



**San Diego County
Fish & Wildlife Advisory Commission**

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FWAC AGENDA

DATE: **July 11, 2024**

TIME: **11:30 a.m.**

PLACE: **Department of Agriculture, Weights, and Measures
9325 Hazard Way, Suite 100
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Commissioner	Present	Absent	Late	District	Supervisor
Mark Kukuchek				1	Vargas
Janeen Reed				1	Vargas
Ed Stovin				2	Anderson
Andy Paluczak				2	Anderson
Tashi MacMillen				3	Lawson-Remer
Wayne Kotow				3	Lawson-Remer
Vacant				4	Montgomery Steppe
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Jim Conrad				5	Desmond
Steve Turigliatto				5	Desmond

Call to Order

A. Introductions

B. Approval of Minutes – June 13, 2024, Meeting.

C. Public Comment - on any subject matter within Commission jurisdiction, but not on the agenda (No discussion or action may be taken by the Commission.)

D. Chairperson's Report

E. Administrative Items

1. Requested spreadsheet with updates on open fund requests.

F. Old Business

G. New Business

1. Election of new Chair.
2. Voting on Grant Applications for Round 1 of Fiscal Year 2024-25.

FWAC Grants FY 24-25 Round 1

Grant App #	Project Name	Organization	Funded Amount	Project Start Date	Grant Amount Proposed
24/25-1	Mataguay Waterway Improvement Phase 2-3	San Diego-Imperial Council Boy Scouts of America	<p>The Mataguay Waterway Improvement is a multiphase project to repair and protect the inland waterways such as Matagual Creek that run through Mataguay Scout Reservation. The repairs will help prevent erosion and help support wildlife including one endangered species. We will be finishing Phase 2 of the project which focused on completing unfinished work from Phase 2 as well as the next section of the waterway.</p> <p>Section 1 Complete removal of silt from the large silt collection pond that was initiated in Phase 1. Section 2 Remove silt between the island and the land on the shooting sports side of the lake. Current depth 3-4 feet. These two sections will complete Phase II of the project to restore and improve the waterways that help support an array of wildlife. Phase 3 would clear the outlet for the waterway and we would install a flash board riser or similar device which will allow the water levels to be manipulated and provide a better biodiversity. The project will restore waterways that support fish, birds, mountain lions, deer, raccoons, bobcats, and coyotes. Our waterways are home to a federally endangered species. The clearing of the water ways will help bolster an already diverse community of wildlife.</p>	9/1/2024	\$10,000
24/25-2	eDNA Sampling to Advance Inland Riparian & Fish Conservation	The San Diego River Park Foundation	<p>A recent streambed assessment identified two pools on Cedar Creek containing rainbow trout. With so many of the tributaries of the San Diego River being remote, hard to reach areas, it can be challenging to advance understanding of the wildlife in these inland riparian areas.</p> <p>With FWAC support, we seek to expand our understanding by using new technology- eDNA. We propose to collect 35 samples from several creeks to be sent off to labs. Skin and other tissues in these samples can be detected to identify a variety of species, including rainbow trout. The Water</p>	8/1/2024	\$5,596

			<p>Board will provide the necessary equipment to collect these samples. We also will collect monitoring data about these creeks (temperature, oxygen level, etc.). As the first Trout in the Classroom program in San Diego, we will also build on this program to add an eDNA element. We will train educators and docents on sampling. However, we will use free kits from Jonah Ventures as part of a statewide program. These are lower quality and take much longer to process. However, they are a way to engage school kids.</p> <p>We propose to purchase waders for these sampling events, water quality testing supplies, and education tools to support learning about fish.</p> <p>Finally, we will create an interpretive exhibit about cool streams.</p>		
		Total			\$15,596

H. Commissioner’s Corner

Another friendly reminder for all commissioners to continue contacting their community members and colleagues to encourage grant applications.

I. Adjourn

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The next meeting is December 12, 2024, at 11:30 am.