



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

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**FWAC MINUTES**  
**For January 12, 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	Virtual			3	Lawson-Remer
Wayne Kotow	x			3	Lawson-Remer
Maggie Reinbold	Virtual			4	Fletcher
Marco Aburto Oropreza		x		4	Fletcher
Jim Conrad	x			5	Desmond
Steve Turigliatto	x			5	Desmond

- A. Call to Order** – A quorum of commissioners being present, Chair Maggie Reinbold called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.
- B. Introductions** – The Commissioners introduced themselves.
1. The following guests were in attendance: Garrett Cooper-AWM, Victor Cruz-AWM  
Sarah Hutmacher-San Diego River Park Foundation.
- C. Approval of Minutes** – NA- The minutes of the September 8, 2022 special meeting will be approved at the next FWAC meeting
- D. Public Comment** - on any subject matter within Commission jurisdiction, but not on the agenda (No discussion or action may be taken by the Commission.)
1. No public comments
- E. Chairman's Report**
1. None
- F. Administrative Items**
1. 1. AWM Staffing Changes-Victor Cruz will be the new AWM contact

person with Garrett Cooper and Austin Shepard available as needed.

2. This meeting is catch-up for December, a second January Meeting is scheduled for January 26 at 1130 AM.
3. Form 700-All Commissioners are up to date with the exception of the two new Commissioners.

## G. Old Business

No old business

## H. New Business

### 1. Grant Applications FY 2022-23 Round 2

I. Grant #	Project Name	Round	Organization	Description	Project Start Date	Grant Amount Proposed
2022/23-04	Ocotillo Wells SVRA Clean-Up	2	Friends of Ocotillo Wells	Clean-up of Ocotillo Wells, west of County Line Rd. Coordinate volunteers to pick up trash in the State Park. will be having a barbecue for participants.	2/18/2023	\$1,200.00
2022/23-05	Eagle Peak Preserve Wildlife-Friendly Fencing	2	The San Diego River Park Foundation	The San Diego River Park Foundation (SDRPF) is seeking support to install wildlife-friendly fencing on key perennial water sources at Eagle Peak Preserve Conservation Area. We will leverage previously purchased supplies to protect two water sources by installing wildlife-friendly fencing. These areas are known as The Seep and the Oak Restoration Area, and combined, need only 460 linear feet of fencing to prevent cattle trampling and herbivory. Previously installed wildlife cameras have documented diverse wildlife, ranging from small animals like quail up through larger mammals like mule deer, bobcats, and cougars all as frequent visitors to these sites. However, these preserves are hundreds of acres and have incomplete fences at the boundaries. Neighboring cattle grazing results in unwanted cattle encroachment onto the preserves, who trample watering holes and graze on the trees we are planting to increase shade and prevent summer evaporation. Fencing of these high-value resources is the most cost-effective way to prevent negative impacts of cattle on wildlife. SDRPF has been fortunate to receive past support of some of the durable tools needed for this project, and we seek support to leverage use of those tools with purchase of the additional items needed to add these additional fencing. By engaging our volunteer preserve stewards, community volunteers and scout groups, we can complete this project with minimal labor costs.	3/1/2023	\$2,148.00
Total Applications						\$3,348
Total Funds Available						\$16,000

### 2. Grant Application Presentations

- San Diego River Park Foundation- Eagle Peak Preserve Wildlife- Friendly Fencing-Sarah Hutmacher from the SDRPF made the presentation and answered questions about the fencing regarding any restrictions to wildlife access (proven design with no restrictions and USDA approval) and talked about public access to the pond( available after contacting the Foundation and setting up an appointment).
- No presentation was made from the Friends of Ocotillo Wells.

