

MINUTES

May 14, 2009

Meeting held at:
Agriculture, Weights and Measures
5555 Overland Avenue, Suite 3101
San Diego, California 902124

COMMISSIONERS ATTENDANCE	DISTRICT	
Jack Bransford, Vice-Chair	1	Absent
	1	Vacant
Bruce Campbell, Secretary	2	Present
Florence Sloane	2	Present
Teresa Barth	3	Present
	3	Vacant
D'erdra Smothers, Ph.D	4	Present
Jim Dodd	4	Present
Jim Conrad, Chair	5	Present
Steve Turigliatto	5	Present

- A. A quorum of Commissioners being present, Chairman Conrad called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- B. Introductions
The Commissioners introduced themselves. Other introductions are as follows:
Linda Feeley, Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures
Robert Atkins, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures
- C. Approval of minutes of the meeting from February 12, 2009. Accepted as presented.

Motion made by Commissioner Campbell to approve minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Dodd. Call for the vote: Motion approved unanimously.
- D. Public Comment on any subject matter within Commission jurisdiction, but not on the agenda. (No discussion or action may be taken by the Commission.)
No members of the public were present comments.
- E. Chairman's Report (Conrad)
None

- F. Administrative Items--The Commission will discuss, and may take action on, administrative items related to the Commission.

Old Business:

1. Monthly Meeting with California Department of Fish and Game (Conrad)
Commissioner Conrad noted that the pump rehab project at the Honey Springs dog training area has been delayed due to tank design conflicts.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes No

2. Fisheries restoration issues (Campbell)
Commissioner Campbell reported that DFG has assisted in two of the 22 freshwater projects requested by citizen organizations in San Diego county. Last year, DFG signed off on a San Diego Trout project to replace a net across the outlet of Doane Pond, to prevent the escape of non-native rainbow trout plants. In mid-April, DFG assigned two freshwater fisheries biologists to conduct electro-shocking of Pauma Creek, from the SR 79 bridge downstream to the confluence with the San Luis Rey River. The purpose was recover stranded migrating trout (if present) following the spring rains, and provide them to the Chula Vista Nature Center (CVNC) for exhibit in facilities previously funded by the Commission. These fish possess steelhead genes. Citizens from San Diego Trout, San Diego Fly Fishers, and Golden State Flyfishers (Oceanside) assisted with buckets, nets, and photographs (attached). While the facilities exist at CVNC to rear and breed any fish recovered, DFG continues to resist transplanting any progeny into viable streams within the historic range of cold water fisheries in San Diego County. DFG is not taking the lead in restoration issues.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes No

3. Invitation to Dan Richards (Dodd)
Commissioner Dodd reported that the meeting has not yet taken place, due to scheduling problems. Chairman Conrad suggested that Dodd contact Ed Zieralski to assist in coordinating the scheduling of the meeting. Commissioner Campbell requested that the FWAC reps at the meeting raise the question of gene banking for San Diego's native trout.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes No

4. Proposed County Draft Regulations on shooting Clubs and Ranges (Bransford).
Chairman Conrad noted that this is a San Diego County Wildlife Federation initiative, and that the SDCWF meeting is Monday, May 18. Several alternative proposals have been provided to the County regarding the draft regulation.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes No

5. Review of Commission Statement and Goals (Conrad)
Commissioner Smothers reports that her goals for CY 2010 will be to revise the current FWAC brochure, and to fill the vacancies. Applicant Ron Wade was told the position was filled, but no one has attended the required Commission meeting. Robert Atkins stated he will follow-up with Supervisor Slater-Price regarding the status of appointments to Commission vacancies.

Commissioner Dodd wants to revise the prohibition of optical sights on muzzle loading firearms, in the wake of the Supreme Court decision in re: Heller.

Commissioner Turigliatto wants to pursue expansion of youth hunting programs, esp. a second junior hunt each year, and possibly a junior turkey hunt. Chairman Conrad wants to pursue junior turkey hunts of county properties, with Santa Ysabel Preserve and Heise Park as possible sites.

Commissioner Sloane reports that her goal will continue to be tracing fine monies. (Conrad suggested she work with April Wakemen).

Commissioner Campbell will continue to pursue restoration of historic coldwater fisheries, with a focus on establishing conservation hatcheries as joint projects of DFG, local angler groups, and stream conservancy NPOs.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes No

6. Report on California Association of County Fish & Game Commissioners Meeting of 2/4/2009 (Conrad)
Commissioner Campbell reported making contact with Victor Babbitt, owner of Tahoe Flyfishing and a member of the Nevada County FWAC. Briefly discussed the California Association with Babbitt, and will follow-up prior to next month's meeting.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes No

New Business:

1. Memorializing Eileen Stroud's Contribution to San Diego County Flyfishing (Campbell)

Commissioner Campbell reports that Bill Stroud is not reachable, and has decided to close Stroud tackle after 35 years. Campbell will follow-up with memorialization of Eileen's contribution via the San Diego Fly Fishers.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes No

2. Redesign With Updates of FWAC Brochure (Smotherers)
Commissioner Smotherers reports that draft revisions were provided to County Ag Wts and Measures, and are included in this month's packet. She needs a phone number to use for Commission voice mail. Atkins suggested using the Ag W&M voice mail. Commissioner Smotherers reports that draft revisions were provided to County Ag Wts and Measures, and are included in this month's packet. She needs a phone number to use for Commission voice mail. Atkins suggested using the Ag W&M voice mail.
3. "Endangered Species: California Fish & Game Wardens" documentary Presentation (Conrad)

Commissioners present viewed the film. A short discussion of possible audiences followed.

G. Commissioner's Corner

Florence Sloane: No comment

D'erdra Smotherers: No comment

Jack Bransford : Absent

Bruce Campbell: No comment

Teresa Barth: the City of Encinitas is hosting "Day with Dad on the Trail" (dates, venue?)

Jim Conrad: No comment

Jim Dodd: No comment

Steve Turigliato: expressed concern over budget items, and noted that if proposals fail in Tuesday's special election, the State will likely raid property taxes to help balance the budget.

Atkins reported discussions regarding joining of County-owned parcels adjacent to Boden Canyon, reporting that Parks and Recreation will accept the Commission's recommendation. States that DPLU noted that the lands in question were acquired as mitigation lands, and that any exchanges must be properties that are the same or better, so that there are no losses of mitigation potentials. The Board approved this condition.

Chairman Conrad to talk to Terry Foreman at DFG.

H. Adjournment Time: 7:25 pm

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

1. Sloane: Letter in support of AB 708 (Huffman) "New Poaching Fine Schedule".