



**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**

Thursday, July 14, 2011

6:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Hybarger, Vice Chair Jones and Commissioner Bombard

Excused: Commissioner Aronberg

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Meeting to be called to order by Chairman Hybarger. (11-3068)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hybarger at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of April 14, 2011 and May 31, 2011 Minutes. (11-2067)

On motion of Vice Chair Jones, seconded by Commissioner Bombard (Commissioner Aronberg being absent), the minutes from the meeting of April 14, 2011 and May 31, 2011 were approved.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-APRIL 14, 2011](#)
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-MAY 31, 2011](#)

3. Staff report for July 14, 2011. (11-3244)

Martha Arana, Staff, Commission Services, reported the following:

- **A letter dated June 27, 2011 from Supervisor Antonovich acknowledging Commissioner Nuremberg's resignation was received. In the letter, Supervisor Antonovich thanks Commissioner Nuremberg for his hard work and dedication to the Commission and informs him that a Los Angeles County Proclamation before the Board of Supervisors is forthcoming.**

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The Commission instructed staff to coordinate a scroll from the Board of Supervisors on behalf of the Commission for Commissioner Nuremberg.

- **AB 1234 Ethics Training Certification has expired for some Commission members. Commissioners are encouraged to fulfill this requirement timely. The course is available on-line, and an instructor-led course is scheduled for September 12, 2011.**
- **On May 31, 2011, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors adopted the County Policy of Equity. The Policy governs all employees, Board members, supervisors, managers, commissioners, applicants for employment with the County of Los Angeles and volunteers. This Policy was e-mailed to all Commissioners late last month and an acknowledgement form is due.**

Chair Hybarger, Vice Chair Jones and Commissioner Bombard confirmed receipt of e-mail regarding the Los Angeles County Policy of Equity and submitted a signed Employee Acknowledgement form.

4. **Review of Commission Donations Fish and Game Trust Fund Reconciliation for the Month of June 2011. (11-3086)**

Martha Arana, Staff, Commission Services, reported that the Commission Donation Fish and Game Trust Fund Reconciliation Balance as of June 30, 2011 is \$6,486.99. After discussion, on motion Vice Chair Jones, seconded by Commissioner Bombard (Commissioner Aronberg being absent), the Fish and Game Trust Fund Reconciliation Balance Report dated June 30, 2011 was received and filed.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

5. **Review of the Fish and Game Propagation Fund Summary of Income, Expenditures and Fund Balance, ending June 2011, for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. (11-3087)**

Martha Arana, Staff, Commission Services, reported on the Fish and Game Commission Propagation Fund Balance Report dated June 30, 2011; she reported that the balance as of June 2011 is \$152,331.64. Ms. Arana stated that there are outstanding encumbrances of approximately \$19,672. After discussion, on motion of Vice Chair Jones, seconded by Commissioner Bombard (Commissioner Aronberg being absent), the June 30, 2011

Propagation Fund Balance Report was received and filed.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

6. Recommendation: Receive and file correspondence from the State of California Fish and Game Commission:

Notices of Proposed Regulatory Action taken on the following:

- Central Valley Salmon Fishing
- Klamath River Sport Fishing
- Ocean Salmon Sport Fishing
- Southeast Farallon Island Special Closure
- Mammal Hunting

Notices of Proposed Emergency Regulatory Action taken on the following:

- Stewarts Point State Marine Reserve and Stewarts Point State Marine Conservation Area
- Ocean Salmon Sport Fishing
- Mountain Yellow-legged Frog

Notices of Receipt of Petition to list Endangered/Threatened Species for the following:

- Cedars Wild Buckwheat - Endangered Species
- American pika - Threatened Species

Notices of Proposed Regulatory Action to be taken on August 4, 2011 for the following:

- Upland Game Hunting
- Waterfowl Hunting
- Inspection of Facilities for Restricted Species
- Alameda Creek, Hook and Weight Restrictions, Filleting of Fish on Vessels, and Geer Restrictions, relating to Sports Fishing (11-1917)