### 3. Appoint Positions for Upcoming Year

- A motion was made by commissioner Kukuchek to nominate Commissioner Reinbold as Chair, Commissioner Mac Millian as Vice Chair, and Commissioner Kukuchek as Secretary. The

motion was seconded by Commissioner Kotow. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

1. Review Meetings Calendar for Upcoming Year

- The bylaws allow up to eight meetings. Six meetings are required, and the Commissioners can decide to hold an additional two meetings. The schedule listed below was approved

2023 Dates	Activity
January 12	Meeting (Catch-up from Dec)
January 26	Meeting
February 9	Meeting
<b>March</b>	<b>No Meeting</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>No Meeting</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>No Meeting</b>
June 1	<i>Grant Applications Due</i>
June 8	Meeting
July 14	Meeting
August 10	Meeting
<b>September</b>	<b>No Meeting</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>No Meeting</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>No Meeting</b>
December 1	<i>Grant Applications Due</i>
December 7	Meeting

## J. Commissioner's Corner

Commissioner Turigliatto Stated that the National Wild Turkey Foundation Spring Turkey Tune up will be held On March 11,2023 at Lake Henshaw. He requested that one of the other Commissioners could set up a booth for the FWAC at the event.

Commissioner Stovin stated that the last cleanup that the Friends of Ocotillo Wells put on was well attended with 300 volunteers and large amounts of trash and nails from burned pallets were recovered.

Commissioner Kotow attends many public events during the year and looks forward to having Materials available to notify the public of grant availability from the FWAC.

## **K. Adjourn**

1. Meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

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The next meeting is January 26, 2023 at 11:30 a.m..



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Ed Stovin		x		2	Anderson
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Jim Conrad	x			5	Desmond
Steve Turigliatto		x		5	Desmond

**A. Call to Order** – A quorum of commissioners being present, Chair Maggie Reinbold called the meeting to order at 11:33 AM.

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

1. The following guests were in attendance: Austin Shepard-AWM, Victor Cruz-AWM.

**C. Approval of Minutes -**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2022 special meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Kukuchek and Seconded by Commissioner MacMillian. Passed with 6 Ayes and 1 Abstention.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2023 meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Reinbold and Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Passed with 7 Ayes.

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

1. No public comments

**E. Chairman's Report**

1. None

## F. Administrative Items

1. This meeting is catch-up for December and the meeting schedule is now back to normal.
2. AWM staff has printed up 1,000 FWAC Brochures for use by Commissioners.
3. Form 700-Digital renewal of the Form 700 will be sent out to all Commissioners in the near future.

## G. Old Business

It was determined that no further action will be required on the issue of AB2571 and this item will be dropped from old Business.

## H. New Business

### 1. Grant Applications FY 2022-23 Round 2

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Total approved						\$3,348
Total Funds Available						\$16,000

A motion was made to approve Grant #4 for the full requested amount. Motion made by Commissioner Kukuchek Seconded by Commissioner MacMillian, Passed with 7 Ayes.

A motion was made to approve Grant #5 for the full requested amount. Motion made by Commissioner Kukuchek Seconded by Commissioner MacMillian, Passed with 6 Ayes and 1 abstention.

## **J. Commissioner's Corner**

Commissioner Kotow stated that the Bart Hall Show will be held On March 16-19, 2023 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. He will be manning a booth at that event and will take FWAC brochures to notify groups of our grant program.

## **K. Adjourn**

1. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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The next meeting is February 9, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.



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**FWAC AGENDA**

DATE: **February 9, 2023**

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

PLACE: **Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures  
9325 Hazard Way, Suite 100  
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For Virtual Attendance (Commissioners to attend in person unless medical reason)

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Andy Paluczak				2	Anderson
Tashi MacMillen				3	Lawson-Remer
Wayne Kotow				3	Lawson-Remer
Maggie Reinbold				4	Fletcher
Marco Aburto Oropreza				4	Fletcher
Jim Conrad				5	Desmond
Steve Turigliatto				5	Desmond

**Call to Order**

**A. Introductions**

**B. Approval of Minutes – January 26, 2023, Special 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. Business cards for commissioners Reed and Kotow have been ordered.

**F. Old Business**

**G. New Business**

**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: June 8, 2023, 11:30 am.



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**FWAC MINUTES**  
**For June 22, 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	Fletcher
				4	Fletcher
Jim Conrad	x			5	Desmond
Steve Turigliatto	x			5	Desmond

**A. Call to Order** – A quorum of commissioners being present, Chair Maggie Reinbold called the meeting to order at 11:34

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

1. The following guests were in attendance: Austin Shepard-AWM, Victor Cruz-AWM, Sean Roy- Boy Scouts of America, Phil Kohlmetz-International Bird Rescue, Sarah Hutmacher-San Diego River Park Foundation, Breda Walsh-San Diego Junior Pheasant Hunt

**C. Approval of Minutes -**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2023 meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Stovin and Seconded by Commissioner Kukuchek. Passed with 6 Ayes.

