



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

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FWAC MINUTES  
For June 10, 2021 Meeting  
Due to the COVID-19 social distancing restrictions the  
meeting was held via teleconference.

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, Chairperson Reinbold called the meeting to order at 11:34 AM.
- B. Introductions** - The Commissioners introduced themselves.
- The following guests were in attendance: Cynthia Davis- AWM, Garrett Cooper-AWM, Austin Shepard-AWM, Sarah Hutmacher-San Diego River Park Foundation, Lauren Mac Donald- District 4 staff.
- C. Approval of Minutes** –February 11, 2021 meeting
- A motion was made to approve minutes
  - Motion made by: Commissioner Turigliatto
  - Seconded by: Commissioner Kukuchek
  - Passed: 5 Ayes, 0 No, 1 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.)
- none

**E. Chairperson's Report –**

- The Chairperson recognized the past service of Chairman Carle and the past service of Commissioner Shaffer –District 2 who are no longer on the Commission.
- The Chairperson asked AWM staff to research when in person meetings could resume and if a hybrid (in person and/or virtual) format could be utilized for future meetings.

**F. Administrative Items –**

1. All form 700 and ethics training is current for all Commissioners.
2. The new Commissioners should get their personal information to Cynthia Davis-AWM so she can get them their new FWAC business cards.

**G. Old Business**

1. None

**H. New Business**

**Presentation of grant Applications**

Grant #	Project Name	Round	Organization	Description,	Project Start Date	Grant Amount Proposed	Grant Amount Awarded
2021/2022-01	San Diego Junior Pheasant Hunt	1	San Diego Junior Pheasant Hunt	The goal of this project is to instruct approximately 60 youth in safe, moral, and ethical hunting and conservation practices. This all-day event includes hands-on archery shooting, hands-on trap shooting, and hunt in a bird field with trained instructors and dog handlers, as well as instruction on bird cleaning. The youth attend seminars led by the US Fish & Wildlife Service on conservation efforts, listen to talks on the daily life of a wild turkey, and watch a demonstration on bird retrieving by trained bird dogs. The requested funds will be used to purchase 150 pheasants for the event.	2/5/2022	\$2,550	
2021/2022-02	Temescal Creek Restoration	1	The San Diego River Park Foundation	This project will support the restoration of approximately 1,000 linear feet of oak riparian habitat by the removal of dead trees (gold spotted oak borer). Only experienced operators will be used. Electric chainsaws and additional batteries will be purchased so they can be recharged on site or taken home. By not using gasoline, volunteers can help "buck-up" the wood so that it can be stored onsite per GSOB protocols without having to transport fuel. These chainsaws have been tested by the City of San Diego. Each tree removed will be replaced by at least two trees which will be grown from acorns collected on-site. Acorns will be refrigerated for 1 - 3 months before planting. This growth and planting of acorns is a terrific way to engage volunteers, especially families. In this way, they participate in habitat improvement and learn about its value.	8/1/2021	\$2,750	

				This project will purchase appropriate D40 pots to grow the seedlings. Stands will be purchased for use at home or on site. A plant nursery will support growing other plants, too, and engage people who don't have the ability to grow seedlings at home.			
2021/ 2022- 03	Oceanside Senior Anglers 2021 Sponsored Kids' Trips	1	Oceanside Senior Anglers Club	OSA sponsors kids' fishing trips (ages 6 to 15) during June through August summer vacations. Many of the participating kids have not experienced prior ocean fishing. Our ocean education program consists of proper preparation and use of fishing tackle, safety procedures on-board fishing vessels, fish and other types of sea life legal catch limits, protecting all types of sea life and keeping the ocean and all water contributories free of pollution and dangerous materials. Kids participating are from Boys & Girls Clubs located in Oceanside, Vista, San Dieguito, Carlsbad, Escondido, San Marcos, Poway, and Ramona. We also set aside trips for summer camps located at Camp Pendleton, Escondido, San Marcos, Vista, and Oceanside. Due to the popularity of our yearly summer fishing program, we receive more trip requests than our fishing budget allows. Many kids are from single-parent homes and disadvantaged circumstances. Total cost for each charter includes soft drinks and food, bait, filleting, crew tips, plus OSA fishing booklets and individual trophies has increased to over \$1,800 per trip. Owner of the Sea Star continues to discount his usual price of \$2,500 per trip. We furnish all fishing equipment and senior members provide participating kids instructions on fishing, catching and having a fun experience that they enjoy.	6/1/2021	\$6,000	
<b>Total Applications</b>						<b>\$11,300</b>	
<b>Total Funds Available</b>							
<b>Total Awarded</b>							
<b>To be returned to Fund Balance</b>							

Only one grant applicant was present to discuss round 1 grant applications.

Sarah Hutmacher from the San Diego River Park Foundation gave her presentation and answered questions regarding removal of dead and diseased oak trees due to the Gold Spotted Oak Borer and propagation of new oak trees from acorns.

There was some discussion of the amount of funds available for grant awards and AWM staff informed the Commissioners that there was \$65,007.95 in the grant account with \$18,000 budgeted for round 1 grant awards.

I.

Commissioners Corner

Commissioner Turigliatto reported that the Wild Turkey Federation's Jake's event will be held on June 26 at the Escondido Fish and Game Facility by Lake Wohlford.

He also brought up the fact that many of the City of San Diego's lakes are being closed to fishing and Hunting for various reasons. He has talked to Supervisor

Anderson and Supervisor Desmond to try to help on reopening and requested help from the other Commissioner for the same result.

Commissioner MacMillen stated that the San Diego Backcountry Hunters is having an online workshop event on June 10 with the Cleveland National Forest staff to discuss wildlife "Guzzlers". The workshop can be accessed at Backcountry Hunters.org/hike to hunt for guzzlers in social with USFS.

**J. Adjourned – 12.25 PM**

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The next meeting is July 8, 2021 at 11:30 AM.