



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

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FWAC MINUTES
For December 9, 2021 Meeting

Commissioner	Present	Absent	Late	District	Supervisor
Mark Kukuchek	x			1	Vargas
Jack Bransford		x		1	Vargas
Ed Stovin	x			2	Anderson
Andy Paluczak	x			2	Anderson
Tashi MacMillen	x			3	Lawson-Remer
Ralph De Siena		x		3	Lawson-Remer
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, Chair Maggie Reinbold called the meeting to order at 11:34 AM.

B. Introductions – The Commissioners introduced themselves.

- The following guests were in attendance: Ha Dang-AWM, Austin Shepherd- AWM, Jesus Amial – AWM, Brian Albright-DPR, Jason Hemmings-DPR, Joana Solomon-DPR, Dave Knopp-DPR, Gary Kasmer-BOS D2 LUA, Gary Brennan-SDWF, Brad Hollingsworth- the NAT, Bill Haneline- Friends of Ocotillo Wells, Rick Travis-Caltip, Sarah Hutmacher- SDRPF.

C. Approval of Minutes – August 12, 2021 meeting

- A motion was made to approve minutes
- Motion made by: Commissioner Stovin
- Seconded by: Commissioner Paluczak
- Passed: 6 Ayes

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 comments

E. Chairman's Report

- Chairperson Reinbold, had nothing to report

F. Administrative Items

1. Form 700 and Ethics Training – AWM staff has emailed each Commissioner of their status.
2. July minutes have been posted on the FWAC website
3. The FWAC Semiannual report has been submitted to the board
4. The commission requested to add an agenda item to next month's meeting to review the division of responsibilities between AWM staff and FWAC Commissioners regarding administrative paperwork, particularly the Grant interim and final report monitoring status. AWM staff will look into the feasibility of creating a matrix or table for Grant interim and final report monitoring status.
5. The commission requested that an agenda item be added to next month's meeting to discuss the possibility of having the FWAC marketing and outreach material be available online vice picking up at the AWM office.

G. Old Business

No old business

H. New Business

1. District 2 Board Letter- Increasing Recreational Access to Reservoirs- Department of Parks and Recreation Director Brian Albright
 - Agenda Item 7 on 11/17/21 Board Meeting

Brian Albright- Director of San Diego County Department of Parks and Recreation gave an update on the progress made on this item and requested feedback from the Commissioners. DPR is making contact with each lake or Reservoirs land use Manager and discussing recreation types of uses and how to manage them. Director Albright gave Lake Morena as an example of the type of recreational management system they would propose for the other lakes and reservoirs. In the lake Morena model recreation is managed by the Department of Parks and Recreation (what they are good at) and the lake and its water infrastructure is managed by the water agency (what they are good at). Director Albright would anticipate another update to the FWAC prior to submitting their plan to the board of Supervisors.

2. Grant Applications FY 2021-22 Round 2

Grant #	Project Name	Round	Organization	Description	Project Start Date	Grant Amount Proposed
2021/22-04	Ocotillo Wells SVRA Clean-Up	2	Friends of Ocotillo Wells	Clean-up of Ocotillo Wells, west of County Line Rd. Coordinate volunteers to pick up trash in the State Park. will be having a barbecue and raffle for participants. Event will be February 19, 2022.	2/19/2022	\$1,650
2021/22-05	San Diego Junior Pheasant Hunt	2	San Diego Junior Pheasant Hunt	The goal of this project is to instruct youth in safe, responsible firearm handling and ethical hunting practices. The youth attend seminars are on the daily life of wild turkeys and quail, conservation practices from US Federal Conservation Officers. The requested funds will be used to purchase new tires for our equipment trailer, batteries for our bird launchers and a new trap machine.	2/5/2022	\$1,554.06

2021/22-06	Monitoring the reintroduced population of threatened California Red-Legged Frog in San Diego County	2	San Diego Natural History Museum	Monitoring the newly established California Red-legged Frog and its habitat has been ongoing. Success will be when the frogs are self-sufficient and adult frogs start calling and breed on their own. To monitor them, we will deploy automated acoustic monitors to record for frog calls throughout the night from January to May. Our needs are two pieces of expensive equipment: 1) a submeter GPS for recording precise locations; and 2) a water quality monitor to record conditions between our source pond and translocation sites.	1/15/2022	\$4,925.00
2021/22-07	South Rim Wildfire Restoration Project	2	The San Diego River Park Foundation	Recently a wildfire burned an area of the Upper San Diego River Gorge on open space acquired by the organization. In fighting the fire, significant damage was done which needs to be repaired. This is primarily an upland habitat area with deer, quail and other wildlife. There are springs and associated streams which drain directly to the San Diego River. The project will be to take immediate action to reduce the threat of erosion and habitat type conversion. This grant is to support the purchase of materials and tools to augment the ones that the organization already owns such as shovels, rakes, buckets, brushsaws and chainsaws.	1/1/2022	\$5,278.00
2021/22-08	CalTIP – Californians Turn in Poachers and Polluters	2	CalTIP Program	CalTIP (Californians Turn In Poachers and Polluters) is a confidential secret witness program that encourages the public to provide the California Department of Fish and Wildlife with factual information leading to the arrest of poachers and polluters. CalTIP rewards come entirely from donations and grants, no state funds are used. The CalTIP Rewards Committee, not CDFW, receives and administers these funds. Money not used for the payment of rewards goes toward furthering CalTIP's educational goals.	One time	\$5000

Total Applications	\$18,407.06
Total Funds Available	\$63,343.88

3. Grant Application Presentations were made to the FWAC from the persons listed below.

- Bill Haneline, VP, Friends of Ocotillo Wells
- Gary Brennan-San Diego Junior Pheasant Hunt
- Brad Hollingsworth- San Diego Natural History Museum
- Sarah Hutmacher, Chief Associate Director, The San Diego River Park Foundation
- Rick Travis-CalTIP – Californians Turn in Poachers and Polluters

4. Appoint Positions for Upcoming Year-**Tabled until January's meeting**

- Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary

5. Review Meetings Calendar for Upcoming Year –**Tabled until January's meeting**

- The bylaws allow up to eight meetings. Six meetings are required, and the Commissioners can decide to hold an additional two meetings

2022 Dates	Activity
January 13	Meeting
February 10	Meeting
March	No Meeting
April	No Meeting
May	No Meeting
June 1	<i>Grant Applications Due</i>
June 9	Meeting
July 14	Meeting

August 11	Meeting
September	No Meeting
October	No Meeting
November	No Meeting
December 1	<i>Grant Applications Due</i>
December 8	Meeting

I. Commissioner's Corner

No comments were presented.

J. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Note: Commission agendas, including any revisions, are posted on the front door of the Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures, 9325 Hazard Way, Suite 100, San Diego, California, 92123-1217

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The next meeting is January 13, 2022 at 11:30 a.m..