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

1. No public comments

**E. Chairman's Report**

1. The Chair stated that there will be a special election to replace her appointing Supervisor in August and that her position on the commission is

concurrent with the appointing Supervisor and may change after the election.

#### **F. Administrative Items**

1. Business cards and FWAC binders for Commissioner Reed and Kotow were delivered.
2. AWM staff will take action to order nametags and nameplates for those existing Commissioners that do not have them any longer.
3. AWM staff stated that the bylaws define a quorum as: "A majority of members appointed to the Commission shall constitute a quorum", Based on current membership a quorum for future meetings is five members.

#### **G. Old Business**

None

#### **H. New Business**

There are seven Grant applications for FY 23-24 round 1. Four of the Applicants gave presentations and answered questions regarding their grants (Grants # 1, 2, 6 and 7). As the Grant applications requested total funding of \$36,308 there was some discussion among the Commissioners regarding funding and the limits imposed by the current grant award budget. The Total budgeted grant funding for FY 23-34 including AWM staff reimbursement is \$25,000 which allows Approximately \$22,000 for grant awards for both round 1 and 2. The Grant Fund account does have a total of \$75,000 and a budget transfer request could be made if grant funding above the budgeted amount is determined to be prudent by the Commission. AWM staff will provide a spread sheet of past grant awards and grant funding inputs for past years so that the Commissioners can make an informed decision when discussing and approving grant awards at the July meeting.

#### **FWAC Grants FY 23-24 Round 1**

<b>Grant App #</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Funded Amount</b>	<b>Project Start Date</b>	<b>Grant Amount Proposed</b>
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23/24-1	Volunteer Cleanup of Lillian Hill Preserve	San Diego River Park Foundation	<p>Our nonprofit recently completed acquisition of an 80 acre property. This property provides incredible opportunity for improvement of upland habitat for wildlife. Sadly, the property several tons of trash, abandoned trailers, cans and other waste which needs to be removed so that these areas can be restored. This project proposed to hold a series of volunteer cleanups to remove significant amounts of debris. At least 200 volunteers will be engaged to remove several tons of debris. In addition, volunteers will repair a gate and fencing to reduce illegal access and dumpint on the property.</p> <p>Volunteers will learn about the upland habitat being restored and Sheep Camp Creek riparian habitat which was conserved as part of this property acquisition. Volunteers will also learn about ongoing opportunities to participate in wildlife conservation efforts at Lillian Hill Preserve. The cleanup of the property to make it safe and inviting are essential steps for restoring upland habitat that has been damaged as well starting wildlife conservation programs.</p>	9/1/2023	\$6,984
23/24-2	Mataguay Waterway Improvement Phase 1	Boy Scouts of America	<p>The Mataguay Waterway Improvement will be 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 local wildlife including one endangered species. Phase I of the project will focus on repairing four small sections of the water way. Section 1 Remove silt from</p>	9/30/2023	

			<p>an inlet to Parker Lake. Section 2 Debris will be removed from the inlet and rocks put in place to stop erosion</p> <p>Section 3 Removal of silt from a dam upstream of the inlet</p> <p>Section 4 Removal of silt from upstream pond taking it from a depth of 1ft to 15 feet</p> <p>The silt will be transported away from the lake and inlets to prevent perpetuating the filling of our waterways. These four sections of repair will complete phase I of the overall project to restore and improve the waterways which support a wide array of wildlife.</p>		
23/24-3	Otay Valley Regional Park Boardwalk Project	San Diego Mountain Biking Association	<p>This project involves the construction of a wooden boardwalk on a section of trail in the Otay River Valley between Beyer Way and the 805 freeway. The elevated boardwalk will protect the adjacent habitat by providing a designated alignment for trail users. The proposed wooden boardwalk will have a total length of 300 feet and it will be 4 feet wide suitable for hikers and cyclists. Equestrians are not permitted on this section of trail. High quality materials and building techniques will stand up to seasonal flooding.</p> <p>The OVRP Boardwalk</p>	9/8/2023	

