

OFFICERS  
BRAD NUREMBERG  
Chairman  
SANDRA ARONBERG, M.D., M.P.H.  
Vice-Chair

MEMBERS  
RICHARD ALEXANDER  
DOUGLAS DRUMMOND  
JOHN H. HYBARGER



## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

### MINUTES

Meeting of Thursday, August 21, 2003  
6:00 p.m.

383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 374A  
(213) 974-9297

### COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Brad Nuremberg, Chair  
Sandra Aronberg, Vice Chair  
Richard Alexander  
Douglas Drummond  
John Hybarger

### STAFF PRESENT

Martha Littlefield  
Ken Wales

### OTHERS PRESENT

Chanelle Davis, California State Department of Fish and Game  
Wade Hamel, Volunteer Coordinator, San Gabriel Conservation of Bighorn Sheep

### CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Aronberg called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. She welcomed Douglas Drummond as the newly appointed Fourth District Commissioner.

### APPROVAL OF JULY 10, 2003 MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Alexander, seconded by Commissioner Hybarger, the Commission unanimously approved the July 10, 2003 minutes.

### REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Staff advised the Commission that the \$130,577.99 balance as of June 30, 2003 does not reflect outstanding encumbrances of \$38,506.04. The actual remaining available balance is \$92,071.95.

**On motion of Commissioner Hybarger, seconded by Commissioner Alexander, the Commission unanimously accepted the financial report.**

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Staff read an acknowledgement from Mrs. J. Bradford Crow thanking the Commission for the flowers sent to Commissioner Crow's funeral and stating how much Commissioner Crow had enjoyed working on the Commission.

Staff advised Commissioners that the California Salmon Partnership sent out a Request for Proposals to issue \$200,000 in grants to fund restoration projects that will benefit anadromous salmonid species in California watersheds.

### DISCUSSION OF REPORT FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND

## **GAME REGARDING SECTION 4903, FUNDING FOR THE BIGHORN SHEEP PROGRAM**

Chairperson Nuremberg discussed recommending the Board of Supervisors send a letter to Director Robert Hight advising him that the Department is in violation of Fish and Game Code §4903 and the funds earmarked for Bighorn Sheep were not used for the purpose intended.

Commissioner Hybarger requested recognition of Doug Updike's forthrightness in providing the information about the use of funds and loss of the tag application funds from the program and their placement it into the general fund be included in the draft letter. **On motion of Commissioner Alexander, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the Commission unanimously approved recommending the Board of Supervisors submit a letter to the California Department of Fish and Game stating that the Department is in violation of Fish and Game Code §4903 and §4904.**

## **DISCUSSION OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2003 SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAIN CONSERVANCY'S BIGHORN SHEEP ROUNDTABLE**

Commissioner Hybarger reported that the Conservancy is interested in the Bighorn Sheep Program and is offering their venue as a forum for presentation. The Conservancy asked Commissioner Hybarger to serve as a panel member on the presentation along with Steve Holl, Jim Davis from the Department of Fish and Game, and a representative from the Department of Forestry. **On motion of Chairperson Nuremberg, seconded by Commissioner Alexander, the Commission unanimously approved Commissioner Hybarger as the Commission's representative at the October 13, 2003 conference.**

Commissioner Hybarger provided the Commission with an update on behalf of Steve Holl. He stated that the recovery team is making progress; Mr. Holl's final report is almost complete except for the budget issues and he believes that he will be able to complete his obligation to the Commission by September or October; Mr. Holl would like to meet with the Commission during the last week of September to brief the Commission and to discuss his presentation at the October 13<sup>th</sup> roundtable; and the Commission will have to assess what its final role in this program will be due to the financial cost that will be involved.

Commissioner Alexander suggested the Commission seek funding from the federal level and was advised by Commissioner Hybarger that this is one area that Steve Holl will discuss.

## **DISCUSSION OF A COMMISSION INTERNET WEBSITE**

**This item was continued to the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

## **MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. and the October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will be cancelled.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Wade Hamel presented a map showing the 6 roads and 25 hiking trails that will be dragged and checked for sheep. The trails list the classification and degrees of difficulty for hiking. He commented that more volunteers are needed for this program.

Chanelle Davis briefly commented on efforts to trap wild dogs in the mountain range.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.