



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

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**Draft Minutes  
June 12, 2008**

COMMISSIONERS	DISTRICT	
Jack Bransford	1	Present
Paul Kelpin	1	Absent
Florence Sloane, Vice-Chair	2	Present
Bruce Campbell, Secretary	2	Absent
	3	Vacant
Teresa Barth	3	Present
D'erdra Smothers, Ph.D	4	Present
Jim Dodd, Chair	4	Present
Jim Conrad	5	Present
Steve Turigliatto	5	Present

**AGENDA:**

**A.** A quorum of Commissioners being present, Chairman Dodd called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**B. Introductions**

Commissioners introduce themselves.  
Bob Atkins, Agricultural Commissioner  
Marcia Milam, Agriculture, Weights and Measures  
Sandy Dabasinskas, Summer Creek Homeowners Assn  
Jeri Nolan, Aquatic Adventures  
Stan Herman, Summer Creek Homeowners Assn  
Mike Eckland, Summer Creek Homeowners Assn  
Terri Stewart, Department of Fish and Game

**C. Approval of minutes of the meetings from May 8, 2008.** Motion made by Commissioner Bransford to approve minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Sloane. Call for the vote: motion was approved with Commissioners Smothers and Barth 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.

**New Business (taken out of order on approval of Commission):**

**1. Grant Presentations (Dodd)**

Grant Id	Project Name	Funds Request	Organization	Contact	Description
1	Kids in Canyons: Restoring Habitat and Connecting to Wildlife	\$5,000	Aquatic Adventures	Shara Fisler	Classroom and field based program provided to 4th graders attending high poverty schools in SD County, exploring nature in their own neighborhoods
2	Summercreek Invasive Plant Removal	\$31,500	Summercreek Homeowner's Association	Sandy Dabasinskas	Improvement of wildlife habitat by removing non-native plants

**Grant # 2008/09-01**, Kids in Canyons, presentation was given by Jeri Nolan. Aquatic Adventures brings tuition free ocean and nature programs to urban youth. Commissioner Conrad noted that the Commissioner prefers not to fund wages, of which Aquatic Adventures has \$1200 in their grant request. He asked if they could modify or delete that part of the application. Ms. Nolan said they could. Commissioner Bransford asked how long Aquatic Adventures has been in business and how long Ms. Nolan could foresee them staying in business. She replied that they've been running these types of programs since 1999 and would be into the foreseeable future.

**Grant # 2008/09-02**, Summer Creek Invasive Plant Removal, presentation was given by Sandy Dabasinskas. There are 211 homes in the association, situated near a creek which drains into Lake Hodges one mile downstream. The area to be restored is gnatcatcher habitat.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes       No

**E. Chairman's Report (Dodd)**

The Supreme Court's decision on the Heller case has not been made yet. Also, a 60-day comment period is still running for the Department of the Interior's rule change to modify the federal weapons policy in national parks and refuges (ends June 30, 2008).

**F. Administrative Items**--The Commission will discuss, and may take action on, administrative items related to the Commission.

**Old Business:**

**1. Monthly Meeting with CDFG (Dodd)**

A meeting was held on May 22 with Terri Stewart and Ed Pert from the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG). The Commissioners are looking to facilitate communications and coordinate projects with CDFG. Terri Stewart will be the point of contact for National Hunting and Fishing Day. They are looking at the third Thursday every other month for future meetings. Terri Stewart will provide updated 2008 code books and take notes at meetings. Commissioner Bransford noted that the San Diego County Wildlife Federation (SDCWF) would soon be inviting Ed Pert, CDFG's Regional Director for this area, to attend a SDCWF meeting to explain how CDFG policies would be administered under his leadership and to provide the opportunity for a brief "Q&A" period.

Commissioner Bransford recommended that the FWAC make the same arrangement for the benefit of the FWAC Commissioners.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes       No

**2. Fisheries Restoration Issues (Campbell)**

No discussion, Commissioner Campbell was absent.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes       No

**New Business:**

**1. Financial Statement (Dodd)**

Several Commissioners commented on the low availability of funds this grant period.. They discussed the need for more wardens and how to find where the process is breaking down, whether fewer citations are being issued, whether lower fines are being assessed, or whether the fines are not being paid. Terri Stewart will look into trends in citation issuing. Commissioner Smothers will forward to Ms. Stewart the history of grants with FWAC.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes       No

**2. Semi-Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors (Dodd)**

Commissioners will approve the report at the August meeting.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes       No

**3. Invitation to Dan Richards to the next FWAC meeting (Dodd)**

Mr. Richards was confirmed to the California Fish and Game Commission. Commissioner Bransford will forward his contact information to Commissioner Dodd.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes       No

**4. Review of the Commission mission statement and goals (Conrad)**

Commissioner Conrad discussed follow-through on FWAC Commission and individual goals. Commissioner Bransford suggested including a mandatory follow-up of goals and progress into future agendas.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes       No

**5. FWAC recommendations on National and County Park firearms policy (Dodd)**

Commissioner Dodd discussed this issue earlier in his Chairman's Report. He is waiting for the national policy to be set before moving forward.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes       No

**G. Commissioner's Corner –**

D'erdra Smothers – Stated she likes the new look of the website, however, the email link is not working and the grant applications need to be put online.

Jack Bransford – Noted that he likes the website.

Jim Conrad – Discussed fish and game and environmental issues that he noticed on a recent trip to India. Indians do not have a policy of animal sterilization and they have a major pollution problem, but they recognize these issues. He discussed the parallels between Mexico and India regarding population issues. He discussed establishing a liaison between India and a group like the FWAC to help with future challenges.

Steve Turigliatto – Discussed the DFG meeting in upland California, turkey season and Eurasian doves.

Jim Dodd – Discussed lead bullets and the ban on optical sites on muzzle loaders as a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. States will lose federal money if they do not have a system in place to make provisions.

**H. Meeting adjourned 7:58 pm.** Motion by Commissioner Barth, seconded by Commissioner Smothers.

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