			<p>Project success would be seen in the habitat protected in the area by keeping trail users on the designated path. This project's success can also be measured by the City of San Diego staff time saved in trying to mitigate damage in this area. The project would benefit trail users who visit the Otay Valley from the surrounding communities of South San Diego, Palm City, Otay Mesa, Ocean View Hills, and Chula Vista as well as visitors from outside the immediate area. Estimated trail usage extrapolated from Strava Metro shows an average of 450 people on foot and bike used this trail segment monthly in 2022.</p>		
23/24-4	Kiwanis of Escondido Childrens Fishing Experience	Kiwanis Club of Escondido	<p>Twice each year Lake Dixon of Escondido hosts a 2 day Trout Derby (season opener, season ending). At each derby event the Kiwanis Club of Escondido - Hidden Valley Kiwanis constructs two (2) 20ft x 10ft x 6ft deep netted ponds and stocks them with 300 lbs of trout (approximatly 1-2 lbs each) at a cost of \$6.50 per pound (\$1950) per event. With the assistance of the Sr. Anglers of Escondido, we invite all children under the age of 8 to participate in what we refer to as the "Children's Fishing Experience" The Sr. Anglers</p>	11/1/2023	

			<p>of Escondido provide all the fishing gear (or they may use their own) and the expertise. The Kiwanis Club of Escondido - Hidden Valley provides the construction materials, nets and fish in support of the effort. Kiwanis has been hosting this activity for approximately 25 years. At the conclusion of the 2021-2022 Trout season we served approximately 191 children. Typically this event serves from 200 - 300 children over each season.</p>		
23/24-5	CA Hunter Education Hall Program	CA Hunter Education Program	<p>In order to teach Hunter Education classes in Ramona, I have to rent a space, in this case the Ramona Town Hall. The cost to rent the hall is \$30/hr for a ten-hour class conducted over two days. The \$300 fee is passed on to the students on an equal basis since there are no funds provided by the state to rent space. 10 students = \$30/each, 20 students = \$15, etc...</p> <p>I would like to schedule six classes over the next 12 months and I am seeking grant funding so this mandatory critical first-time hunting class is free to my students. If funding is not available for the year, I would be able to cut the grant number down to three classes for the next six months or \$900 to rent the hall. \$1800 would be</p>	7/1/2023	

			<p>ideal.</p> <p>The twon Hall is a nice venue which can hold 25 students max due to our teacher to student ratio of 1 to 25. The halll has a flat screen TV I use for audiovisual content. the restrooms are right there and there are numerous eating establishments for lunch.</p>		
23/24-6	San Dieg Junior Pheasant Hunt	San Dieg Junior Pheasant Hunt	<p>The goal of this project is to instruct approximately 60 youth in safe, moral, ethical hunting and conservation practices. This all day event includes hands on archery shooting, hands on trap shooting, and a hunt in a bird field with trained instructors and dog handlers, instruction on bird cleaning. The youth attend seminars let by US Fish and Wildlife on conservation efforts, listen to talks on the daily life of a wild turkey and watch a demonstration on bird retrieving by trained bird dogs. The funds requested will be used to purchase new archery equipment, specifically bows, arrows, two 3D targets and gloves and finger tabs</p>	2/4/2024	



23/24-7	Resolving San Diego County Human-Wildlife Conflicts	International Bird Rescue	<p>We respectfully request first-time financial support for San Diego County's share of necessary costs of food, medicine, and medical supplies for ~120 native, wild, aquatic birds rescued from San Diego County and transferred to us for care and rehabilitation. Our Southern California Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation program serves both people and wildlife in the Counties of San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, Riverside, and San Bernardino by providing an immediate, ethical, effective, and humane solution to the problem of wildlife harmed by human impacts, including (but not limited to) cruelty, illegal shootings, habitat disruption, starvation, impact injuries, pollution, fishing (hooks, nets, and lines), and climate change-induced hazards such as algae bloom toxicity. Unlike traditional veterinary clinics, we provide services to the public at no cost, and operate as a "referral hospital" for wild, native wildlife. We address the most challenging cases that are beyond the skills or capacity others. Since 2019, Fish and Wildlife Commissions in the Counties of Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano, Sonoma, Napa, Marin, Monterey, and Santa Cruz have provided modest financial support of between \$2,500 and \$16,000 to help sustain our ability to be an effective, efficient, regional resource, as well as to maintain peak readiness to respond to Statewide environmental emergencies</p>	7/1/2023	
	Total				

