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**MINUTES**

Thursday, July 12, 2007 Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 374-A

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

John Hybarger, Chairperson  
Sandra Aronberg  
Timothy Jones

**STAFF PRESENT**

Robin Guerrero  
Sandra Barbee  
Janice A. Davis  
Andrew Sevrin  
Garen Khachian

**EXCUSED ABSENCE**

Bradley Nuremberg

**INVITED GUESTS**

Gail Tierney, Deputy, Fourth District  
Martha Moreno, Department of Parks & Recreation  
Brian Young, State Department of Fish & Game

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Hybarger called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MAY 24, 2007 MINUTES**

**On motion of Commissioner Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved the May 24, 2007 minutes with the following corrections:**

On Page 3, under topic; "Commissioner's Report", Commissioner Jones requested the number of children reported attending the State Department of Fish & Game event be changed from 50-75 children to *150-160 children...*

## **INTRODUCTION OF DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER ROBIN GUERRERO**

Ms. Sandra Barbee, Chief, Commission Services, introduced Ms. Robin Guerrero, Deputy Executive Officer for the Board of Supervisors' Executive Office. Ms. Guerrero spoke in reference to the County Governance Transition Report:

- The new Chief Executive Officer is Mr. William T. Fujioka who will take office effective July 23, 2007.
- Mr. Fujioka will receive all items for approval prior to submitting to the Board of Supervisors.
- Part of the new Governance Structure is to conduct a study of the most effective Commissions and which Commissions should be considered for a possible Sunset.
- The cluster charts demonstrate the re-organization of the various County Departments and how they would change. The charts also illustrated which Deputies would supervise their respective County Departments.

## **LOS ANGELES COUNTY GOVERNANCE TRANSITION REPORT**

Ms. Janice Davis, Staff, distributed copies of the Los Angeles County Governance Transition Report. It shows the expanded role that the Chief Executive Officer will be serving and the new organizational structure that will accompany the new Chief Executive Officer's functions.

## **REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

Staff reported the current Fish and Game Commission fund balance is \$88,932.96.

**On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the Commission unanimously received and filed the financial report.**

## **GRANT REQUEST FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500 TO PURCHASE CATFISH TO STOCK LA MIRADA LAKE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 29, 2007 "KNABE KATCH" FISHING DERBY AT LA MIRADA PARK**

Gail Tierney, Deputy for the Fourth District reported:

- A minimum of 1,000 children are expected to attend the "Knabe Katch". Last year this event brought in 600-800 children.
- This year there will be only one "Knabe Katch" instead of the customary two per year because Cerritos Park Lake is under reconstruction. Next year the 4<sup>th</sup> District will request a Grant for both parks.

- The majority of rods and reels are brought in by repeat attendees; there's no need to supply equipment to all of the children attending.

**On motion of Commissioner Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved the Grant request for \$2,500 to purchase Catfish to stock La Mirada Lake for the September 29, 2007 "Knabe Katch" Fishing Derby event at La Mirada Regional Park.**

**GRANT REQUEST FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 TO PURCHASE FISH TO STOCK WHITTIER NARROWS REGIONAL PARK LAKE FOR THE OCTOBER 6, 2007 "YOUTH FAMILY FISHING DERBY" AT WHITTIER NARROWS PARK LAKE**

Martha Moreno of the Department of Parks and Recreation reported:

- The amount of the Grant request has been amended from \$5,000 to \$2,500 because a film crew donated \$2,500 to the Department for the Youth Family Fishing Derby.
- 300 children participated last year, and the Department is anticipating over 500 children to participate in this year's event.
- Children will be transported by bus from Belvedere Park provided by Supervisor Molina.
- This is the event's 12th year. Commercial support will be provided by Wal-Mart and other local businesses.
- Prizes donated and sponsored by various businesses in the area include awards, t-shirts, and fishing equipment.
- The Bass Pro Shop store chain has a Community Outreach Program, and will be generously contributing fishing equipment for this year's event.
- There are currently 50 rods and reels available, but the Department wants 100 for giveaways to the best fishermen.

