



*San Diego County*  
*Fish & Wildlife Advisory Commission*

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MINUTES

October 27, 2011

Meeting held at:  
Agriculture, Weights and Measures  
9325 Hazard Way, Suite 100  
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Commissioner	Present	Absent	Late	District	Supervisor
Jack Bransford	x			1	Cox
Mark Kukuchek	x			1	Cox
Florence Sloane	x			2	Jacob
Bruce Campbell		excused		2	Jacob
Teresa Barth	x			3	Slater-Price
Suzanne Hall		excused		3	Slater-Price
Jim Dodd	x			4	Roberts
D'erdra Smothers		excused		4	Roberts
Jim Conrad	x			5	Horn
Steve Turigliatto		excused		5	Horn

A. A quorum of Commissioners being present, Chairman Bransford called the meeting to order at 6:50 P.M.

B. Introductions

The Commissioners introduced themselves

Noel Richards, Department of Fish and Game (DFG)

Eric Lardy, San Diego County Land Use and Environmental Group

Lisa Leondis, Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures (AWM)

Colleen Carr, Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures (AWM)

C. Approval of meeting minutes from August 11, 2011

Changes: None

Motion: Approve minutes as submitted

Motion made by: Commissioner Conrad

Seconded by: Commissioner Barth

Motion carried with Commissioner Kukuchek abstaining

- 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.)

Warden Noel Richards of DFG reported that the conviction rate for Fish & Game Code violations has improved since more citations are being issued as infractions rather than misdemeanors. He also reported that court costs associated with a conviction are up to 3 times the amount of any fine assessed. He agreed to bring cases of interest to the Commission.

- E. Chairman's Report (Bransford)

None

- F. Administrative Items:

Old Business

1. Inland Freshwater Fisheries Issues (Campbell)

No report given at this time

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

2. County Legislative Agenda (Sloane)

Commissioner Sloane recommended not submitting recommendations for the 2012 legislative agenda, but rather starting now to prepare recommendations for 2013. There was some discussion of Commission options for influencing the legislative agenda, including working with staff and the Board of Supervisors.

AWM Commissioner Leondis reported that it will take a Board action to authorize a member of the FWAC to represent the County to another governmental entity. This was the action taken by Yuba County to appoint a Commissioner to the DFG Strategic Vision council.

Commissioner Sloane presented information regarding the DFG proposed regulatory language for California Code of Regulations, Title 14, for dog training and field trials on state wildlife areas and ecological reserves. The proposed regulatory language represents a change in state policy regarding the training, testing and trialing of hunting dogs as wildlife related recreation and an extension of the hunting experience, and so an appropriate use of state lands. It also requires a permit for the use of designated dog training areas with a non-refundable application fee of \$58.71 and a permit fee of \$51.00 for dog training use.

Motion made to: Advise the Board of Supervisors to oppose the adoption of proposed Title 14 section 550, 550.5, 551, 552, 630 & 703 as written, because of the significant negative impacts on the use of the Honey Springs Unit of the Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area designated dog training area.

Motion made by: Commission Sloane

Seconded by: Commissioner Conrad

Motion carried with Commissioner Barth abstaining

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

3. USDA/USFS and Feral Pig Populations in San Diego County (Dodd/Bransford/Turigliatto)

Commissioner Bransford reported that the County will receive Commission input regarding the management of the negative impacts of feral pig populations at the time the County prepares its management plan.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

4. Review for 2011/12 First Semi-Annual Report (Bransford)

The minutes from the July 14, 2011 meeting were discussed and amended to correct phrasing regarding feral pig populations.

Motion made to: Strike "eradication" under Old Business item #3 and amend to the minutes to read "to manage the negative impact"

Motion made by: Commissioner Conrad

Seconded by: Commissioner Barth

Motion carried with Commissioner Kukuchek abstaining

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☐ No ☒

New Business:

1. Public Outreach (Conrad)

Commissioner Conrad reported that the FWAC has been invited to host a display booth at the Safari Club International's upcoming event, February 18, 2012, to be held at the San Diego County Fair Grounds. This will provide a significant opportunity for community outreach and education.

Motion made to: Have the FWAC host a booth at the SCI event, with a maximum donation of \$200 if required

Motion made by: Commissioner Conrad

Seconded by: Commissioner Barth

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

2. Business Cards and Communication Options for Commissioners

Business cards with the new AWM address were distributed. E-mail communications will continue to be distributed by staff as necessary.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☐ No ☒

3. Withdrawal of Grant Application #2010/11-08

Due to difficulties in purchasing a robotic-deer from an out of state supplier, and the lack of availability in state, funds granted for the purchase were returned to the Commission. The \$3,325 was returned to the FWAC account.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☐ No ☒

4. Change in By-laws (staff)

It was noted by staff that FWAC by-laws state that meetings will be held at 6:30 P.M. Because of access issues, meetings have been held at 5:30 P.M.

Motion made to: Amend the by-laws to strike “6:30” and replace with “5:30”

Motion made by: Commissioner Sloane

Seconded by: Commissioner Barth

Motion carried

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☐ No ☒

G. Commissioner’s Corner (Bransford)

Commissioner Barth reported that she had a great time in Africa on her photo safari. Commissioner Sloane reported that the National Open Retriever Championship will be held in Oakdale, California this coming November.

H. Adjournment Time: 7:00 P.M.

**New Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

1. None at this time

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