## I. Commissioner's Corner

Commissioner Turigliatto The 2023 NWTF Jakes event will be held Saturday June 24 with 105 participants signed up.

**J. Adjourn**

1. Meeting adjourned at 12:54 a.m.

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Janeen Reed	x			1	Vargas
Ed Stovin	x			2	Anderson
Andy Paluczak		x		2	Anderson
Tashi MacMillen		x		3	Lawson-Remer
Wayne Kotow	Virtual			3	Lawson-Remer
Maggie Reinbold	x			4	Vacant
				4	Vacant
Jim Conrad	x			5	Desmond
Steve Turigliatto	x			5	Desmond

**Call to Order**

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

The following guests were in attendance: Austin Shepard-AWM, Victor Cruz-AWM, Justin Aquino-AWM, Phil Kohlmetz-International Bird Rescue, Susie Murphy-San Diego Mountain Biking Association

**B. Approval of Minutes –**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2023 meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Conrad and Seconded by Commissioner Turigliatto. Passed with 6 Ayes.

**A. 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

**B. Chairperson's Report**

None

**C. Administrative Items**

1. Purchase order and quote for nametags and nameplates will be created(a list of Commissioners without nametags/nameplates was compiled)
2. Grant funds/budget update -spreadsheet funding for past years was passed out to each Commissioner

**D. Old Business**

There are seven Grant applications for FY 23-24 round 1. As the Grant applications requested total funding of \$36,308 there was some discussion among the Commissioners regarding funding and the limits imposed by the current grant award budget. The Total budgeted grant funding for FY 23-24 including AWM staff reimbursement is \$25,000 which allows Approximately \$22,000 for grant awards for both round 1 and 2. The Grant Fund account does have a total of \$75,000 and a budget transfer request could be made if grant funding above the budgeted amount is determined to be prudent by the Commission. The Commissioners determined that a total of \$22,000 would be awarded for Round 1 grants and that additional funds would be requested from the budget to fund round 2 grants in December .AWM staff will make arrangements to request a budget transfer in advance of the round 2 grant awards.

A motion was made to have AWM staff request a budget transfer of \$18,000 to fund round 2 grants. Motion made by Commissioner Kukuchek and Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Passed with 6 Ayes.

## E. New Business

Susie Murphy from the San Diego Mountain Biking Association made a presentation regarding her grant request and answered questions.

### 1. Grant Applications for Round 1 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 were awarded funds based on the following motions:

A motion was made to Fund grants 4, 5 and 6 to the full amount requested. Motion made by Commissioner Kukuchek and Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Passed with 6 Ayes.

A motion was made to fund grant 7 to the full amount requested. Motion made by Commissioner Turigliatto and Seconded by Commissioner Reinbold. Passed with 6 Ayes.

A motion was made to fund grants 1,2, and 3 in equal amounts of \$3,392. This will bring the total grant awards for round 1 to \$22,000. Motion made by Commissioner Reinbold and Seconded by Commissioner Stovin. Passed with 6 Ayes.

