



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

**500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**
<http://fishandgame.lacountycommissions.info>

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (24-2284)

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Call to Order and commissioner self-introductions.

Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgment

The County of Los Angeles recognizes that we occupy land originally and still inhabited and cared for by the Tongva, Tataviam, Serrano, Kizh, and Chumash Peoples. We honor and pay respect to their elders and descendants past, present, and emerging as they continue their stewardship of these lands and waters. We acknowledge that settler colonization resulted in land seizure, disease, subjugation, slavery, relocation, broken promises, genocide, and multigenerational trauma. This acknowledgment demonstrates our responsibility and commitment to truth, healing, and reconciliation and to elevating the stories, culture, and community of the original inhabitants of Los Angeles County. We are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work on these ancestral lands. We are dedicated to growing and sustaining relationships with Native peoples and local tribal governments, including (in no particular order) the:

Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians
Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council
Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians
Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation
San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
San Fernando Band of Mission Indians

To learn more about the First Peoples of Los Angeles County, please visit the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission website www.lanaic.lacounty.gov <<http://www.lanaic.lacounty.gov>> (24-1960)

Chairperson Lee Wax called the meeting to order at 10:21 a.m., followed by the reading of the Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement statement, and self-introductions by all in attendance.

Roll Call. (24-1963)

Roll was performed by Commission Services Staff.

Present: 5 - Chairperson Lee Wax, Vice Chairperson John Resich, Commissioner James W. Etter, Commissioner Hugo Garcia, and Commissioner Dr. Karen M. Martin

I. PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation and consideration of a grant request from the Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club Foundation (LARRCF) in the amount of \$4,500.00, to purchase fish to stock the Hansen Dam Recreational Lake, for the annual Lou Berke Trout and Catfish Derby, scheduled to be held during the 2024 calendar year.

- Ed Lieberman, Trustee and Co-Chairman, Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club Foundation (24-1964)

Ed Lieberman, Trustee and Co-Chairman, Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club Foundation (LARRCF), provided an overview of the LARRCF history and the services provided at the LARRCF. He stated that the LARRCF has been in existent for about 75. There are several programs the further the LARRCF mission statement. Programs include fishing events for veterans and disabled children. The foundation also provides grants to Marine Biologist students, and the foundation also provides grants to organizations such as Aquarium of the Pacific. The LARRCF grant request is to cover the of the Lou Berke Trout and Catfish Derby.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Dr. Karen M. Martin, seconded by Commissioner Hugo Garcia, the Commission approved the LARRCF grant request in the amount of \$4,500.00, to be taken from the LAFWC Fund, with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 5 - Chairperson Lee Wax, Vice Chairperson John Resich, Commissioner James W. Etter, Commissioner Hugo Garcia, and Commissioner Dr. Karen M. Martin

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2. Presentation and consideration of a grant request from the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, in the amount of \$3,000.00, or 1,000 pounds of fish, to stock the Don Knabe Regional Park Lake, for the annual Cerritos Youth Fishing Derby, scheduled to be held during the 2024 calendar year.
- John Baker, Recreation Services Manager, Don Knabe Regional Park, County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (24-1967)

The Commission held a brief discussion regarding the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation grant request in the amount of \$3,000.00, or 1,000 pounds of fish, for the annual Cerritos Youth Fishing Derby at Don Knabe Regional Park Lake. During discussion, Brian Young, CDFW, stated that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, in conjunction with Fish-N-the-City, would provide 1,500 pounds of fish for the event. No action would be necessary from the LAFWC.

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3. Presentation and consideration of a grant request from the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, in the amount of \$2,500.00, or 1,000 pounds of fish, to stock the La Mirada Regional Park Lake, for the annual La Mirada Youth Fishing Derby, scheduled to be held during the 2024 calendar year.
- Yvette Maufas, Recreation Services Manager, La Mirada Regional Park, County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (24-1968)

On motion of Chair Lee Wax, seconded by Commissioner Dr. Karen M. Martin, the Commission, as a contingency plan approved the grant request from the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, in the amount of \$2,500.00, or 1,000 pounds of fish, to stock the La Mirada Regional Park Lake, for the annual La Mirada Youth Fishing Derby. The approval is with the understanding that if Brian Young, Coordinator, Fishing-N-the-City, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, cannot provide the 1,500 pounds of fish, the LAFWC would then provide the fish, with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 5 - Chairperson Lee Wax, Vice Chairperson John Resich, Commissioner James W. Etter, Commissioner Hugo Garcia, and Commissioner Dr. Karen M. Martin

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4. Presentation and consideration of a grant request from the Daniel Hernandez Youth Foundation, in the amount of \$11,000.00, to purchase fish and stock various lakes in Los Angeles County, for the Meet Me at the Lake Fishing Events, scheduled to be held during the 2024 calendar year.

