



MONTEREY COUNTY FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION 2024 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

I. **MONTEREY COUNTY FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION CREATION/DUTIES**

The Monterey County Fish and Game Advisory Committee was established by Board Order on June 20, 1947 (Exhibit 1). Resolution No. 81-239, adopted by the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors on April 28, 1981, created the Monterey County Fish and Game Advisory Commission, and set the rules and regulations for the operation of the Commission (Exhibit 2).

Section 7 of the Bylaws established the duties for the Monterey County Fish and Game Advisory Commission (Commission) as follows:

The Commission shall make recommendations to the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors (Board) relative to the preservation and propagation of fish and wildlife and use of fish and game propagation funds. The Commission shall also investigate and evaluate proposals for projects intended to enhance and protect fish and wildlife.

II. **2024 MONTEREY COUNTY FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBERS**

The Commission is appointed by the Board and is composed of fifteen residents of Monterey County, with three (3) members appointed from each supervisorial district. Each Commissioner shall hold office for a term of three (3) years from and after February 1 of the year in which the appointment was made. Terms shall be staggered so that a simple majority are appointed in one (1) year and the balance the following year. The bylaws do not designate how many times a member may be reappointed. Commissioners serve without compensation except for reimbursement for traveling expenses to and from Commission meetings and reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the course of official duties.

Commissioners Representing District 1		
Charles Nelson	Fred Ledesma	Vacant
Commissioners Representing District 2		
Pat Pagnella	Manuel Morales	Vacant
Commissioners Representing District 3		
Fred Crummey	Scott Funk	Clifford Fasnacht

Commissioners Representing District 4		
Craig Evans	Joseph Burnett	Vacant
Commissioners Representing District 5		
Ron Lemos	Ty Brooks	Kevin Kreyenhagen

Commissioners leaving the Commission in 2024 included District 2 Commissioner Joshual Jones. New Appointments to the Commission include District 2 Commissioners Pat Pagnella (reappointed June 3, 2025) and Clifford Fasnacht (appointed August 27, 2024); and District 3 Commissioner Scott Funk (appointed December 3, 2024).

III. **2024 MONTEREY COUNTY FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION ACTIVITY**

In 2024, the Commission conducted six (6) open and public meetings (Exhibit 3). Five (5) Meetings were held, and one (1) meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum.

As prescribed by the Commission Bylaws, the first meeting of the year began with the election of officers. The matter was rescheduled for a future meeting due to the new appointments being made by District 2. For 2024, the Commission voted to keep the 2023 slate of officers.

Commission 2024 Activity Highlights

Propagation Grants

A predominant focus of the Commission as prescribed by the Bylaws involves the review of grant applications for recommendation to the Board for award of Propagation Grant Program funds. California Fish and Game Code Section 13103 stipulates the sole authorized expenditures from the fish and wildlife propagation fund of any county may be made (Exhibit 4).

1. The Commission received presentations from ten grant applicants for fiscal year 2024-2025 Propagation Fund Grant program.

Boys and Girls Club of Monterey	International Bird Rescue	Kevin Kreyenhagen
Lazy Arrow Outdoor Adventure	Marine Life Studies	Monterey Audubon Society
Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District	Pacific Grove Museum of National History	Rancho Cielo Youth Campus
SPCA Monterey County		

2. The Commission monitored Fish and Game Propagation Fund revenues received and ongoing expenditures.

3. The Commission clarified that fine revenue comes from criminal cases and settlement revenue comes from civil cases
4. The Commission provided a recommendation to the Board for \$40,000 for the FY 2023-24 Propagation Fund Budget.

The Commission received periodic verbal reports from the State Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) staff during 2024 including but not limited to the following subjects:

1. Presentation by Zach Mills, CDFW Biologist, regarding mammals and game species.
2. Report from CDFW Enforcement Division including recent trout plants at Lake San Antonio.
3. Report from Senior Environmental Scientist, Kristine Atkinson, M.S. regarding the Lake San Antonio fish die off and steelhead populations in the Salinas and Carmel Rivers.
4. CDFW Enforcement updates.

The Commission also received periodic informational reports from Staff, including:

1. Presentation by District Attorney, Jeannine Pacioni, regarding a recent Fish and Wildlife judgement.
2. Fiscal year 2023-24 Fish and Game Propagation Fund Financial Summary Report.
3. Fiscal year 2023-24 Propagation Grant Funds.
4. County staff impact on Commission Budget.
5. Bryan Flores, Chief of Parks reported on owl nesting boxes – Rancho Cielo and Monterey Bay Charter School built the boxes and Camp Quien Sabe put into place.
6. Bryan Flores, Chief of Parks reported on the wildlife guzzler in Toro Park.

The Commission also received the following verbal reports:

1. District 2 Supervisor Glenn Church updated on various topics regarding the County and Supervisorial District 2.
2. District 3 Supervisor Chris Lopez updated Commission on Country and State matters, including Measure AA sales tax increase.
3. Joe Burnett, Ventana Wildlife Society – Avian Influenza.