Brian Young, Departmental Facilities Planner from the State Department of Fish and Game reported:

- There will be 500 pounds of fish in each lake (2 lakes) for the next fiscal year at \$3 a pound. The fish stocking contract has not been finalized yet.
- He is pushing for Cleaning Stations to be set-up by the lakes to facilitate cooking.

**On motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the Commission unanimously approved the grant request for \$2,500 to purchase Catfish to stock the Whittier Narrows Lake for the October 6, 2007 “Youth Family Fishing Derby” event at Whittier Narrows Regional Park Lake.**

### **STAFF REPORT**

Ms. Davis reported on the following:

- The Fish & Game Commission Website is “live”. She asked the Commission to let her know if there are any photographs the Commissioners would like on the Website.
- She introduced Mr. Andrew Sevrin to the Commission as their newest staff member.

### **DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF SECURING FISHING RODS FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT “FISHING IN THE CITY” EVENT ON AUGUST 3, 2007 AT KENNETH HAHN REGIONAL PARK – COMMISSIONER JONES**

Commissioner Jones reported:

- 100 rods and reels can be donated for the upcoming event from local businesses.
- The cost of cheaper poles is \$14 and the better poles retail for \$25 each.

Chair Hybarger added that many fishing clubs have a library book-style loan program for rods and reels. Costs would be significantly lowered by using that system.

Brian Young of the State Department of Fish and Game added that their warehouse, which houses over 50 rods and reels, was burglarized, and fishing gear estimated at several thousand dollars was stolen. There are security concerns in storing rods and reels. When rods and reels are returned after each event they are not ready for reuse because they require serious repairs. Many are broken and can't be used for the next event.

### **DISCUSSION OF THE MAP OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIREARMS CLOSURE AREAS**

Janice Davis, Staff, Commission Services, reported:

- The Department of Public Works informed her that the cost to re-design the shooting areas map would be \$10,000 for surveying costs.
- Commercial vendors would charge an average of \$30 per map for printing.

Chair Hybarger remarked that the cost of re-printing the map would be too prohibitive for the Commission to undertake. The requests for shooting maps are seldom, and when they are requested, they usually go to a Forestry Service Agency.

The Commission agreed that the cost to create a new map was too high and requested a letter be sent to the Board of Supervisors notifying them that the map is obsolete and an updated version should be created to ensure the safety of Los Angeles County residents.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SURVEYING SURF FISHING – COMMISSIONER ARONBERG**

Commissioner Aronberg approved the letter drafted by the Commission to be sent to the State Department in support of Dr. Love's study. The letter was sent out on May 25, 2007.

### **UPDATE ON FISH AND GAME CITATIONS**

Ms. Davis distributed a spreadsheet from the Los Angeles County Superior Court regarding Fish & Game Citations for the period of January - June 2007. The citations listed were issued from Departments such as the State Department of Fish & Game, the County Sheriff's Department, the County Department of Animal Control, and the County Department of Parks & Recreation. The spreadsheet showed the court location, the fine amount and the disposition type.

For each fine, \$15 is distributed to the State Department of Fish & Game, which is then split 50% with the County of Los Angeles Fish and Game Commission. The remaining money is distributed to the Witness Protection Program and State programs.

The Commission requested a representative from the Superior Court be invited to the next Commission meeting to explain the County's policy on fine distribution.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Aronberg reported to the Commission:

- Western Outdoor News Magazine published an editorial supporting the need for more Fish & Game Wardens. Many are underpaid and many parks are understaffed.

Commissioner Jones remarked:

- While hiking at Mt. Wilson on Father's Day, he heard gun fire very nearby and stressed that it is absolutely imperative that a letter be sent to the Board of Supervisors regarding an updated shooting map.

### **Matters not on the Posted Agenda (To be Presented and Placed on the Agenda for a Future Meeting)**

- Grant Request was submitted by Mr. Tim Bovard from the San Gabriel Chapter of Quail Unlimited in the amount of \$6600 for guzzler replacements on Pinyon Ridge.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Brian Young inquired about Certificates of Recognition, to be given to the families of the volunteers who have passed away or are no longer able to volunteer, thanking them for their past participation in the "Fishing In the City" events. He will provide the Commission with a list of names.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janice A. Davis*  
Commission Services Division