



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
FISH AND GAME COMMISSION**

**500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Thursday, January 12, 2012

6:00 PM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (12-0360)

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Present: Chair Hybarger, Commissioner Aronberg, Commissioner
Bombard, Commissioner Etter and Commissioner Wax

Call to order. (12-0186)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hybarger at 6:15 p.m. Roll call was taken by Ms. Martha Arana, Commission Services Staff.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of the July 14, 2011 Minutes. (11-4427)

On motion of Commissioner Bombard, seconded by Commissioner Wax, unanimously carried, the minutes from the meeting of July 14, 2011 were approved.

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2. Approval of October 13, 2011 Minutes. (12-0187)

On motion of Commissioner Bombard, seconded by Commissioner Wax, unanimously carried, the minutes from the meeting of October 13, 2011 were approved.

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3. Review of the Fish and Game Propagation Fund Summary of Income, Expenditures, and Fund Balance, ending December 2011 for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. (12-0207)

Ms. Arana, Commission Services Staff, reported on the Fish and Game Commission Propagation Fund Balance Report dated January 5, 2012; she noted that the fund balance as of December 2011 is \$143,941.15, with outstanding encumbrances totaling approximately \$10,000.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Bombard, seconded by Vice Chair Aronberg, unanimously carried, this item was received and filed.

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4. Review of Commission Donations Fish and Game Trust Fund Reconciliation, ending December 2011 for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. (12-0209)

Ms. Arana, Commission Services Staff, reported on the Fish and Game Commission Propagation Fund Balance Report dated June 30, 2011; she noted that the fund balance as of January 6, 2012 is \$6,486.99.

After discussion, on motion Vice Chair Jones, seconded by Commissioner Bombard, unanimously carried, this item was received and filed.

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5. Recommendation to receive and file correspondence from the State of California Fish and Game Commission:

Notices of Proposed Regulatory Action taken on the following:

- SHARE Program
- Public Use of Department of Fish and Game Lands
- Kellet's Whelk (*Kelletia kelletii*) Sport and Commercial Fisheries
- Ocean Salmon Sport Fishing

Notice of Emergency Regulatory Action for the following:

- Black-Backed Woodpecker

Notice of Findings for the following:

- American Pika (*Ochotona Princeps*)
- The Cedar Buckwheat (*Eriogonum Cedrorum*)

Notice of Intent to Recommend to the Fish and Game Commission the following 2012-13 Deer Hunts:

- J-13 Los Angeles Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- A-31 Los Angeles Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- A-31 Ventura/Los Angeles Late Season Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt (11-4729)

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

Attachments: [SHARE PROGRAM](#)
[PUBLIC USE OF DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME LANDS](#)
[OCEAN SALMON SPORT FISHING](#)
[BLACK-BACKED WOODPECKER](#)
[AMERICAN PIKA](#)
[THE CEDAR BUCKWHEAT](#)
[2012-13 DEER HUNTS](#)

6. Receive and File the United States Department of the Interior Special Resources Study and Environmental Assessment of the San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains. (11-4731)

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

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7. Election of 2012 Officers. (12-0211)

Chair Hybarger opened the floor for nominations to elect the Chair and Vice Chair to the Commission. Commissioner Bombard nominated John Hybarger as Chair. There being no further nominations, on motion of Commissioner Bombard, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, unanimously carried, John Hybarger was elected Chair.

Nominations opened for Vice Chair. Chair Hybarger nominated Sandra Aronberg as Vice Chair. There being no further nominations, on motion of Chair Hybarger, seconded by Commissioner Bombard, unanimously carried, Sandra Aronberg was elected Vice Chair.

8. Consideration and approval of the Commission's Fiscal Year 2012-13 Proposed Budget. (12-0236)

Following review of the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Proposed Budget, on motion of Commissioner Bombard, seconded by Commissioner Etter, unanimously carried, the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Proposed Budget was approved and will be used by the Commission as a guideline for future allocations of grants with the understanding that the Budget could be modified based on incoming grant requests.