On motion of Commissioner Bombard, seconded by Vice Chair Jones (Commissioner Aronberg being absent), correspondence from the State of California Fish and Game Commission was received and filed.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-CENTRAL VALLEY SPORT FISHING](#)
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-KLAMMATH RIVER SPORT FISHING](#)
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-OCEAN SALMON SPORT FISHING](#)
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-SOUTHEAST FARALLON ISLAND](#)
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-MAMMAL HUNTING REGULATIONS](#)
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-STEWARTS POINT](#)
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-OCEAN SALMON FISHING](#)
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-MOUNTAIN YELLOW-LEGGED FROG](#)
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-MOUNTAIN YELLOW-LEGGED FROG](#)
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-CEDARS WILD BUCKWHEAT](#)
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-AMERICAN PIKA](#)
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT - AMERICAN PIKA](#)
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-UPLAND GAME HUNTING](#)
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-WATERFOUL HUNTING](#)
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-FACILITIES FOR RESTRICTED SPECIES](#)
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-FACILITIES FOR RESTRICTED SPECIES](#)
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-SPORTS FISHING REGULATION](#)

II. PRESENTATIONS

7. Presentation and consideration of grant request from the 1st Supervisorial District in the amount of \$3,400 to purchase fish to stock the lake at Belvedere Park, in the City of Los Angeles for the “Holiday Family Fishing Derby” to be held on December 17, 2011. (Continued from the meeting of April 14, 2011)

Frank Gonzales, Deputy Director
East County Community Services Agency
Belvedere Park (11-1693)

Frank Gonzales, Deputy Director of the East County Community Services Agency, provided the Commission with a brief overview of the First Supervisorial District fishing events held at Belvedere Park. A binder with photographs of events held by Belvedere Park and a flyer for the December 17, 2011, fishing event was presented.

Chair Hybarger offered an amendment to modify the First Supervisorial District's request to \$1,700.

After discussion, on recommendation of Chair Hybarger and on motion of Vice Chair Jones, seconded by Commissioner Bombard (Commissioner Aronberg being absent), the Commission approved the request from the 1st Supervisorial District in the amount of \$1,700 to purchase fish to stock the lake at Belvedere Park, in the City of Los Angeles for the “Holiday Family Fishing Derby” to be held on December 17, 2011.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)
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8. Presentation and consideration of a grant request from the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation in amount of \$7,500 to purchase catfish to stock the lake for breeding and raising of fish at Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area, in the City of Irwindale. (Continued from the meeting of May 31, 2011)

Chris Graham, Superintendent
Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area (11-3088)

Chris Graham, Superintendent of Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area, provided the Commission with a brief overview and written correspondence that supported the breeding and raising fish at Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area, in the City of Irwindale. Mr. Graham distributed a photograph of large pipes that will be used to create habitats in the lake for the fish to breed, and offered an alternative proposal to obtain a one-time stocking of 1,500 pounds of channel catfish to be delivered during the month of April 2012 to the lake.

Brian Young, Fish and Wildlife Interpreter I for the California Department of Fish and Game responded to questions posed by the Commission regarding the breeding project.

Vice Chair Jones recommended that Mr. Graham provide a plan of action for the breeding project, indicating the expectations, possible failures, and life cycle of the fish in the lake, and to report these findings at the next scheduled Commission meeting.

After discussion, on motion of Vice Chair Jones, seconded by Commissioner Bombard (Commissioner Aronberg being absent), the Commission continued the alternate proposal presented by Mr. Graham to the next scheduled Commission meeting, and requested that Mr. Graham provide a plan of action for the breeding project, indicating the expectations, possible failures, and life cycle of the fish in lake at Santa Fe Dam.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-Request](#)
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-Revised Request](#)
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

9. Presentation and consideration of a grant request from the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$2,500 to assist in funding the establishment of a Junior Fishing Club at Whittier Narrows Recreational Area, in the City of Whittier.

Reggie Tuyay, Recreation Service Supervisor
Whittier Narrows Recreational Area (11-2952)

Reggie Tuyay, Recreation Service Supervisor, provided the Commission with a brief overview of the establishment of a Junior Fishing Club at Whittier Narrows Recreational Area.

After discussion, on motion of Vice Chair Jones, seconded by Commissioner Bombard (Commissioner Aronberg being absent), the Commission approved a grant request in the amount of \$2,500 to support the pilot program establishing a Junior Fishing Club at Whittier Narrows Recreational Area. The Commission requested that Mr. Tuyay report back in 6 months with an update on the Program.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

- 10.** Presentation and consideration of a grant request from the San Gabriel Valley Chapter of Quail Unlimited in the amount of \$3,000 to replace Pinyon Guzzler #5 by the end of 2011.

