



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

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FWAC MINUTES  
For February 13, 2020 Meeting

Commissioner	Present	Absent	Late	District	Supervisor
Mark Kukuchek	x			1	Cox
Jack Bransford	x			1	Cox
Hannah Gbeh	x			2	Jacob
John Shaffer	x			2	Jacob
Jeff Carle	x			3	Gaspar
Ralph De Siena	x			3	Gaspar
Maggie Reinbold	x			4	Fletcher
Marco Aburto Oropreza	x			4	Fletcher
Jim Conrad		x		5	Desmond
Steve Turigliatto	x			5	Desmond

- A. Call to Order** - A quorum of commissioners being present, Chairperson Gbeh called the meeting to order at 11:30AM.
- B. Introductions** - The Commissioners introduced themselves.
- The following guests were in attendance: Garrett Cooper-AWM, Jesus Amial-AWM, Chad Thomas-Institute for Wildlife Studies, Corrine Busta-Policy Advisor for Supervisor Gaspar District 3.
- C. Approval of Minutes** - January 9, 2020 meeting
- A motion was made to approve minutes.
  - Motion made by: Commissioner Bransford
  - Seconded by: Commissioner Turigliatto
  - Passed: 6 Ayes 3 abstentions
- 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.)

- Chad Thomas from the Institute of Wildlife Studies discussed his “No lead “Ammunition outreach program and offered his services to the commission or other interested organizations.

**E. Chairman's Report –**

- Nothing to report

**F. Administrative Items –**

1. All Commissioners have been sent a reminder regarding the Form 700.
2. All Commissioners have completed their ethics training, except for Commissioner Bransford.
3. January 2020 meeting minutes will be posted on the FWAC website.
4. Beginning of the year Commissioner’s contact information review is complete.
5. Grant interim and final reporting status up to date and reconciled.
6. The Commissions semi-annual report will be sent out.
7. The new FWAC Display Board for outreach is here and available for use by Commissioners as needed

**G. Old Business –**

1. There was discussion about issuance of fines and associated dispersal of funds. Commissioner De Sienna received an email from the Counties CAO office that described the history of Budgets, Fines received and Grants amounts awarded by year. This information is summarized below. Commissioner Carle took action to contact the City Attorney’s office regarding the \$210,000 Ivory Possession Fine and its disposition. Commissioner Reinbold and Commissioner Aburto will discuss this issue with Supervisor Fletcher at a Scheduled meeting on March 9. This item will remain on the agenda and discussion will continue at the next meeting.

<b>Fiscal Year (FY)</b>	<b>Amount Budgeted</b>	<b>Amount Collected by CA Fish and Wildlife</b>	<b>Amount Distributed in Grants</b>	<b>Amount spent on Supplies</b>
14/15	\$ 18,000	\$ 13,686	\$ 16,490	\$ 0
15/16	\$ 18,000	\$ 10,921	\$ 8,560	\$ 13
16/17	\$ 18,000	\$ 16,301	\$ 14,001	\$ 26
17/18	\$ 18,000	\$ 24,370	\$ 17,600	\$ 51
18/19	\$ 30,000 (budget adjustment was made)	\$ 20,314	\$ 26,031	\$ 121
19/20	\$ 18,000	\$ 11,803 (so far, through January)	TBD	TBD

The budgeted amounts are based on a projection of \$16,000 in revenue that comes from fines and forfeitures obtained from CA Fish and Wildlife, and then a historical carryover of \$2,000 in fund balance.

The \$18,000 is intended to provide the Commission with \$3,000 in services and supplies from AWM and \$15,000 in funds to distribute as grants.

AWM has not been charging the Commission for services to administer the program, which is an oversight, so this will most likely change.

If there's an increase in revenues from CA Fish and Wildlife collections, then a budget adjustment can be made to increase funding to be distributed by the Commission (such as in FY 18/19).