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II. REPORTS

9. Report on the 2011 Southern Counties Fish and Game Commissions' Fall Conference.
- Chair Hybarger (12-0212)

Chair Hybarger commented on the well-attended Conference/Training Session the Commission hosted for the Southern California Counties Fish and Game Commissions which was held on Friday, December 2, 2011. The Conference was a great session which afforded the Southern Counties Fish and Game Commissions an opportunity to share information. The conference was held at the Los Angeles County Fire Suppression Camp, No. 2, in La Canada-Flintridge, CA. Chair Hybarger also addressed the conference budget outcomes, indicating that the Conference is self-sustaining from the fee charged to attendees. This year attendees were able to register on-line to attend the event via a link that was posted on the Commission's website. Chair Hybarger looks forward to a successful conference in 2012.

Commissioner Etter stated that he really enjoyed attending the conference.

10. Report on the Fishing in the City Program Activities for 2012.
- Brian Young, Fishing in the City Coordinator, California Department of Fish and Game (12-0213)

Chair Hybarger reported that Mr. Young was unable to attend the meeting due to a family emergency. By common consent and there being no objection this item was continued to the next Commission meeting scheduled for April 12, 2012.

11. Commissioners' Reports for January 9, 2012. (12-0214)

There were none.

III. PRESENTATIONS

12. 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 meetings of May 31, 2011, July 14, 2011, and October 13, 2011) (Item continued to the Meeting of April 12, 2011 at the request of the Department of Parks and Recreation.)

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

Mr. Graham, Superintendent of Santa Fe Dam Recreational Area, requested to continue this item to the April 12, 2012, Commission meeting.

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- 13.** Presentation and consideration of a grant request from the First Supervisorial District in the amount to be determined to purchase fish to stock lakes for the following events:

Belvedere Park, 4914 E. Cesar Chavez Ave., in the unincorporated Los Angeles County

- July 7, 2012, "Family Fishing Derby," in the amount of \$1,700;
- September 8, 2012, "Family Fishing Derby," in the amount of \$1,700;
- December 22, 2012, "Holiday Fishing Derby," in the amount of \$1,700;

Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area, 15501 East Arrow Hwy., in the City of Irwindale

- May 25, 2012 "6th Annual Moonlight Fishing, S.G.M.R.C.," in an amount to be determined for 1,000 pounds of fish;
- June 29, 2012 "6th Annual Moonlight Fishing, S.G.M.R.C.," in an amount to be determined for 1,000 pounds of fish;
- July 27, 2012 "6th Annual Moonlight Fishing, S.G.M.R.C.," in an amount to be determined for 1,000 pounds of fish;
- August 31, 2012 "6th Annual Moonlight Fishing, S.G.M.R.C.," in an amount to be determined for 1,000 pounds of fish;
- September 28, 2012 "6th Annual Moonlight Fishing, S.G.M.R.C.," in an amount to be determined for 1,000 pounds of fish;

Whittier Narrow Recreation Area, 751 S. Santa Anita Ave., in the City of South El Monte

- March 2012 (date to be determined) "Spring Fishing Event," in an amount to be determined for 1,000 pounds of fish;
- July 13 and 14, 2012 "Overnight Family Fun Fishing Event," in an amount to be determined for 2,000 pounds of fish; and
- December 1, 2012 "Fishing with Santa," in an amount to be determined for 1,000 pounds of fish. (12-0227)

Belvedere Park

Martin Rascon, Superintendent, Belvedere Park, distributed a booklet with photographs of the park's 2011 fishing derbies. He reported that the park offers complimentary rods and reels to participants and that all equipment is maintained by the Park. The park has volunteers who are knowledgeable in: 1) various fishing techniques, 2) identifying different types of fish, 3) explaining breeding patterns of the various species the lake sustains, and 4) providing education on how to protect the parks surrounding wildlife. Additionally, participants teach the attendees to respect and protect the lake's fish and plant species. Mr. Rascon requested catfish stockings for the "Family Fishing Derbies" to be held on July 7 and September 8, 2012, and a stocking of trout for the "Holiday Family Fishing Derby" scheduled for December 22, 2012.

After discussion, on motion of Vice Chair Aronberg, seconded Commissioner Wax, unanimously carried, the Commission approved the request from the First District in the amount of \$1,700 for each event totaling \$5,100 to purchase fish to stock the lake at Belvedere Park, for two "Family Fishing Derbies," and the "Holiday Family Fishing Derby," scheduled for July 7, September 8, and December 22, 2012, respectively.

Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area

Mr. Graham, Superintendent, Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area, reported the San Gabriel Mountain Regional Conservancy (SGMRC) is a support foundation and does not profit from the Annual Moonlight Fishing Fundraiser Events. However, the SGMRC receives an entrance fee which is used to support the recreational facility and programs. Chair Hybarger expressed concerns regarding the use of public resources to indirectly support a conservancy.

