



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

9325 Hazard Way, Suite 100  
San Diego, California 92123-1217

(858) 694-2472  
Fax (858) 467-9697  
www.sdfwac.org

FWAC MINUTES  
For December 7, 2023 Meeting

Commissioner	Present	Absent	Late	District	Supervisor
Mark Kukuchek	x			1	Vargas
Janeen Reed	x			1	Vargas
Ed Stovin	x			2	Anderson
Andy Paluczak		x		2	Anderson
Tashi MacMillen	x			3	Lawson-Remer
Wayne Kotow		x		3	Lawson-Remer
Maggie Reinbold	x			4	Montgomery-Steppe
vacant				4	Montgomery-Steppe
Jim Conrad	x			5	Desmond
Steve Turigliatto	x			5	Desmond

**Call to Order-** A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 1130.

**A. Introductions** – The Commissioners introduced themselves.

The following guests were in attendance: Austin Shepard-AWM, Victor Cruz-AWM, Sean Roy-Boy Scouts of America (virtual), Michele Thompson-San Diego Natural History Museum (virtual), Jesus Amial-San Diego County Parks and Recreation (virtual), Renee Hilton- San Diego County Parks and Recreation (virtual).

**B. Approval of Minutes** –

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2023 meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Stovin and Seconded by Commissioner Conrad. Passed with 6 Ayes.

**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.)

No public comment

**D. Chairperson's Report**

None

**E. Administrative Items**

1. Confirmation of commissioners that attended the BCC training-.Kotow and Reed
2. The semi-annual report was completed and forwarded to the board.
3. Grant report 22-23 received from the Oceanside Sr. Anglers.
4. Proposal to reduce the number of meetings per year.

A motion was made to reduce the number of meetings to four a year vice six. Motion made by Commissioner Reinbold and Seconded by Commissioner Mac Millan. Passed with 6 Ayes and

- 1 no.
- 5. Status on budget adjustment. The adjustment was approved and will be in place for the
- 6. January meeting.

**F. Old Business**

Renee Hilton from San Diego County Parks and Recreation stated that the County Staff support for the FWAC would be provided from the Parks and Recreation Department rather than the Agriculture Weights and Measures for future meetings. The transition will take place at the January meeting and future meetings will be held in the Parks and Recreation Conference room on the fourth floor of Building 5500 of the County Operations Center.

**G. New Business**

Sean Roy from the Boys Scouts of America made a presentation regarding their grant request and answered questions

Michelle Thompson from the San Diego Natural History Museum made a presentation regarding their grant request and answered questions.

**1. Grant Applications for Round 2 of Fiscal Year 2023-24**

There was a lengthy discussion among the commissioners on how to fund each grant given the fact that there were larger grant funds requested that grant funds were available for award. The grants requested will be awarded funds based on a decision at the January meeting.

FWAC Grants FY 23-24 Round 2					
Grant App #	Project Name	Organization		Project Start Date	Grant Amount Proposed
23/24-1	2024 Sponsored Kids Trips	Oceanside Senior Anglers Angler For Kids	OSA sponsors and facilitates fishing trips for local north county youth groups during the summer months. We seek groups such as but not limited to Boys and Girls Clubs, Recreation programs, Boys and Girl Scouts. We especially seek but are not limited to organizations that administer low income youths. Our goal is to offer an otherwise not affordable experience that will enhance their knowledge of fishing, oceanic ecology, and respect for our natural resources. Our on the water teachers are all Oceanside Senior Anglers, many of which such as myself have spent a lifetime learning using and respecting the local fishery. Our over twenty year history of these on the water experiences have given our community over one thousand youths that have received lifetime benefits from a single day on the water.  For the last sever! years all of our trips have been aboard the Sea Star out of Oceanside Sea Center in Oceanside. Captain Joe on the Sea Star has imbraced the program and significantly reduced his prices to allow us greater latitude in reaching greater numbers of Kids. A boat that charters for over \$2000 per day is available for our program for \$1400, all inclusive. We have enacted additional cost saving procedures by eliminating meals as kids preferred their own lunches.	6/15/24	\$6,000
23/24-2	Penasquitos Sycamore Crossing Project	San Diego Mountain Biking Association	The San Diego Mountain Biking Association (SDMBA) is requesting funding to acquire necessary materials for the Penasquitos Sycamore Crossing Project. This initiative aims to restore a safe and sustainable route	5/1/24	\$5,000

			<p>over Penasquitos Creek within the Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve. As the most popular trail system in the county, the Preserve attracts numerous trail enthusiasts. However, due to seasonal damage, the Sycamore Crossing and other crossings across Penasquitos Creek often experience closures. By addressing this issue, the project will not only benefit the trail users but also save time for the City of San Diego staff who usually have to mitigate the recurring damages during the winter. Data compiled from Strava Metro indicates an average monthly usage of 500 individuals on foot and bicycle for the Sycamore Crossing segment in 2022.</p>		
23/24-3	Mataguay Waterway Improvement Phase 2	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. Phase II of the project will focus on completing unfinished work from Phase I as well as 2 other sections of the waterway.</p> <p>Section 1 Complete removal of silt from the large silt collection pond that was initiated in Phase 1.</p> <p>Section 2 Remove silt between the island and the land on the shooting sports side of the lake. Current depth 3-4 feet.</p> <p>These two sections will complete Phase II of the project to restore and improve the waterways that help support an array of wildlife. 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>	4/1/24	\$10,000
23/24-4	San Diego Healthy Canyons	San Diego Natural History Museum	<p>In the city of San Diego, 81% of residents live within a 10-minute walk from a greenspace (e.g., park, open space). The national median for all urban cities and towns is only 54%. One of the factors that contributes to San Diego's high walkability to greenspaces is a unique topography that consists of steep canyons and flat mesas. As San Diego continues to be urbanized, flat mesas are increasingly developed leaving a patchwork of greenspaces created by the steeper, more-difficult-to-develop canyons. Despite their being a common feature in the landscape and their proximity to San Diego residents, there is a current lack of information about urban canyon greenspaces, including how they contribute to conserving regional wildlife, the extent of ecological services they provide to San Diego residents, and how to better manage greenspaces to maximize benefits for nature and people.</p>	2/1/24	\$5,388.22

			The objective of this project is to conduct a multidisciplinary (plants, insects, amphibians and reptiles, mammals, birds) biological inventory of San Diego urban canyons to determine the current state of conservation of wildlife within those canyons. We will also increase connection between people and greenspaces through community engagement.		
		<b>Total</b>			<b>\$26,388.22</b>

**H. Commissioner’s Corner**

Commissioner Turigliatto Stated the Spring Turkey tune-up will be held February 24<sup>th</sup> at Lake Henshaw and requested support from one of the other commissioners to man an FWAC booth at the event.

**I. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Note: Commission agendas, including any revisions, are posted on the front door of the Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures, 9325 Hazard Way, Suite 100, San Diego, California, 92123-1217

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

San Diego County Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures  
 Phone: (858) 614-7726; E-mail: [Victor.Cruz@SDCounty.ca.gov](mailto:Victor.Cruz@SDCounty.ca.gov)  
 Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission Web Page: [www.sdfwac.org](http://www.sdfwac.org)

The next meeting is January 11, 2023, at 11:30 am.