



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY FISH AND GAME  
COMMISSION  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012  
<http://fishandgame.lacountycommissions.info>**

**Thursday, April 10, 2014**

**6:00 PM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-1827)

**Attachments:** [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chair John Hybarger, Vice Chair Sandra Aronberg M.D. M.P.H.,  
Commissioner Greg Bombard, Commissioner James W. Etter  
and Commissioner Lee Wax

Call to Order. (14-1568)

**The meeting was called to order by Chair Hybarger at 6:02 p.m. Roll call was taken by Ms. Bolaji Famuyiwa, Commission Services staff. Commissioners Etter and Wax joined at 6:10 p.m. and 6:22 p.m. respectively.**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Approval of the January 9, 2014 Minutes. (14-1569)

**On motion of Vice Chair Sandra Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Greg Bombard and unanimously carried, the minutes of January 9, 2014 were approved.**

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2. Review of the Fish and Game Commission's Propagation Fund Summary of Income, Expenditures, and Fund Balance Report, ending March 31, 2014 for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. (14-1570)

**Staff reported that the Fish and Game Commission Propagation Fund Balance Report as of March 31, 2014 was \$99,894.07. This total includes an encumbrance of \$7,500.00 leaving the available balance at \$92,394.07.**

**On motion of Commissioner Greg Bombard, seconded by Vice Chair**

**Sandra Aronberg, unanimously carried, the Propagation Fund Balance Report was received and filed.**

3. Review of the Fish and Game Commission's Trust Fund Reconciliation Report, ending March 31, 2014 for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. (14-1571)

**Staff reported that the Fish and Game Commission's Trust Fund Balance Report for the month of March 2014 remains at \$6,496.99.**

**On motion of Commissioner Greg Bombard, seconded by Vice Chair Sandra Aronberg, unanimously carried, this item was received and filed.**

4. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports for April 10, 2014.

Follow up report on Fish and Game Code Violation Fees

Follow up report on the revision of the Firearms Map (continued from January 9, 2014) (14-1572)

**Presenting a follow-up report on the Fish and Game code violation fines as requested by the Commission, staff reported that contact has been made to the Los Angeles Superior Court (Courts) to obtain the record of fines that were collected from violators from the period January 2013 through December 2013. Staff will present an update at the July meeting upon receipt of the requested information.**

**Mr. Steve Hennessey, Civil Engineer, Department of Public Works (DPW) and Connie Chung, AICP, Supervising Regional Planner, Department of Regional Planning (Planning) were both present to update the Commission on the proposed options to revise the fish and game firearms map as requested by the Commission. Mr. Hennessey advised that DPW will be taking the lead on the project while working collaboratively with Planning. He added that DPW and Planning reviewed the dated firearms ordinance and the map and proposes the following options:**

**Option 1: DPW will change the boundaries on the maps based on new construction in the past 20 years and update existing legal description only for those changes. The total estimate for this option is approximately \$90,000 including \$70,000 for DPW efforts and \$20,000 for Regional Planning. The estimated time frame for this option is 1.5 years.**

**Option 2: Involves DPW redrawing the maps and updating all of the legal descriptions for the existing districts depicted on the firearms closure**

map including legal descriptions for the changed boundaries. As the legal descriptions date more than 20 years old, the legal descriptions may no longer be applicable. The total estimate for this option is approximately \$450,000, which includes \$400,000 for DPW and \$50,000 for Regional Planning. The estimated time frame for this option is 2 years. Each option includes time and efforts related to conducting two public outreach meetings and preparation of the necessary CEQA documentation.

After a brief deliberation on the proposed options and some questions and answers, the Commissioners thanked both Mr. Hennessey and Ms. Chung for their update and invited them to attend the July meeting. The Commission requested staff to provide copies of the proposed draft Board letter to the Commissioners to enable the chair to determine if there will be a need for a special meeting to review and approve the Board letter to facilitate moving the request through the 2014-15 budget process.

5. Recommendation to receive and file correspondence from the State of California Fish and Game Commission and Department of Fish and Wildlife - Wildlife Conservation Board:

***State of California Fish and Game Commission***

Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action relative to:

Section 632, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to marine protected areas

Section 360, 361, 362, 363, and 364, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to Mammal Hunting Regulations for the 2014-2015 season

Section 27.80, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to ocean salmon sport fishing

Section 7.50, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to Klamath/Trinity rivers sport fishing

Section 28.20, Title 14, California code of Regulations, relating to Pacific halibut sport fishing

Notice of Proposed Emergency Action

Section 11346.1 (a) (1), with regards to the low flow closures to fishing due to drought conditions

***Marine Mammal Center***

Letter of gratitude

***California Department of Fish and Wildlife***

Public Notice

Section 2074.6, to solicit date and comments on the petitioned action form interested and affected parties. (14-1573)

**After a review of all the correspondence received for the period of January 10, 2014 through April 9, 2014, on motion of Commissioner Greg Bombard, seconded by Commissioner Etter, unanimously carried, the correspondence was received and filed.**

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**II. PRESENTATIONS**

6. Presentation and consideration of grant requests from the First Supervisorial District in the amount of \$10,100 to purchase fish to stock lakes for the following events:

Belvedere Park, 4914 E. Cesar Chavez Avenue, in the City of Los Angeles

“Belvedere Park Family & Holiday Fishing Derby,” in the amount of \$5,100

Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area, 15501 E. Arrow Highway, in the City of Irwindale

“Moonlight Fishing Program,” in the amount of \$2,500

Whittier Narrows Recreation Area, 823 Lexington, in the City of South El Monte

“Whittier Narrows Fishing With Santa 2014,” in the amount of \$2,500 (14-1597)

**After the review and discussion of the grant request for the three events scheduled to be held at Belvedere Park during 2014, Chair Hybarger**

inquired from Mr. Brian Young, South Coast Region, Fishing in the City Coordinator, DFW, if the State's Fishing in the City program will be able to host one of the events for Belvedere park. Mr. Young stated that the State may be able to provide at least 400 pounds of fish for the December 2014 event.