Following discussion, Chair Hybarger stated that Mr. Young, DFG, is willing to support one event which the Commission will consider co-funding with DFG. Mr. Graham requested that the Commission fund a stocking of catfish for the August 31, 2012 Annual Moonlight Fishing event. Chair Hybarger requested that Mr. Graham meet with Mr. Young to coordinate a "Fishing in the City" event, and return to the Commission's next meeting scheduled for April 12, 2012 with a revised grant request for a preferred event that the Commission may support.

After discussion, on motion of Vice Chair Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Bombard, unanimously carried, the Commission

continued this item to the next Commission meeting scheduled for April 12, 2012, instructing the park to coordinate a “Fishing in the City Event” with DFG, and to submit a revised grant application for such event for consideration by the Commission.

Whittier Narrows Recreation Area

Ms. Martha Moreno, Superintendent I, Whittier Narrows Regional Recreation Area, stated the fishing events at Whittier Narrows are free to the public and are coordinated in collaboration with DFG’s “Fishing in the City Events.” Ms. Moreno informed the Commission that the availability of catfish stocking from DFG for the month of July has not been confirmed, and the State’s fiscal budget may not allow the fish stocking at the park’s three lakes for the July 13 and 14, 2012 “Overnight Family Fun Night Event.” Following discussion, the Commission requested that Ms. Moreno to return to address grant requests for the July and December events at the next Commission meeting scheduled for April 12, 2012.

Therefore, on motion of Commissioner Wax, seconded by Vice Chair Aronberg, unanimously carried, the Commission:

- Continued the following requests to the next Commission meeting scheduled for April 12, 2012:
 - 2,000 pounds of fish (amount to be determined) for the July 13 and 14, 2012 “Overnight Family Fun Fishing Event; and
 - 2,000 pounds of fish (amount to be determined) for the December 1, 2012 “Fishing with Santa;” and
- Approved a request from the First Supervisorial District in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 to purchase fish to stock the lake at the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area, for the “Spring Fishing Event,” scheduled to a date to be determined in March 2012.

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14. Presentation and consideration of a grant request from the Second Supervisorial District in the amount of \$2,500 to purchase fish to stock the lakes at the Kenneth Hahn State Recreational Area, 4100 S La Cienega Blvd., in the City of Los Angeles for a fishing event to be held on July 20, 2012. (12-0215)

A representative from Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas's Office was unable to attend the meeting. Vice Chair Aronberg stated she has participated in several Second Supervisorial District fishing events which are well attended and organized.

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Wax, seconded by Vice Chair Aronberg, unanimously carried, the Commission approved the request from the Second Supervisorial District in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 to purchase fish to stock the lake at the Kenneth Hahn State Recreational Area, for a fishing event scheduled for July 20, 2012.

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15. Presentation and consideration of a grant request from the Second Supervisorial District in the amount of \$2,400 to be allocated to the California Science Center Foundation for the students and Steelhead Project to cover the of educating students about the ecological requirements of the Steelhead Trout which inhabit Topanga Creek in the Santa Monica Mountains. (12-0252)

Mr. Chuck Kopczak, California Science Center, submitted a grant request in the amount of \$2,500 to cover the costs of transportation for a third grade field trip to Topanga Canyon enabling students to examine the ecosystems that supports steelhead trout. Upon the advice of Chair Hybarger, Mr. Kopczak submitted a revised grant application requesting \$4,500 to purchase water quality testing equipment; digital cameras, and other items for the children's use. By common consent and there being no objection, the request for \$2,500 for transportation costs was not considered.

After discussion, Commissioner Wax made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Etter, that the Commission approve the revised request from the Second Supervisorial District in the amount of \$4,500 to be allocated to the California Science Center Foundation to support third grade students in their evaluation the ecosystems of the steelhead trout which inhabit Topanga Creek in Santa Monica Mountains. Said motion failed by the following vote:

Ayes (2): Commissioner Etter, Chair Hybarger.

**Noes (3): Commissioner Aronberg, Commissioner Bombard,
Commissioner Wax.**

Following further discussion, the Commission by common consent and there being no objection, continued the revised request to a special meeting of the Fish and Game Commission, on a date to be determined in February 2012, and requested that Mr. Kopczak provide an itemized list of goods that the science center was seeking to purchase with the grant funds requested from the Commission.

