seconded by John Pack and approved to go forward with this subject at our next meeting.
- The Fish and Game Commission recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the following six (6) fish and game projects totaling \$21,475.

1.	South County Sportsman	\$ 3,000	<i>(event cancelled, grant returned)</i>
2.	Rancho Cielo	\$ 1,975	
3.	Monterey Bay Salmon Trout Project	\$ 8,000	
4.	Freedom II	\$ 5,000	
5.	Hunter Supply Youth Shoot	\$ 2,000	<i>(event cancelled, grant returned)</i>
6.	CalTIP	\$ 1,500	
- Election of Officers: Al Espindola was elected Chairman, Frank Gomes was elected Vice-Chairman, Vic Lanini was elected Secretary, Rich Hughett was elected Treasurer.
- The U.S Forest Service is attempting to rehabilitate Abbott Lakes in the Arroyo Seco watershed for use in the fire season to load aircraft. In the past the Commission was associated with a pump that took water from the Arroyo Seco River to fill these lakes during high Winter Run off periods. The US Forest Service would like to take over the pump repairs and operation costs from the Commission. The Commissioners agreed and Vic Lanini agreed to write a letter confirming the Commissions approval along with some suggestions.

### **JUNE 2011 MEETING**

- Captain Don Kelly announced the hiring of seven new Department of Fish and Game wardens: 3 in San Luis Obispo; 2 in Monterey County, 1 in Santa Cruz County, and 1 in San Benito County. No recent, major Fish and Game penalty cases to report.
- Chris Cullen volunteered to help with the Santa Cruz Fish and Game Work Day. Richard Hughett suggested a fly fisherman display that represents fly fisherman clubs with members in both Santa Cruz and Monterey counties. Richard Medley suggested the Commission provide the “Endangered Species: California Fish & Game Wardens” DVDs at the event. Kevin Kreyenhagen stated that he will contact Iak Ikemioto of Cal Tip concerning lack of participation of other state commissions. Kevin will draft a letter to other County Fish and Game Commissions concerning lack of participation

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### FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 BUDGET RECAP

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Service and Supplies	\$ 1,785	\$ 528
Grants	\$ 18,000	\$ 19,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 19,785</b>	<b>\$ 19,528</b>

  

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Projected</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Fines/Interest	\$ 8,200	\$ 14,131
General Fund Contribution	\$10,786	\$ 10,786
Fund Balance	\$ 799	\$ - 5,389
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$19,785</b>	<b>\$ 19,528</b>

In August, 2011 and January, March and May 2012, the Fish and Game Advisory Commission ("Commission") recommended to the Board of Supervisors approval of the following twelve (12) fish and game projects totaling \$34,738. Of this total \$21,000 was disbursed in Fiscal Year 2011-2012, a grant to Lazy Arrow for \$5,000 was not disbursed due to cancellation of event. The remaining \$8,738 will be paid during Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

1. Monterey Bay Youth Outdoor Day	\$ 1,500
2. Lazy Arrow	\$ 2,500
3. CalTIP	\$ 1,000
4. Warden Stamps	\$ 500
5. Pacific Unified School District	\$ 2,000
6. Freedom II	\$ 5,000 (Event cancelled - no funds disbursed)
7. Monterey Bay Salmon Trout Project	\$ 8,000
8. Lazy Arrow	\$ 2,500
9. South County Sportsman	\$ 3,000
10. Monterey Bay Youth Outdoor Day	\$ 2,000 (Disbursed FY 2012-2013)
11. Hunter Safety	\$ 1,738 (Disbursed FY 2012-2013)
12. Ventana Wildlife Society	\$ 5,000 (Disbursed FY 2012-2013)

## HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMISSION MEETINGS DURING FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

### AUGUST 2011 MEETING

- Kevin Kreyenhagen drafted a letter to be sent to other commissions throughout the state asking them to contribute to the Cal Tip program. It appears that only a handful of counties currently contribute. Jud Vandevere moved, and Rich Medley seconded that we send Kevin's letter on to the Board of Supervisors so it can be placed on Official Letter Head for mailing. The motion passed.
- Russel Maridon of SCFG gave a presentation of the program to be held at the SCC Fairgrounds in September. It will go from 10-4 and is open for all youth 15 and under. They are asking for \$1,500 from our group towards this program. After much discussion it was moved by Kevin Kreyenhagen, seconded by Charlie Nelsen that we fund this project for \$1,500 and passed.

### **OCTOBER 2011 MEETING**

- Al Espindola was in communication with Assemblyman Alejo's office he stated that the AB1162 bill has already passed the State Assembly. It provides heavy fines for the taking of Trophy Animals illegally. It will have to go to committee before signature because he felt it would not fly as written. So once it is tweaked it will be passed up to State Senate for approval. AB 1162 now sits in appropriations.
- Sonke Mastrup, Executive Director of the State Fish and Game Commission attended as guest speaker. Mr. Mastrup spoke on several issues including: diminishing deer population, the institution of a reporting system to track all species to better manage their populations, removal of lead ammunition and stocking fish in a private pond will now require an EIR as fish are considered a pollutant to water ways.