On motion of Commissioner Greg Bombard, seconded Vice Chair Sandra Aronberg, unanimously carried, the Commission approved the grant request in the amount of \$3,400 to host two fishing events at Belvedere park during calendar year 2014.

Mr. Steve Evans, Lake Lifeguard Supervisor, Santa Fe Dam, thanked the Commission for their continued support and presented a grant request from the First Supervisorial District in the amount of \$2,500 to host the 2014 "Moonlight Fishing" event at Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area during calendar year 2014. After a review and discussion of the grant request, on motion of Commissioner Lee Wax, seconded by Vice Chair Sandra Aronberg, unanimously carried, the Commission approved the grant request in the amount of \$2,500.

Ms. Martha Moreno, Park Superintendent, Whittier Narrows, also thanked the Commission for their continued support of their annual "Fishing with Santa" event. She presented a grant request in the amount of \$2,500 for the 2014 "Fishing with Santa" event scheduled to be held at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area in December 2014. Ms. Moreno further stated that the event will be held in conjunction with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (DFW), Fishing in the City Program.

After the review and discussion of the grant request, on motion of Commissioner Greg Bombard, seconded by Commissioner Lee Wax, unanimously carried, the Commission approved the grant request in the amount of \$2,500 to host the 2014 "Fishing with Santa" event.

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7. Presentation and consideration of grant requests from the Fourth Supervisorial District to purchase fish to stock lakes for the upcoming event. (Date to be determined). (14-1685)

**There was no representation and no grant request was presented.**

8. Presentation and consideration of grant requests from the Fifth Supervisorial District in the amount of \$2,500 to purchase fish to stock lakes for the Apollo Youth Park Fishing Derby.  
(14-1576)

**The Commission was unable to consider and approve this request because there was no representation to answer the Commissioners' questions as on whether or not the Apollo Park has the necessary state clearance certification to stock the lake with fish.**

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### **III. DISCUSSIONS**

9. Discussion and action regarding the recommendation to rename the Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission to the Los Angeles County Fish and Wildlife Commission. (14-0354)

**A discussion ensued regarding the County Counsel's response to the Commission's inquiry relative to the processes and procedures that will be involved and/or undertaken by the Board if the Commission decides to proceed with changing the name from Fish & Game Commission to Fish and Wildlife Commission. Vice Chair Aronberg expressed her recommendation to proceed with the name change.**

**On motion of Vice Chair Sandra Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Lee Wax, unanimously carried, the Commission will make recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to rename the Commission.**

**The Commission directed staff to prepare a Board correspondence for the Chair's signature, recommending to the Board to entertain a motion directing County Counsel to prepare an ordinance amendment to remove references to Fish and Game Commission and replace with Fish and Wildlife Commission.**

### **IV. REPORTS**

10. Chairperson's report on various items for April 10, 2014

Review of the Fish and Game Commission Projected Budget for 2014 (14-0359)

**Chair Hybarger reviewed and discussed with the Commissioners the 2014-2015 fiscal year budget report that was submitted to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO).**

Chair Hybarger also reported that it has been a year since the last Fish and Game conference. Chair Hybarger directed staff to contact Mr. Connerton from Riverside to inquire if their County will be hosting the conference this year. Chair Hybarger proposed to the Commission to volunteer to host the conference if Riverside County is unable to host it this year. Staff was directed to add this item to the July 2014 agenda for further discussion.

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11.

Derek Fong, Quail & Upland Wildlife Federation  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Final Report for "Teaching the Teacher" class for Hunter Education Association of Southern California.

Request to move Grant project (July 2011) for Wildlife Water Guzzler in Angeles National Forest (Ridge Route) to Wildlife Water Guzzler in Angeles National Forest (Bouquet/Texas Canyon area) outside the "Powerhouse Fire" area. (14-1581)

**Derek Fong, President, Hunter Education Instructors Association of Southern California, distributed the quarterly news print and an article from the Fish and Wildlife "Hunters Education Program." Mr. Fong also presented on the "Teaching the Teacher Program" that was partly funded by the Commission.**

**Continuing his report, Mr. Fong provided the Commissioners with an outline of the wildlife water guzzlers that were purchased from a previous grant received from the Commission. Mr. Fong stated that 75% of the work has been completed.**

**Mr. Fong also answered questions posed by the Commission.**

12. Report on the Fishing in the City Program Activities

Brian Young, Fishing in the City Coordinator  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife (14-1664)

**Brian Young, Fish and Wildlife Interpreter I, South Coast Region, Fishing in the City Coordinator, DFW, presented a report of the Fishing in the City activities of 2014. Mr. Young also answered questions posed by the Commission.**

13. Commissioners' Reports for April 2014. (14-1582)

**Commissioner Wax reported that he went fishing in Castaic, CA and was pleased with his experience.**

**V. MISCELLANEOUS**

**Matters Not Posted**

14. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (14-1583)

**The following items will be place on the July 2014 agenda:**

**2014 Fish and Game Conference**

**Follow-up report regarding the fish and game firearms mpal revision process.**

**Public Comment**

15. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-1584)

**There were no members of the public present to comment.**

**Adjournment**

16. Adjournment for the meeting of April 10, 2014. (14-1585)

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**