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MINUTES

Thursday, January 14, 2010 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

INVITED GUESTS

Warden Lt. Danny Moraga, State Dept. of Fish & Game
Brian Young, State Dept. of Fish & Game
Erin Stibal, 4th District
Darryn Flexman, Netcomp Technologies

STAFF PRESENT

Martha Arana
Andrew Sevrin

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hybarger called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 8, 2009 MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Bombard, the Commission unanimously approved the October 8, 2009 minutes as presented.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON

As required by the Commission Ordinance, the annual nominations and elections for the positions of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson were called for by the commission membership. Vice-Chairperson Jones nominated Commissioner John Hybarger, as

seconded by Commissioner Nuremberg for the position of Chairperson. There being no further nominations the call for the position of Chairperson was closed.

On motion of Vice-Chairperson Jones, seconded by Commissioner Nuremberg, and unanimously carried, Commissioner John Hybarger was elected Chairperson for 2010.

The call for nominations for Vice-Chairperson was opened by Commissioner Aronberg who nominated Commissioner Timothy Jones, as seconded by Commissioner Bombard. There being no further nominations, the call for the position of Vice-Chairperson was closed.

On motion of Commissioner Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Bombard, and unanimously carried, Commissioner Jones was elected Vice-Chairperson for 2010.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORT

The Fish and Game fund balance as of November 2009 is \$125,223.26.

Outstanding encumbrances for this period are \$12,500: Cerritos Kids Fishing Derby (\$2,500); Knabe Katch Fishing Derby (\$2,500); and San Gabriel Mountains Bighorn Sheep (\$7,500).

On motion of Commissioner Nuremberg, seconded by Vice Chair Jones and unanimously carried, the Commission received and filed the financial report.

BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR GRANT REQUESTS FOR ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS FOR 2010 "FISHING EVENTS"

Grant requests were received from the following District:

- 2nd District - 8/2010 – Fishing In The City at Kenneth Hahn Park (Requested amount = \$2,500)
- 4th District - 6/5/10 - Knabe Katch at Cerritos (Requested amount = \$2,500)
- 4th District - 10/2010 - Knabe Katch at La Mirada (Requested amount = \$2,500)

On motion of Vice-Chair Jones, and seconded by Commissioner Aroberg, the Commission unanimously approved the funding for the 2nd District grant request for \$2,500.

On motion of Commissioner Bombard, and seconded by Vice-Chair Jones, the Commission unanimously approved the funding for the 4th District grant requests for \$5,000.

STAFF REPORT

There was none.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

- Vice Chair Jones requested the meeting be dedicated to the memory of the State Fish and Game Department biologists and helicopter pilot who died conducting a deer survey in the Sierra National Forest. Chair Hybarger added that he has flown in helicopters in the past, and was impressed with the daring skills of the pilots as there is always a high element of risk associated with flights.
- Chair Hybarger announced that the Senior Volunteer program has expanded its scope to include Los Angeles County. Reports show that volunteers have worked at local County lakes, performing functions such as making contacts and advising citizens. He would like to see the Program expand further to Central and Northern parts of the County. It is a very productive program that has taken several years to finally see implementation.

PRESENTATION BY AND DISCUSSION ON NETCOMP L.A. COUNTY SHOOTING MAP – DARRYN FLEXMAN, NETCOMP TECHNOLOGIES

Chair Hybarger reported that Los Angeles County is in need of a current firearms shooting map. The previous shooting map was discontinued due to development which rendered the map outdated and required updating to remove liability from the County. Individuals using the map have either relied on US Forest Service maps or word of mouth from other hunters to assess which areas are safe for shooting. Recently, it was discovered that Netcomp Technologies has been marketing a four-part shooting map of Los Angeles County on the internet.

Darryn Flexman, Mapping Division, Netcomp Technologies, reported that there is a serious need for a shooting map for Los Angeles County to advise hunters of safe boundaries. The map designed by Netcomp Technologies is largely based on Los Angeles County firearms ordinances and assorted data.

Additional data incorporated into the map was taken from:

- GIS (Geographical Information System), gathered mostly from County-designed maps that are downloadable from the internet;
- DFG boundaries;
- No-shooting zones;
- State parks, and
- Forest and City boundaries.

He noted that no surveying work was done for the Los Angeles County map, nor was there accuracy testing, hence Netcomp's disclaimer advising users to consult law enforcement on the areas designed on the map. Future plans include developing the map as a SmartPhone application, as well as adding the map to the Garmin GPS system. Vice Chair Jones advised that the GPS should be in full compliance with the State law to prevent potential fines from game wardens due to violations. The Netcomp map lacks consultation with authorities and the serious review that gives reliability to its

project. As it stands, the map has discrepancies that require departmental review before its release to the public. These discrepancies have the potential to hold hunters liable for violating county hunting codes and breaching areas not permitted for shooting.

Warden Lt. Danny Moraga, State Dept. of Fish & Game, reported that San Bernardino County had a similar problem in that they had to update their shooting map. San Bernardino County, fortunately, didn't have a problem obtaining funds to develop their map because it was partially paid for by Bass Pro Shops. Lt. Moraga commented that the Netcomp map is a good start towards a new map because it sets the groundwork. The map is important not just for hunters, but for hikers, too, because it directs them away from firing areas.

San Bernardino County's first map committee consisted of the Dept. of Fish & Game, the California Highway Patrol, the US Bureau of Land Management (BLM), SB County Sheriff's Department, and the City Police Department to review the boundaries and revised ordinances in order to draft an accurate map.

Lt. Moraga is also a Hunter Education Instructor with the Southern California Hunter Education Association, and in that capacity he worked with Bass Pro Shops in drafting a map for San Bernardino County. New maps, on average, cost \$1 apiece to produce, but the price increases according to the quality of paper, paper size and folding pattern. There are price variances because printers vary in handling certain paper sizes and folding patterns. Bass Pro partnered with San Bernardino County in funding for the map with a fifty-fifty split on expenses. Half the maps will be sold through the County and the other half are sold at Bass Pro Shops.

Chair Hybarger concluded the presentation by thanking Netcomp for its endeavor in creating a firearms map for Los Angeles County; however, strongly recommended that Netcomp consults with the Departments of Regional Planning and Public Works.

John Forgy, Quail Unlimited, commented that the State Department of Fish & Game has a California Condor Map that was developed via Google Maps, and could be used as source material for a shooting map.

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

1. Update on firearms shooting map options.
2. Presentation by the National Parks Service regarding the San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains Special Resource Study.
3. Update on the potential of having scholarship awards.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Chair Hybarger, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m in memory of Kevin O'Connor, Clu Cotter, and Tom Stolberg, California Fish and Game biologists, and Dennis Donovan, their contract pilot, who lost their lives in a helicopter accident in the Sierra National Forest.