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Fish & Wildlife Advisory Commission**

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Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission

Minutes for July 12, 2012

**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	x			2	Jacob
Teresa Barth	x			3	Slater-Price
Suzanne Hall	x			3	Slater-Price
Jim Dodd	x			4	Roberts
D'erdra Smothers	x			4	Roberts
Jim Conrad	x			5	Horn
Steve Turigliatto	x			5	Horn

A. A quorum of Commissioners being present, Chairman Turigliatto called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

B. Introductions

The Commissioners introduced themselves. Guests included:

Rudy Vargas, Ocean Discovery Institute
Colleen Carr, AWM
Lisa Leondis, AWM
Bob Smith, SDCWF

C. Approval of minutes from June 14, 2012:

Changes: Commissioner Conrad submitted grammatical changes.

Motion: made to accept the minutes as amended by Commissioner Bransford

Seconded by: Commissioner Conrad
Passed: 9-0 with Commissioner Sloane 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.)

No public comment.

- E. Chairman's Report (Turigliatto)
No report

- F. Administrative Items:

Old Business

1. Inland Freshwater Fisheries Issues (Campbell)

No report at this time. Commissioner Campbell requested this item be dropped as a standing item.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes No

2. County Legislative Agenda (Sloane)

No report at this time.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes No

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

Commissioner Bransford spoke with Brian Albright to remove uncertainty as to FWACs role in this issue. FWAC is an interested party on this issue. Lisa Leondis indicated the FWAC is always free to make recommendations on this matter.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes No

4. Public Outreach (Conrad/Bransford)

Commissioner Conrad will be working on the updating of FWAC booth display boards. Commissioner Bransford has the lead on this issue with Commissioner Conrad's support. Together they will identify recent activities that were attended by or funded by FWAC for inclusion on outreach display boards.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes No

5. Grant Funding

FY	Grant Id	Round	Project Name	Funds Requested	Funds Granted	Organization	Contact	Description
2012/13	1	1	Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area Habitat Improvements	\$3,500	\$2,750	San Diego County Wildlife Federation	Robert R. Smith	Remove foxtails (invasive species) and repair watering system
2012/13	2	1	Watershed Avengers	\$5,000	\$2,800	Oceanside Discovery Institute	Elizabeth Horpedahl	Volunteers restoring San Diego's Wildlife Habitat
Total	2			\$8,500	\$5,550			

Motions:

To fund Grant #2012/13-1 for the item 1 purchase of herbicides in the amount of \$2,750.

To fund Grant # 2012/13-2 item 1 (tour poster) for \$500, item 2 (event banners) for \$300, item 6 (signage stands) for \$1,600, and item 7 (gardening tools) for \$400, totaling \$2,800.

Made by: Commissioner Hall

Seconded by: Commissioner Campbell

Passed: motion passed with 8-0-1 (Commissioner Brandsford)

Retain this item for next agenda Yes No

6. Sunset Review Notification (Turigliatto)

AWM Commissioner Lisa Leondis stated that this is the time to make corrections or updates.

Motion made by Commissioner Conrad to change the contact person information to Marci Powell and location of meetings to the Hazard Way address.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barth

Vote: carried 9-0

Retain this item for next agenda Yes No

7. Rattlesnake Avoidance Training (Conrad)

Commissioner Conrad met with Supervisor Dianne Jacob to discuss County ordinance 62-680 and explain the technique of rattlesnake avoidance training through the use of electronic collars or manual techniques. Supervisor Jacob discussed the possibility of allowing licensed dog trainers that are qualified to do rattlesnake avoidance training to instruct. Supervisor Jacob will pursue this with the Board. Commissioner Kukuchek stated that if the ordinance is amended, he would like to see horses and other mammals included.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes No

New Business:

1. FWAC Grant Fund Balance for Round One Grants is \$5,726.

See Grant Funding discussion item number 5 above.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes No

2. FWAC Role in Feral Pig Issues (Bob Smith and DFG)

Bob Smith with San Diego County Wildlife Federation reported that Terry Stewart of DFG came to a SDCWF meeting last month. He indicated that DFG would like input from the hunting community on feral pigs. Smith shared copies of slides of the presentation made at the meeting. DFG makes \$800,000 per annum in permit fees statewide from pig hunting permits. The Encounter Law allows one to shoot first and obtain a permit after the fact. Feral pigs are under the game animal classification which means the meat must be preserved. Forming a joint committee of the FWAC and SDCWF to make recommendations was discussed. AWM Commissioner Lisa Leondis asked if FWAC would like her to run this by county counsel.

Motion to: have county counsel review the possibility of forming a committee with SDCWF

Made by: Commissioner Hall

Seconded by: Commissioner Barth

Motion failed: Vote: 3-5-1

Retain this item for next agenda Yes No

G. Commissioner's Corner

Commissioner Campbell announced his resignation, effective immediately. He said he would like to retire from work some day, and then come back to serve on FWAC.

Commissioner Bransford will continue to be heavily involved but not representing FWAC for the Cleveland National Forest RMP review process. He will try to increase the NRA involvement in this matter.

Commissioner Dodd attended the meeting at SDCWF. A NEPA process is being

conducted with the comment window ending July 19th. Commissioner Dodd has some concerns about the practice of hunting by helicopter.

H. Adjournment Time: 6:43 p.m.

The next meeting is August 9th.

New Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

1. First Semi-Annual Report Review (Staff)

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