AWM typically releases half of the budget to the Commission earlier in the fiscal year, and then the remaining budget later in the year.

## H. New Business –

### 1. Grant Application Awards for FY 19/20 (Round 2)

The awards made were less than requested by the grantees due to the lower balance available. Commissioner Conrad made a motion to fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bransford and all Commissioners agreed.

Grant #	Project_Name	Round	Organization	Description	Project Start Date	Grant Amount Proposed	Grant Amount Awarded
2019/20-05	San Diego County Guzzler Repair	2	Quail Forever, San Diego Chapter 3192	Repair and refurbish existing wildlife guzzlers and drinkers throughout San Diego County on public lands administered by the BLM and USFS. With the Grant, Quail Forever San Diego Chapter will be able to repair 2-3 SD County guzzlers.	2/1/2020	\$1,290.25	\$1,290.25
2019/20-06	Oceanside Senior Anglers 2020 Kid's Sponsored Fishing Trip	2	Oceanside Senior Anglers	Seven 3/4 day fishing trips for youth ages 6-15.	7/1/2020	\$10,000.00	\$1,500.00
2019/20-07	Canyon Volunteers: Transforming Urban Canyons into Native Habitat for Wildlife	2	Ocean Discovery Institute	Canyon Volunteers provides monthly opportunities for the City Heights population to participate in hands-on, science-based stewardship of the natural environment within their neighborhood. ODI's staff educators and professional restoration partners lead groups through the canyon to remove trash, remove invasive plants, and plant native plants.	1/6/2020	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00
2019/20-08	Captain Rollo's Kids at Sea Fishing Trip	2	Captain Rollo's Kids at Sea	Fishing trip for 70 youth (2 half-day trips, 35 kids per trip)	1/1/2020	\$2,800.00	\$1,500.00
2019/20-09	City Nature Challenge 2020 - San Diego	2	Global Conservation Force, Inc.	The City Nature Challenge (CNC) is a global competition to see which region can record the greatest number of iNaturalist observations of local wild plants and animals over a 4-day period. It encourages people to get outside into local habitats and document biodiversity. Global competition is expected to increase in 2020, in order to stay competitive, San Diego must increase its reach through expanded partnerships. This project will help Global Conservation Force, Inc. support the San Diego Natural History Museum's efforts to document biodiversity as part of the CNC	10/1/2019	\$2,900.00	\$1,500.00

<b>Total Applications</b>	<b>\$19,990.25</b>	
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	
<b>Total Awarded</b>		<b>\$7,290.25</b>
<b>To be returned to Fund Balance</b>		<b>\$209.75</b>

### 2. Presentation

Policy Advisor and Grants Administration Corrine Busta from District 3, Supervisor Gaspar's office explained the two types of grants available to each Supervisorial District.

The Neighborhood Reinvestment Program is normally utilized for one time capital expenditures and each supervisor has a 2 Million dollar fund to award grants from.

The Community Enhancement Program is normally utilized for programming needs and each Supervisor has a one Million dollar fund to award grants from.

She described the Grant application, vetting, selection, award and approval process for both types of grants. This information was provided to the Commissioners so that this information can be passed on to grantees as an additional source of funding for nonprofit organizations with projects within San Diego County.

#### **I. Commissioner's Corner**

1. Commissioner Bransford asked that an agenda item be added to the next meeting to discuss additional activities the commission can take on to promote Fish and Wildlife activities.
2. Commissioner Turigliatto announced that the Spring Turkey Tune-up is on February 22, 2020 at Lake Sutherland. He asked if any of the other commissioners would be available to man a FWAC booth to spread information about the Commission.
3. Commissioner Reinbold will provide a draft revised grant application form prior to the next meeting and this will be on the next meeting's agenda for discussion and possible action.
4. Commissioner Carle expressed his gratitude to be reappointed to the commission.

#### **J. Adjourned – 12:36 PM**

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The next meeting is June 11, 2020 at 11:30 AM