



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

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MINUTES

August 13, 2009

Meeting held at:  
Agriculture, Weights and Measures  
5555 Overland Avenue, Suite 3101  
San Diego, California 902124

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

- A. A quorum of Commissioners being present, Chairman Conrad called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- B. Introductions  
Marcia Milam, Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures
- C. Approval of minutes of the meeting from June 11, 2009.  
Changes: Old Business, item 5 should read: She asked if the commission could support a grant proposal for such a seminar.  
Motion made to accept as amended by Turigliatto; Seconded by Sloane. Motion passed

Approval of minutes of the meeting from July 9, 2009  
Changes: Old Business item 8 should read: 04-\$400 minimum for boxes

Item 13 should read: She also said she is concerned by new language in the bill which creates a new crime for torturing animals, then provides exceptions for hunting and other legal, consumptive activities. Sufficient penalties and protections already exist in the Penal Code making new language unnecessary.

Motion made to accept minutes as amended by Barth; seconded by Smothers.  
Motion passed.

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 comments.

E. Chairman's Report (Conrad)  
None given

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

Old Business:

1. Quarterly Meeting with California Department of Fish and Game (Conrad)  
No meeting since the last FWAC meeting. Next quarterly meeting will focus on HCWA dog training area and NOAA Draft Recovery Plan for Southern California Steelhead. Place on October agenda. (Staff note: there are no meetings for the months of October and November)

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes       No

2. Fisheries restoration issues (Campbell)  
Commissioner Conrad noted that the NOAA report indicates that steelhead salmon is a T&E species, and does exist in San Diego County. He asked that the FWAC advocate finding water sources so that any recovery plan for the fish does not adversely impact current water users.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes       No

3. Invitation to Dan Richards (Dodd)  
Commissioner Dodd spoke with CFG Commissioner Richards regarding attending a future SDFWAC meeting. Commissioner Richards is available September 15, 16 or 24<sup>th</sup>. Motion made to schedule the next FWAC meeting for Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at the usual location by Bransford; Seconded by Dodd; Motion Passed.

Retain this item for next agenda      Yes       No

4. Proposed County Draft Regulations on shooting Clubs and Ranges (Conrad).  
Commissioner Bransford reported that staff and stakeholders continue to work to resolve language differences. He will ask the FWAC to comment on new language when it is available.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes  No

5. Review of Commission Statement and Goals (Conrad)

Commissioner Dodd reported that the CFG Commission had approved optical sights for muzzleloaders. However, the regulations as published on the DFG website require a special application and physicians note, which was not as adopted by the Commission. He will follow up with the Commission and the Department to be sure the regulations follow Commission intent.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes  No

6. Semi-Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors (Conrad)

Regarding the Commissions concern with educational outreach to ethnic communities, Commissioner Barth asked if other attempts had been made to increase awareness of fish and game regulations in our ethnic communities. She asked to add it to the FWAC funding agenda to encourage public education for responsible consumptive use of our wildlife resources. Chairman Conrad suggested including all our priorities and concerns on the website.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes  No

7. Letter in support of AB 708 (Huffman) "New Poaching Fine Schedule" (Sloane)

Items 7 & 8 were discussed together. The request for letters to support AB 708 if amended, and support AB 1423 did not go forward, as the Board of Supervisors were on recess and could not take action until after the last date to amend bills in the legislature. Commissioner Sloane reported on the process for development of the County's legislative agenda. She presented policy recommendations based on the Commissions priorities and concerns included in the Semi-Annual Report to the Board, to be submitted for inclusion in the County's 2010 Legislative Agenda. Commissioner Barth asked that it be clarified that the recommendation to retain certain existing policies not indicate opposition to existing policies. Chairman Conrad requested inclusion of a policy to pursue alternative water resources to protect agricultural, and other current water users' interests in any recovery plan for steelhead salmon.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes  No

8. Letter in Support of AB 1423 (Berryhill) "SHARE Program" (Sloane)

Retain this item for next agenda Yes  No

New Business:

G. Commissioner's Corner –

Commissioner Sloane no comment

Commissioner Smothers no comment

Commissioner Bransford encouraged all Commissioners to attend the MSCP meetings as the opportunities come up

Commissioner Campbell absent

Commissioner Barth attended the MLPA Stakeholders meeting as a member of the public. She reported that there is strong pressure to have a final version by September. There was great concern expressed regarding surf kayak and other sport fishing, as well as the ability to maintain beaches

Commissioner Conrad had a great, and productive, salmon fishing trip to Alaska

Commissioner Dodd having had much experience with desalinization while in the Navy, reported that it works well

Commissioner Turigliatto – No comments at this time.

Meeting adjourned 6:30 p.m.

**Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

1. Steelhead Salmon Draft Recovery Plan
2. Edit website to include priorities and concerns
3. County Legislative Agenda