



Fish and Game Preservation Fund Advisory Committee Meeting

Agenda
Friday, April 21, 2023

10 AM; Board of Supervisors Chambers
2 South Green Street, 4th Floor, Sonora, CA

1. Call to Order/Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting on March 3, 2023

3. Oral Communication:

- a. The public may speak on any item not on the printed agenda. No action will be taken by the committee.

4. Discussion Item:

Update and overview of available fund balance. Discussion only, no action needed.

- 5. Review/Action Item:** Review of the approved purchase items from the last meeting for the California Department of Wildlife and consideration of adding any new purchase items.

6. Adjourn

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MINUTES

Fish & Game Preservation Fund Advisory Committee

March 3rd, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.

HR Conference Room

2 S. Green Street, Sonora CA 95370

1. Call the meeting to order: Meeting called to order @ 10:00 am. (Quorum reached).
 - A. In attendance: Roundtable of introductions was done.
 - A. Committee members (quorum met)
 1. Jim Phelan (Committee Member) Sportsman Club
 2. Jim Maddox (Committee Member)
 3. Bill Youngman (Committee Member)
 4. Kevin Townsend (Committee Member)
 - B. Staff Present
 1. Andre Rivera (CAO Staff)
 2. Bobbi Dunham (CAO Staff)
 - C. Partners
 1. Justin Gaoiran - Fish & Wildlife
 2. Mark Abraham - Fish & Wildlife
 3. Mason Hemphill - Fish & Wildlife
 4. Nathan Graveline - Fish & Wildlife
 - D. Public
 1. Bill Morales - Sportsman Club
2. Public Forum – The public may speak on any item not on the printed agenda. No action may be taken by the Committee. The amount of time allocated for the public forum is limited to 15 minutes.
 - A. Public Comments – None.
3. Consideration of approving the minutes of the meeting held on August 15th, 2019.
 - A. Jim Phelan moved to approve. Kevin Townsend seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
 - B. Public Comment – None.
4. Partner Agencies
 - A. Fish & Wildlife
 1. Recent hiring event has resulted in 40-50 academy recruits. Sonora based position still vacant. Hopeful hiring will pick up.
 2. Fish & Wildlife is expecting a new marine vessel that will help with patrolling efforts and possibly more revenue for the Fish & Game Preservation Fund.
 3. Turkey decoys have been installed and are currently being used and are helpful.
 4. Mason and Justin recently attended training on new camera technology that uses cellular service to allow for remote viewing and use of said cameras. These trail

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cameras assist in poaching concerns, wildlife data collection as well as assisting in surveillance of the areas. There is a need for 6 cameras and a home base camera that will link all of the cameras allowing for better reception coverage and remote control of all devices. This assists in mitigating outages and time to retrieve data. The cost is approximately \$500 per camera and up to \$1,000 for a home base camera totaling approximately \$4,000.

5. Nathan discussed current efforts of deer monitoring program by way of collar tracking devices. Vetting of new magnetic collars that allow for less restrictive application that will prevent infection and injury from collar use is currently being done. May take a few months to determine if the new collars will be effective. These buck expansion kits cost approximately \$100 per unit. Approximately 20 kits would be needed totaling a higher estimate of \$2,500. These collars will assist with fawn survival rate data collection as well as DNA collection and deer population density data tracking. There is a website that plots this data online with GIS mapping of deer populations. Nathan to send link to data.

5. Committee Business

A. Staff Reports and recommendations

1. Introduction of Bobbi Dunham as our financial expert. Bobbi spoke on the details of the fund account and available funds for expenditure. Committed vs restricted was discussed and staff will further research the status of those categories of account funds. May was mentioned as next meeting timeframe to continue the fund accounts discussion and any potential for additional funds being appropriated.
2. Overview of funds expenditure regarding needs of Fish & Wildlife (cameras and buck expansion kits). Reviewed cost estimates and timing of fund expenditures.

6. Discussion items

A. Discussed and approved Fish & Game Preservation Fund Advisory Committee expenditures for fiscal year:

1. It was brought to vote on the expenditure for Fish & Wildlife to purchase 6 cellular cameras and a home base camera unit that will allow for networking of all cameras as well as approximately 20 collar tracking devices (buck expansion kits) for deer population monitoring. Estimated cost for both purchases totals \$6,500. Justin will send camera information including types and cost and will then receive go ahead to purchase the equipment and send invoices for payment (approximately \$4000). Nathan will send buck expansion kit collar monitoring devices information once test period is completed (approximately 2-3 months). Will then receive go ahead to purchase the equipment and send an invoice for payment (approximately \$2,500).
2. Motion brought by Kevin Townsend. Seconded by Bill Youngman. Motion passed 4-0.

B. Discussed and approved reappointment of Fish & Game Preservation Fund Advisory Committee members and vote to fill open vacancy.

1. Discussion of committee reappointments was done as well as open vacancy position. All reappointments and open vacancy (letter e.) applications were approved and are listed below.
 - a. Jim Phelan (Sportsman Club)
 - b. Jim Maddox (At Large)
 - c. Bill Youngman (At Large)
 - d. Kevin Townsend (At Large)
 - e. Bill Morales (Open Vacancy At Large)

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2. Motion moved by Jim Maddox. Seconded by Jim Phelan. Motion passed 4-0.

7. Open Items

1. Staff will contact Matt Powell to ensure regular reports of the committee funds are sent out to committee members.
2. Bobbi will get in touch with appropriate persons to get breakdown of administrative and other takes of fund revenue for reporting next meeting.

8. Meeting Adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

A. Items for next meeting

1. Committed funds
2. Expenditure follow up
3. Additional expenditures pending committed funds update

Next scheduled meeting May 12th, 2023

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