John Forgy, Board Member
San Gabriel Valley Chapter of Quail Unlimited (11-1918)

John Forgy, Board Member of San Gabriel Valley Chapter of Quail Unlimited, was available to answer questions posed by the Commission regarding the grant request to fund the replacement of Pinyon Guzzler #5 by the end of 2011.

After discussion, Mr. Forgy asked to use the funds in the summer of 2012 to replace a guzzler that may have been damaged during the Station fire in Angeles Forest.

After discussion, on motion of Vice Chair Jones, seconded by Commissioner Bombard (Commissioner Aronberg being absent), the Commission approved the amended request from the San Gabriel Valley Chapter of Quail Unlimited to fund the replacement of a guzzler in the Angeles National Forest damaged by the Station fire, or the Pinyon Guzzler #5 in the Angeles National Forest in the summer of 2012, in the amount of \$3,000.

Commission Staff requested that Mr. Forgy submit an amendment to the original grant proposal.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-Revised](#)

III. DISCUSSIONS

- 11.** Commissioner's report for July 14, 2011.

- Correspondence from Colusa County Fish and Game Advisory Commission requesting this Commission's support in removing the game status of wild pigs to a non-game animal.
- Correspondence from Supervisor Knabe regarding the "Cerritos Kids Fishing Derby." (11-2951)

There being no other reports from Commissioners, Chair Hybarger reported that Colusa County wants the State of California to consider pigs as vermin, and reduce the cost of game tags and increase the quantity of wild pigs that can be hunted or eliminate the issuance of game tags for hunting wild pigs in that area. He added that he communicated with someone from Colusa County about the wild pig problems and determined the following:

- Landowners will not allow hunting/shooting on its property even though the pigs are rapidly breeding and/or destroying crops on their property
- Permits to hunt wild pigs cost \$19.95 a piece which is considered expensive
- In Colusa County, the public land to legally hunt wild pigs is small in comparison to the land owned privately.

Chair Hybarger will continue discussion with Colusa County, and will keep the Commission informed on how Colusa County is solving its wild pig problem.

After discussion no action was taken by the Commission on the letter from Colusa County, and said letter and the thank you letter received from Supervisor Don Knabe for the Commission's support for the "Cerritos Kids Fishing Derby" were received and filed.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-COLUSA COUNTY LETTER](#)
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-KNABE LETTER](#)

- 12.** Discussion and consideration of establishing guidelines to evaluate grant requests. (11-3101)

On motion of Vice Chair Jones, seconded by Commissioner Bombard and unanimously carried, the "Guidelines for Grant Evaluation" draft document prepared by Chair Hybarger was received and filed.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

13. Discussion and consideration of the Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission to provide support for the fall Southern Counties Regional Commissioners' Conference.

Chairman Hybarger (11-3295)

Chairman Hybarger reported last year's Southern CA Fish and Game Commissions' Conference was well received and attended. Potential topics to address at the upcoming conference are the Colusa County wild pig nuisance, and the State of CA big game concerns addressed by Mark Kenyon. Guests to attend the conference could include CA Fish and Game Commissioner Dan Richards.

Following discussion, on motion of Vice Chair Jones, seconded by Commissioner Bombard (Commissioner Aronberg being absent), the Commission approved hosting a Fall 2011 Southern CA Fish and Game Commissions' Conference on a date to be determined at Los Angeles County Fire Suppression Camp #2 in La Canada-Flintridge, CA, and expend an amount not to exceed the cost of the of the 2010 Southern CA Fish and Game Commissions' Conference.

Staff was instructed to provide the Chair with a copy of last year's letter to the Board of Supervisors that addressed the Conference.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

14. Matters not posted 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 Commission subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (11-3084)

Vice Chair Jones reported that he has been in contact with the 2nd Supervisorial District regarding a forthcoming fishing event at the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, and requested that an item be placed on the next scheduled Commission meeting to address the 2nd Districts' grant request to purchase fish to stock the lake at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area at a date to be determined.

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.

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

- 16.** Adjournment of the meeting of July 14, 2011. (11-3085)

**The July 14, 2011 Fish and Game Commission meeting adjourned at
8:20 p.m.**