



SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION MEETING



Special Districts Department
157 W. Fifth Street, 2nd Floor
San Bernardino, California

MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2014

- Present:** Robert Olin, Chairman, Second District
Tim Glenner, Commissioner, First District
Russ Stringham, Commissioner, First District
Paul Franklin, Commissioner, Third District
John Bishop, Commissioner, Fourth District
Carey A. Stockton, Fifth District
- John Bradford, Special Districts
Mary Mayes, Special Districts
- Rick Fischer, California State Department of Fish and Wildlife
Lewis Murray, Second District, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors
- Absent:** None
- Call to Order:** The April 15, 2014 meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Olin.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Olin led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Election of Chair/Vice Chair** Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Chairman Olin thanked the Commissioners for letting him serve and opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Commissioner Glenner nominated Commissioner Franklin with a second by Commissioner Bishop. Chairman Franklin unanimously elected Chairman. Nominations for Vice Chair were opened. Commissioner Bishop nominated Commissioner Glenner for Vice-Chair with a second by Commissioner Franklin. Vice-Chair Glenner unanimously elected Vice-Chair.
- Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Commissioner Stringham seconded by Commissioner Bishop to approve the minutes of October 15, 2013. The minutes were unanimously recommended for approval.
- Staff Reports:**
- Financial Report: Special Districts staff John Bradford distributed the financial report; there is \$1695 in funds currently available pending meeting reimbursement. Commissioner Franklin asked what the expenditures were and John Bradford said they were for Counsel and administrative charges. Commissioner Bishop asked if a percentage of the amount of the revenues could be taken instead of a set amount. John Bradford stated that the administration fees are currently being reviewed to see if they can be reduced in the future.
- Commissioner Stringham asked how much of the total revenue was from court fines. John Bradford stated \$2702 was from citations and fines.. Stringham thought the amount for the fines was very low. A few months ago, John Bradford and Chairman Olin met with the Presiding Judge about the various amount of fines being imposed by the judges. She was receptive and said she would meet with the other judges about the fine issue; however, she could only make a recommendation and not an order.

Warden Fischer stated that per the Fish and Game code, the minimum fine for any infraction is \$250 but the judges are dismissing the fines and they are not even collecting the minimum fine amount. He also said there are currently only two wardens in this area but they are hoping they may have an additional two assigned to the area after the next academy recruitment. Chair Olin spoke about an electronic ticketing device that makes ticket writing faster, but the cost is very high; approximately \$6500 each. He would like to see the wardens have access to these devices but said that State Fish and Wildlife needs to request them. The Commissioners can also make a request for supporting these devices through their Supervisor.

- Recreational Shooting & Hunting Area Map: There are currently 379 maps in stock and 79 have sold since the last meeting. John Bradford recommended that we purchase 1000 which would cost \$2195. Commissioner Stringham stated there are issues with people shooting high powered rifles in shotgun only areas and does not think the map is clear about this. John Bradford explained the coloring of the maps (legend) and that it is clearly marked in each area. Commissioner Stringham would like more detail on the map and John Bradford stated the Firearm Ordinance is explicit as to what can be shot and where. Commissioner Franklin believes more education needs to be done as to where people can shoot.

Other Reports:

- None

California Department of Fish & Wildlife:

- Warden Rick Fischer of California State Fish & Wildlife said he would like to have special regulations for the Seven Oaks Dam area concerning the catch of native wild trout. He feels that only barbless hooks should be used in the area and the limit should be reduced. It has become a very popular fishing spot.

Warden Fischer also spoke about stocking local lakes and that stocking levels may be lower this year. Commissioner Bishop asked opening Papoose Lake by Lake Arrowhead to the public. John Bradford stated there were liability issues with opening it and new fencing had been installed to keep trespassers out.

Commissioner Bishop asked if anyone had information on Lake Gregory as he understands it is being run by a concessionaire now instead of Regional Parks. He said he has received complaints from the residents and fisherman are now being charged a fee to fish in addition to having to have a fishing license. Second District Field Rep Lewis Murray addressed the Commissioners and stated the County was losing approximately \$700,000 a year operating Lake Gregory and there is now a concessionaire running the park. They will be responsible for ensuring people have the fishing pass. In addition to charging for fishing passes, they are also going to start charging for parking. Various community groups were involved in the planning of this including the Chamber of Commerce. Chair Olin thanked Field Rep Lewis for his input.

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business (Action Items)

- There is still not enough money available for Bruce Kenyan's project that was approved in 2012.

Correspondence:

- Letter from Matt Davis regarding AB 2205: Chair Olin asked if the Fish and Game Commission wants to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to support of this bill which would give the Counties authority to permit or not permit the use of hounds in their county on hunting of bears and bobcats in the State of California. Warden Fischer stated the number of bears taken down has gone down since they took away the use of hounds. Commission Franklin asked what the status on bill was; however, Warden Fischer did not have this information. Commissioner Bishop made a motion to make a recommendation to the Board to support Assembly Bill 2205, with a second by Commissioner Stockton. Chairman Olin will contact Assembly Donnelly's office for information to put into letter. John Bradford will find out the proper protocol to have a letter of support/recommendation submitted to the Board, but did suggest that each Commissioner contact their Supervisor and let them know what was discussed.

**Open
Comment/Discussion:**

- Commissioner Franklin met with Third District Supervisor Ramos last week regarding the big horn sheep that are dying. Supervisor Ramos would like the Commission to bring issues to him and Commissioner Franklin stated he does not believe that the Fish and Game Commission is being fully utilized. The Commissioners' role is to advise the Supervisors on any fish and game matters. Commissioner Olin said Supervisor Rutherford was very interested in what is going on. The Commissioner would like the Fish and Game Commission meetings to be advertised better and to have more public input at the meetings. Warden Fischer said the public attends the State meetings and speakers fill out a speaker slip and are allowed to speak for three minutes.

Warden Fischer asked if any Commissioners had seen the flyers about deadly killer mountain lions. There is a man who says he is a biologist talking about mountain lions and how dangerous they are and is posting these on trails in the County. He is not sure what his motive is but wanted us to be aware of him and his flyers.

Commissioner Glenner distributed a flyer about an upcoming event – the 13th Annual Banquet/Fundraiser on May 3, 2014 at the San Bernardino Elks Lodge.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. on motion of Chair Olin, seconded by Commissioner Franklin.

Next Meeting:

The next Fish and Game Commission Meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.