The Commission also considered/reviewed the following matters:

1. Received regular updates on Commissioner projects which included installation of a wildlife water guzzler at Toro Park, construction of 20 owl nesting boxes and engagement with local and state striped bass and steelhead groups.
2. Approved the Commission Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2025.

IV. CONCLUSION

The Commission would like to thank the Board for its commitment to providing support and funding needed to promote fishing and hunting and the propagation

and conservation of the area's fish and wildlife resources. The Commission has served in an advisory capacity to the Board for approximately 75 years and looks forward to continued collaboration with Staff and advising the Board on the effective management practices to sustain its valuable fish and wildlife resources for County residents and visitors to the area.

V. EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1-Board Order forming Advisory Committee

Exhibit 2-Resolution 81-239 Creating Commission

Exhibit 3-2024 Commission Meeting Dates

Exhibit 4-California Fish and Game Code Section 13103

EXHIBIT 1

ESTABLISH FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE

Friday, June 20, 1947

Auditor Directed to Draw Warrants)
for Election Officers.....)

The sum of \$7.50 each is hereby fixed as compensation for election officers serving at the various precincts for the election held for the formation of the Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital District on June 9, 1947, and the Auditor is hereby directed to draw warrants for said amount in favor of each of such officers, upon receiving from the Clerk a list of the persons who served at such election.

Advisory Committee Appointed)
.....)

The following residents of the County are hereby appointed members of an advisory committee to confer with the Board of Supervisors on the expenditure of Fish and Game funds, to-wit:

Robert J. Bruce	Donald A. Rust
Hans C. Struve	Laughlin W. Wiley
Kirby H. Blohm	Hickey Stalter
Earl C. Pierson	William W. Wyatt
Ludington Patton	Dr. James B. Finley
Everall L. Adcock	Julius G. Trescony
John R. Doyle	Kenneth L. Eade

Roy Bray

Name of Doss Avenue Changed)
to Towt Street.....)

Upon recommendation of the County Planning Commission, it is hereby ordered that that portion of Doss Avenue between Cortez Street and Sherwood Lane, as shown on Map of Burke Subdivision 4, Volume 4, Cities and Towns at page 35, and Map of Burke Subdivision 5, filed in Volume 4, Cities and Towns at page 7, Records of Monterey County, shall hereafter be known as Towt Street.

Boundaries of Voting Precincts)
Changed.....)

Pursuant to notification by the County Clerk and in conformity with the provisions of Division II, Chapter 1, Article 1, of the Elections Code of the State of California, the boundaries of the following named voting precincts are hereby changed as per detailed descriptions furnished by the County Clerk and the Surveyor and filed with this Board on the 20th day of June, 1947, the said boundaries thereof being now particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Monterey No. 10 Voting Precinct. Beginning at the intersection of the center line of Hawthorne Street with the center line of Prescott Avenue, and running thence southwesterly along the center line of Prescott Avenue to the corporate limit of Monterey; thence southerly along the corporate limits to the northerly boundary of the U. S. Military Reservation, Presidio of Monterey; thence along a general easterly direction along the northerly boundaries of said reservation to the center line of Oak Street; thence northerly along the center

EXHIBIT 2

ESTABLISH MONTEREY COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

Res

Creating the Monterey)
County Fish and)
Game Commission.....)

Be it resolved that:

SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 3. VACANCIES

A vacancy shall exist, and shall be reported to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, when: a) a member fails to attend two consecutive meetings of the Commission without good cause, entered into the Commission's Minutes; b) a formal letter of resignation is submitted to the Commission's Chairman and/or the appointing Supervisor; c) a Commission member no longer resides in Monterey County, or otherwise does not meet the qualifications for the appointment.

Each member of the Commission shall hold office for a term of three (3) years, from and after February 1 of the year in which he or she is appointed. Terms shall be staggered so that a simple majority are appointed in one year and the balance the following year.

SECTION 5. MEETINGS

The Commission shall hold regular meetings, open and public, within Monterey County, at a regularly established time and place, as selected by a majority of the Commission's members. Special public meetings may be held at such times and places as the Commission's Chairman and the Board of Supervisors shall direct.

SECTION 6. MINUTES

Official Minutes, indicating attendance and recording actions taken at each meeting of the Commission, shall be maintained and submitted to each member of the Commission and to each member of the Board of Supervisors, through its Clerk, prior to subsequent meetings.

SECTION 7. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION

The Commission shall make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors relative to the preservation and propagation of fish and wildlife and use of fish and game propagation funds. The Commission shall also investigate and evaluate proposals for projects intended to enhance and protect fish and wildlife.

SECTION 8. QUORUM

A quorum shall be a majority of the total current appointed membership of the Commission. Commission action may be taken by a majority of those present and voting at any given meeting.

SECTION 9. OFFICERS

The Commission shall elect a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and a Secretary who shall be elected during the Commission's first meeting of the year. Officers shall serve for one year and may run for reelection.

SECTION 10. COUNTY STAFF SUPPORT

The Commission shall be assisted by the Administrative Office. The Administrative Officer may designate a member of his or her staff to be his or her representative to the Commission.

