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**MINUTES**

Thursday, July 9, 2009 Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 374-A

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

John Hybarger, Chairperson  
Timothy Jones, Vice Chair  
Sandra Aronberg  
Greg Bombard  
Brad Nuremberg

**STAFF PRESENT**

Martha Arana  
Jimmy Prieto  
Andrew Sevrin

**INVITED GUESTS**

Rebecca Barboza, State Department of Fish & Game  
Chanelle Davis, State Department of Fish & Game  
Jeff Villepique, State Department of Fish & Game  
Gary Wong, Responsible Anglers Association  
Brian Young, Responsible Anglers Association

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Hybarger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 9, 2009 MINUTES**

**On motion of Vice Chair Jones, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the Commission unanimously approved the April 9, 2009 minutes as presented.**

**REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Fish and Game fund balance as of April 2009 is \$111,588.65.

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

**STAFF REPORT**

There was none.

**PRESENTATION BY THE RESPONSIBLE ANGLERS ASSOCIATION (RAA) AND CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE RAA, IN THE AMOUNT UP TO \$5,000, TO BE USED FOR THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME E-BOAT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AND RELATED FISHING ACTIVITIES**

Chair Hybarger provided background information regarding the RAA, reporting that the RAA was a non-profit organization formed in 1999 that solicited funds to assist and participate in the "Fishing in the City" Programs. Chair Hybarger recused himself from voting on the grant request because he was a founding member of the Responsible Anglers Association. Vice Chair Jones assumed Chair functions for this item.

Mr. Brian Young and Gary Wong, Responsible Anglers Association, said that if approved, the grant from RAA will be used for the upkeep and repair of electric fishing boats (e-boats) used for transferring fish from one body of water to another.

**On motion of Commissioner Nuremberg, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to accept a grant from the RAA, in the amount of \$3,906.02, to be used for the California Department of Fish & Game E-Boat maintenance program and related fishing activities.**

**PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000, SUBMITTED BY MR. JEFF VILLEPIQUE, STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME, TO FUND HELICOPTER FLIGHT TIME RELATED TO THE "SAN GABRIEL BIGHORN SHEEP RESTORATION PROGRAM"**

Mr. Jeff Villepique, State Department of Fish & Game, gave a presentation regarding the San Gabriel Bighorn Sheep Restoration Program.

- The San Gabriel Mountains once held the largest population of desert bighorn sheep in North America, with estimates of over 700 animals in 1979-1982. This population has declined to approximately 100 animals through the late 1990s, ultimately leading to the current effort to monitor the population through GPS-collared animals. The statistics are based on aerial helicopter surveys.
- The primary major causes for sheep mortality has been fire, predation, and drought. Mortality causes can be identified easier with the aid of GPS-collars.
- The action plan to meet objectives include daily monitoring of survival and rapid assessment of mortalities, weekly fixed-wing telemetry flights, the collection of fine-scale habitat selection data with re-deployed GPS collars, with all findings to be generated in an annual report.

Chair Hybarger commented that reporting on the sheep surveys has not been as extensive as the report received on September 2004. Mr. Villepique will provide a comprehensive report by end of 2009.

Vice Chair Jones proposed amending the grant request to \$7,500 allocated to the helicopter flight time to conduct GPS recovery activity.

**On motion of Vice Chair Jones, seconded by Commissioner Nuremberg and unanimously carried, the Commission approved a grant request in the amount of \$7,500 to fund helicopter flight time related to the “San Gabriel Bighorn Sheep Restoration Program”.**

### **COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS**

- Vice Chair Jones attended the “Papa’s Got A Brand New Bag” event on July 4, 2009, at Highway 39. This event was organized by the City of Los Angeles, who provided volunteers with heavy duty garbage bags to assist in cleaning the area. Nine hundred garbage bags were filled.
- Chair Hybarger reported that several Marline Life Protection Act (MLPA) meetings have been held. He urged his fellow Commissioners to attend. Commissioner Bombard will attend the meeting scheduled in Catalina.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

### **MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF A FUTURE MEETING)**

There was none.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of Commissioner Nuremberg and seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Martha Arana*  
Commission Services Division