### **DECEMBER 2011 MEETING**

- Kevin Kreyenhagen reported on the response from his letter to other commissions about the need to support Cal Tip. He heard back from Sonoma and Placer County Commissions. Sonoma feels they support F&G with direct donations from their fine money, and Placer just does not generate enough to support much of anything. Capt. Kelly along John Robertson of Cal Tip will be attending other F&G Commission meetings within the scope of Kelly's jurisdiction to see if they can generate some interest. Kelly feels Kevin has hit upon something that needs pursuing. In order for us to donate directly to Kelly's group he will need to get the OK from his superiors before he can ask for our support.
- Todd Tognazzini and Felicia Morrison were in attendance requesting \$2,500 for the Pheasant Hunt they hold each year, the second week in February. It was moved by John Sargenti, seconded by Rich Hughett, and passed that we recommend granting funding to this group.
- Kevin Urquhart was the guest speaker. Mr. Urquhart presented a very knowledgeable presentation of the status of the Carmel River Basin. This water shed which encompasses 255 sq. miles of water shed has a very complex set of circumstances because it has to balance the needs of Monterey Peninsula as well as protecting a Steel Head population that has been present for many years. He gave a very interesting presentation of how this all works and steps that are being taken to increase the water flows for the future of the fish. By the year 2016 the amount of water taken from the Carmel River for urban use needs to be at 10,000 ac. Ft from its current draw of 14-15,000 ac. Ft per year. With new water projects along with reduction in use if this number is not met water rationing will be mandated. Projected water cost to average households is estimated to be \$1,200 per family when completed.
- At the February 2012 meeting grant proposals would be voted upon. A pre-screen committee was formed to evaluate and look for errors in the applications prior to this meeting. David Lutes said the availability of Fish and Game Grants have been publicly-noticed and forms have gone out. This committee will consist of Frank Gomes, Rich Medley, John Pack, and Rich Hughett.

### **FEBRUARY 2012 MEETING**

- The Fish and Game Commission recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the following six (6) fish and game projects totaling \$19,000.00.
  - 1) CalTIP \$1,000.00
  - 2) Warden Stamps \$ 500.00
  - 3) Pacific Unified School District \$2,000.00
  - 4) Freedom II \$5,000.00 (*funding returned, program cancelled*)
  - 5) Monterey Bay Salmon Trout \$8,000.00
  - 6) Lazy Arrow \$2,500.00

### **APRIL 2012 MEETING**

- Travel expense reimbursement for Kevin Kreyenhagen's travel to the Big Game Board meetings he attends was discussed by the Commissioners. It was moved by Charlie Nelsen, seconded by Frank Gomes, and passed that Kevin should be reimbursed through F&G Commission monies for his travel expenses.
- Rich Hughett suggested that the F&G Commission develop a Scholarship/Fellowship to honor late commissioner Jack Pack. Also, he suggested we honor Jud Vandevere for his years of service to the Commission. It was decided to place this subject on the agenda for the next meeting for further discussion.
- The question was asked of David Lutes when the next County wide Ethics training will be held for County Employees, and he thought it was in November. It can be taken on line at the following web site. [www.localethics.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.localethics.fppc.ca.gov)
- Kevin Kreyenhagen brought up the subject of Prop 117 monies and how they were being distributed and spent. Wildlife Conservation Board manages the money and is under the direction of the Fish and Game. This Board and its expenditures are funded by taking 30 million out of the Endangered Species Fund. This was done by claiming that the Mountain Lion is an endangered species. Of that amount 1.5 million is to be spent for habitat in the San Lucia Range per year. This has been going on for 22 years and where was the money spent. John Sargenti suggested that we ask the Board of Supervisors to ask for an audit of what the money was spent on. Best guess was it was used to buy high dollar land in harmony with other land easement projects.
- The Fish and Game Commission recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the following four (4) fish and game projects totaling \$11,738.00.
  - 1) S. MoCo Sportsmen \$3,000.00
  - 2) Mo Bay Youth Outdoor Day \$2,000.00 (*to be distributed FY 2012/13*)
  - 3) Hunter Safety \$1,738.00 (*to be distributed FY 2012/13*)
  - 4) Ventana Wildlife Society \$5,000.00 (*to be distributed FY 2012/13*)



### JUNE 2012 MEETING

- John Sargenti noted that there were six deer kills in the Gonzales discovered by rancher. Capt. Kelly noted that F&G hands are tied until the laws change or it is a Public Safety issue then they can step in. Depredation permits are still available if they are harming livestock. Kevin Kreyenhagen felt the whole law was illegal because it did not conform to CEQUA. Nick Brockman also indicated the Hurst Ranch is losing animal's information he received from a relative that works for the HR. Capt Kelly so noted that the Mountain Lion is not an endangered species.
- Judge Maldonado was the guest speaker at this meeting. Judge Maldonado started his presentation by indicating that he originally came to Monterey County in 1970. In the past the County had ten Judges in its heyday. As Judge he works with the different Associations like the Cattleman's and the F &G to establish fine schedules that help deter violators. Our county has had a heavy influx of Asians and Cambodians that do not always obey or understand our laws and regulations. They are especially heavy violators of our ocean and shore laws. On the other end trespassing is big in the country and he imposes fines that can be up to \$3,000 along with probation as a strong deterrent. Ed Hazel of the DA office was also in attendance, and Judge Maldonado explained how the DA's office works well in prosecuting those who violate our environmental and game laws. With the Lakes and Reservoirs added to the mix there are violations coming from all angles.
- Rich Hughett would like to see our commission develop a scholarship grant to honor John Pack who loved the sea and was a commissioner for many years. Kevin Kreyenhagen felt it should not be named, but attached should it be awarded since we also had retiree Jud who also put many years of service. It was felt by the group that it was worthwhile to keep looking in to. It was moved by Charlie Nelsen, seconded by Frank Gomes, voted and passed to have Rich Hughett continue looking into the possibility.
- Rancho Cielo was requesting a grant of \$1,500 to help defray the cost of installing a pump back system for their fishing reservoir at the school. It was moved by Rich Medley, Seconded by John Sargenti, voted and passed to fund at the amount requested.