- Dan Hernandez, Founder, Daniel Hernandez Youth Foundation (24-1970)

On motion of Vice Chair John Resich, seconded by Chair Lee Wax, the Commission approved the grant request from the Daniel Hernandez Youth Foundation in the amount of \$6,000.00, to be taken from the LACFWC Propagation Fund, with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 5 - Chairperson Lee Wax, Vice Chairperson John Resich, Commissioner James W. Etter, Commissioner Hugo Garcia, and Commissioner Dr. Karen M. Martin

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II. REPORTS

5. Receive and file the Fish and Wildlife Commission's Trust Fund (TK7) Reconciliation Report, for the period ending March 31, 2024. (24-1973)
- Staff reported that following a deposit of \$5,165.75 on March 20, 2024, from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the Fish and Wildlife Commission Trust Fund (TK7) Balance for the month ending March 31, 2024, is \$14,643.13.**

On motion of Vice Chairperson John Resich, seconded by Chairperson Lee Wax, this item was received and filed, with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 5 - Chairperson Lee Wax, Vice Chairperson John Resich, Commissioner James W. Etter, Commissioner Hugo Garcia, and Commissioner Dr. Karen M. Martin

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6. Receive and file the Fish and Wildlife Commission's Propagation Fund Summary of Income, Expenditures, and Fund Balance Report, for the period ending March 31, 2024. (24-1974)
- Staff reported that the Fish and Wildlife Commission Propagation Fund (PF) Balance for the month ending March 31, 2024, is \$123,955.01. However, approximately \$32,550.00 in grants and other expenditures that have not been debited from the Propagation Fund, but once those funds are distributed, the actual balance will be approximately \$91,405.01.**

On motion of Vice Chairperson John Resich, seconded by Chairperson Lee Wax, this item was received and filed, with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 5 - Chairperson Lee Wax, Vice Chairperson John Resich, Commissioner James W. Etter, Commissioner Hugo Garcia, and Commissioner Dr. Karen M. Martin

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7. Chairperson report on various items, correspondence received. (24-1975)

Chair Lee Wax reported that there was a recent mountain lion sighting in Griffith Park.

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8. Staff report on various items, correspondence received, and the Los Angeles County Fish and Wildlife Commission website (LACFWC). (24-1976)

Staff reported that the LAFWC website has been updated and includes information regarding wildlife resources. Commissioner James W. Etter's blog No. 1 on "Living with Urban Wildlife" is available on the Commission's

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9. Presentation of "Living with Urban Wildlife", blog, Volume one.

- Commissioner James E. Etter (24-2045)

Commissioner Etter provided an overview of his report/blog No. 1, Living with Urban Wildlife. He stated that his information on wildlife will be distributed throughout Los Angeles County.

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III. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

10. Approval of the May 29, 2024, Meeting Minutes. (24-1981)

On motion of Vice Chair John Resich, seconded by Commissioner Dr. Karen M. Martin, this item was approved with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 4 - Chairperson Lee Wax, Vice Chairperson John Resich, Commissioner Hugo Garcia, and Commissioner Dr. Karen M. Martin

Abstention: 1 - Commissioner James W. Etter

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IV. DISCUSSIONS

11. Presentation and discussion regarding the Catalina Island's Conservancy ("CIC") along with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife ("CDFW") intent to eradicate the Catalina Island's deer population.

- Lauren Dennhardt, Ph.D., Senior Director of Conservation, Catalina Island Conservancy
- Tim Dillingham, Environmental Programs Manager - Lands and Wildlife, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (24-1971)

Lauren Dennhardt, Ph.D., Senior Director of Conservation, Catalina Island Conservancy (CIC), provide a PowerPoint presentation relating to the history of the Catalina Island Conservancy. She stated that is a non-profit private land, but open to the public, and was founded in 1972. It is the ancestral, traditional lands of the Tongva-Gabrielieno. There are 4,200 residents on the island, and over one million people visit Catalina Island annually. The island is 48,000 acres in size. There are no public roads, and the CIC maintains the roads and trails without taxpayer support. The CIC issued over 16,000 hiking permits and 967 biking permits in 2023. The CIC also issues between 200 to 300 hunting permits annually. She also stated that the CIC goal is to build a resilient and safe Catalina Island through an Island Restoration Project that not only protects nature, but safeguards communities, reduce fire risk on the Island through proactive restoration efforts, and preserve the unique ecosystem of the Island which houses rare and endemic species found nowhere else on Earth. She further stated that the Mule Deer were introduced on the island nearly 100 years ago and over the decades, people have hunted them to attempt to reduce their populations. The Deer target unique vegetation which evolved without defenses.

Vice Chair Resich inquired if the CIC and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has explored other alternatives to the eradication of the deer on Catalina Island. Such as issuing more hunting permits, making hunting more accessible and not too costly so that the average hunter is able to afford the permit, erecting fencing to control where the deer travel. Dr. Dennhardt responded that there are unique challenges to addressing the deer population and logistics of removing them from the island.

After the presentation, the Commission formed an Ad-Hoc Committee consisting of Vice Chair John Resich and Commissioner Dr. Karen M. Martin, to discuss and explore possible solutions to the deer issue on Catalina Island.

Written public comments were received and can be found in the **SUPPORTING DOCUMENT** link for this item.

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12. Discussion, planning, and appropriate action regarding the LACF&W 2024 Annual Conference, to be held at Dockweiler Youth Center Multi-purpose Room, Dockweiler State Beach, Playa Del Rey, CA. (24-2046)

Chair Wax and Commission Services staff provided an overview of the LACFWC 2023 Annual Fish and Wildlife Commissions conference and announced that the 2024 conference will be held at Dockweiler State Beach in Playa Del Rey, CA., on Wednesday, October 9, 2024. Recipients of the LACFWC grants are required to provide a report on the use of funds received from the LACFWC and project status at the conference.

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V. MISCELLANEOUS

Public Comment

13. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (24-1978)

There were no in person, written or online public comment on this item.

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Adjournment

14. Adjournment for the meeting of May 29, 2024. (24-1980)

There being no further business, Chairperson Lee Wax adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m.