SECTION 11. NOTICE OF SUBCOMMITTEES

A subcommittee shall mean any subsidiary study group appointed by the Commission to give assistance for longer than six months. Subcommittee members need not be Commission members, except that the Commission Chairman shall designate a Commission member to serve on said subcommittee.

SECTION 12. EXPENSES

Subject to budget limitations, the members of the Commission shall be entitled to reimbursement for traveling expense to and from Commission meetings and reimbursement for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the course of their official duties.

SECTION 13. ANNUAL REPORT

The Commission shall submit a concise annual report to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors by July 30 of each year. The report shall contain a summary of the Commission's activities and projects for the preceding year, and shall contain a list of individual Commission members and the Commission's responsibilities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of APRIL, 1981, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Del Piero, Petrovic, Moore, Peters.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Supervisor Shipnuck

I, ERNEST A. MAGGINI, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof at page _____ of Minute Book 45, on APRIL 28, 1981.

Dated: APRIL 28, 1981

ERNEST A. MAGGINI, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Monterey, State of California.

By

Linda Spinday

Deputy.

EXHBIIT 3

APPROVED 2025 MEETING DATES

Fish and Game Commission

Agenda Calendar Meeting Dates for 2025
Location: Monterey County Government Center
Cayenne Conference Room
1441 Schilling Place, 1st Floor, Salinas, CA 93901
At 6:00pm

Meeting Dates
February 11, 2025
April 8, 2025
June 10, 2025
August 12, 2025
October 14, 2025
December 9, 2025

EXHIBIT 4

CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME
CODE SECTION 13103

West's Annotated California Codes
Fish and Game Code (Refs & Annos)
Division 10. Revenue
Chapter 2. County

West's Ann.Cal.Fish & G.Code § 13103

§ 13103. Expenditures from fish and wildlife propagation fund; purposes

[Currentness](#)

Expenditures from the fish and wildlife propagation fund of any county may be made only for the following purposes:

- (a) Public education relating to the scientific principles of fish and wildlife conservation, consisting of supervised formal instruction carried out pursuant to a planned curriculum and aids to education such as literature, audio and video recordings, training models, and nature study facilities.
- (b) Temporary emergency treatment and care of injured or orphaned wildlife.
- (c) Temporary treatment and care of wildlife confiscated by the department as evidence.
- (d) Breeding, raising, purchasing, or releasing fish or wildlife that are to be released upon approval of the department pursuant to [Sections 6400](#) and [6401](#) onto land or into waters of local, state, or federal agencies or onto land or into waters open to the public.
- (e) Improvement of fish and wildlife habitat, including, but not limited to, construction of fish screens, weirs, and ladders; drainage or other watershed improvements; gravel and rock removal or placement; construction of irrigation and water distribution systems; earthwork and grading; fencing; planting trees and other vegetation management; and removal of barriers to the migration of fish and wildlife.
- (f) Construction, maintenance, and operation of public hatchery facilities.
- (g) Purchase and maintain materials, supplies, or equipment for either the department's ownership and use or the department's use in the normal performance of the department's responsibilities.
- (h) Predator control actions for the benefit of fish or wildlife following certification in writing by the department that the proposed actions will significantly benefit a particular wildlife species.
- (i) Scientific fish and wildlife research conducted by institutions of higher learning, qualified researchers, or governmental agencies, if approved by the department.

(j) Reasonable administrative costs, excluding the costs of audits required by [Section 13104](#), for secretarial service, travel, and postage by the county fish and wildlife commission when authorized by the county board of supervisors. For purposes of this subdivision, “reasonable cost” means an amount that does not exceed 15 percent of the average amount received by the fund during the previous three-year period, or ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) annually, whichever is greater, excluding any funds carried over from a previous fiscal year.

(k) Contributions to a secret witness program for the purpose of facilitating enforcement of this code and regulations adopted pursuant to this code.

(l) Costs incurred by the district attorney or city attorney in investigating and prosecuting civil and criminal actions for violations of this code, as approved by the department.

(m) Costs incurred by a county counsel in investigating and prosecuting an action for civil penalties, injunctive relief, or civil penalties and injunctive relief pursuant to [Section 5650.1](#) resulting from unlicensed cannabis cultivation.

(n) Other expenditures, approved by the department, for the purpose of protecting, conserving, propagating, and preserving fish and wildlife.

Credits

(Added by Stats.1959, c. 131, p. 2022, § 1. Amended by [Stats.1990, c. 764 \(A.B.4039\), § 3](#); [Stats.1991, c. 561 \(A.B.722\), § 2](#); [Stats.2012, c. 546 \(A.B.2363\), § 6, eff. Sept. 25, 2012](#); [Stats.2022, c. 56 \(A.B.195\), § 10, eff. June 30, 2022](#).)

West's Ann. Cal. Fish & G. Code § 13103, CA FISH & G § 13103

Current with urgency legislation through Ch. 764 of 2025 Reg.Sess., and Governor's Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 2025. Some statute sections may be more current, see credits for details.