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- 16.** Presentation and consideration of a grant request from the Third Supervisorial District in the amount of \$3,977 to be allocated to the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains for the Malibu Water Quality Probe Maintenance Program to replace damaged recording data sondes probes and to purchase necessary solutions to calibrate the probes situated at a permanent data transmission station in the Malibu Creek Watershed, located in the Santa Monica Mountains, to monitor and identify potentially lethal conditions that could impact southern steelhead trout. (12-0230)

Ms. Susan Nissman, Senior Deputy of the Third Supervisorial District, spoke on behalf of the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains (RCDSMM) for the Malibu Water Quality Probe Maintenance Program. RCDSMM is seeking funding for the southern steelhead trout monitoring efforts in Malibu, Topanga and Arroyo Sequit Creeks. The grant will cover the cost associated with repairing or maintaining the sondes that continuously document water temperature, pH, and dissolved oxygen.

After discussion, on motion of Vice Chair Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Bombard, unanimously carried, the Commission approved the Third District request to allocate funds in the amount of \$3,977 to the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains.

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17. Presentation and consideration of a grant request from the Third Supervisorial District in the amount of \$2,667 to be allocated to the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains (RCDSMM) for the Topanga Southwest Pond Turtle Surveys Program to support RCDSMM biologists and team leaders with recruitment and training efforts to conduct annual presence/absence and abundance counts, and to track species of special concern, such as the southwestern pond turtle within the Topanga Creek Watershed in the Santa Monica Bay. (12-0235)

Ms. Susan Nissman, Senior Deputy of the Third Supervisorial District, spoke on behalf of the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains (RCDSMM) regarding the Topanga Southwest Pond Turtle Survey Program. Ms. Nissman added that pond turtles are an endangered species, and the RCDSMM has been conducting annual presence/absence and abundance counts and track the largest remaining population of pond turtles in the Santa Monica Mountains. Chair Hybarger stated that the Commission has not historically awarded grants to fund the salaries of the staff, and requested that the RCDSMM submit a revised grant request to cover costs, other than those associated with salaries, for the program; and to return to the Commission at a special Commission meeting to be scheduled, on a date to be determined in February 2012.

After discussion by common consent and there being no objection, the Commission continued this item to a special meeting of the Fish and Game Commission, to a date to be determined in February 2012, and requested that the RCDSMM submit a revised grant request requesting funding to cover costs, other than those associated with salaries, for the Program.

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18. Presentation and consideration of a grant request from the Fourth Supervisorial District in the amount of \$7,500 to purchase fish to stock lakes for the following events:

Cerritos Regional Park, 19700 Bloomfield Avenue, in the City of Cerritos

- June 2, 2012 “Cerritos Kids Fishing Derby,” in the amount of \$2,500;
- October 6, 2012 “Kids Fishing Derby,” in the amount of \$2,500; and

La Mirada Regional Park, 18701 Adelfa Drive, in the City of La Mirada

- September/October 2012 “Knabe Katch,” in the amount of \$2,500.
(12-0233)

Mr. Brian Spragg, Parks and Recreation, stated that the Kids' Fishing Derbies, scheduled at Cerritos Regional Park, are free to the public. Derbies attract approximately 3,000 children to the events. Mr. Young will co-sponsor the event and provide the educational component for both events. He will additionally have rods and reels available for participants.

Ms. Yvette Maufas, Recreation Services Manager, Department of Parks and Recreation, stated the "Knabe Katch Family Fishing Derby" is an annual event at La Mirada Regional Park that includes a pancake breakfast.

Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Bombard, seconded by Commissioner Etter, unanimously carried, the Commission approved the Fourth Supervisorial District request to purchase fish to stock the lake at the Cerritos Regional Park in the amount totaling \$5,000 for both Cerritos Kids Fishing Derbies to be held on June 2, 2012 and October 6, 2012 and the request to purchase fish to stock the lake at La Mirada Regional Park in an amount totaling \$2,500 for the Knabe Katch Fishing Derby to be held on September/October 2012.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

- 19.** 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. (12-0237)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

- 20.** Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (12-0238)

Nick Bechtel and Derek Fong, DFG, addressed the Commission.

Adjournment

- 21.** Adjournment of the meeting of January 12, 2012. (12-0239)

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

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