FWAC Grants FY 23-24 Round 1					
Grant App #	Project Name	Organization	Funded Amount	Project Start Date	Grant Amount Awarded

23/24-1	Volunteer Cleanup of Lillian Hill Preserve	San Diego River Park Foundation	<p>Our nonprofit recently completed acquisition of an 80 acre property. This property provides incredible opportunity for improvement of upland habitat for wildlife. Sadly, the property several tons of trash, abandoned trailers, cans and other waste which needs to be removed so that these areas can be restored. This project proposed to hold a series of volunteer cleanups to remove significant amounts of debris. At least 200 volunteers will be engaged to remove several tons of debris. In addition, volunteers will repair a gate and fencing to reduce illegal access and dumpint on the property.</p> <p>Volunteers will learn about the upland habitat being restored and Sheep Camp Creek riparian habitat which was conserved as part of this property acquisition. Volunteers will also learn about ongoing opportunities to participate in wildlife conservation efforts at Lillian Hill Preserve. The cleanup of the property to make it safe and inviting are essential steps for restoring upland habitat that has been damaged as well starting wildlife conservation programs.</p>	9/1/2023	\$3,392
23/24-2	Mataguay Waterway Improvement Phase 1	Boy Scouts of America	<p>The Mataguay Waterway Improvement will be 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 local wildlife including one endangered species. Phase I of the project will focus on repairing four small sections of the water way.</p> <p>Section 1 Remove silt from an inlet to Parker Lake.</p> <p>Section 2 Debris will be removed from the inlet and rocks put in place to stop erosion</p> <p>Section 3 Removal of silt from a dam upstream of the inlet</p> <p>Section 4 Removal of silt from upstream pond taking it from a depth of 1ft to 15 feet</p> <p>The silt will be transported away from the lake and inlets to prevent perpetuating the filling of our waterways. These four sections of repair will complete phase I of the overall project to restore and improve the waterways which support a wide array of wildlife.</p>	9/30/2023	\$3,392

23/24-3	Otay Valley Regional Park Boardwalk Project	San Diego Mountain Biking Association	<p>This project involves the construction of a wooden boardwalk on a section of trail in the Otay River Valley between Beyer Way and the 805 freeway. The elevated boardwalk will protect the adjacent habitat by providing a designated alignment for trail users. The proposed wooden boardwalk will have a total length of 300 feet and it will be 4 feet wide suitable for hikers and cyclists. Equestrians are not permitted on this section of trail. High quality materials and building techniques will stand up to seasonal flooding.</p> <p>The OVRP Boardwalk Project success would be seen in the habitat protected in the area by keeping trail users on the designated path. This project's success can also be measured by the City of San Diego staff time saved in trying to mitigate damage in this area. The project would benefit trail users who visit the Otay Valley from the surrounding communities of South San Diego, Palm City, Otay Mesa, Ocean View Hills, and Chula Vista as well as visitors from outside the immediate area. Estimated trail usage extrapolated from Strava Metro shows an average of 450 people on foot and bike used this trail segment monthly in 2022.</p>	9/8/2023	\$3,392
23/24-4	Kiwanis of Escondido Childrens Fishing Experience	Kiwanis Club of Escondido	<p>Twice each year Lake Dixon of Escondido hosts a 2 day Trout Derby (season opener, season ending). At each derby event the Kiwanis Club of Escondido - Hidden Valley Kiwanis constructs two (2) 20ft x 10ft x 6ft deep netted ponds and stocks them with 300 lbs of trout (approximately 1-2 lbs each) at a cost of \$6.50 per pound (\$1950) per event. With the assistance of the Sr. Anglers of Escondido, we invite all children under the age of 8 to participate in what we refer to as the "Children's Fishing Experience" The Sr. Anglers of Escondido provide all the fishing gear (or they may use their own) and the expertise. The Kiwanis Club of Escondido - Hidden Valley provides the construction materials, nets and fish in support of the effort. Kiwanis has been hosting this activity for approximately 25 years. At the conclusion of the 2021-2022 Trout season we served approximately 191 children. Typically this event serves from 200 - 300 children over each season.</p>	11/1/2023	\$3,900

23/24-5	CA Hunter Education Hall Program	CA Hunter Education Program	<p>In order to teach Hunter Education classes in Ramona, I have to rent a space, in this case the Ramona Town Hall. The cost to rent the hall is \$30/hr for a ten-hour class conducted over two days. The \$300 fee is passed on to the students on an equal bases since there are no funds provided by the state to rent space. 10 students = \$30/each, 20 students = \$15, etc...</p> <p>I would like to schedule six classes over the next 12 months and I am seeking grant funding so this mandatory critical first-time hunting class is free to my students. If funding is not available for the year, I would be able to cut the grant number down to three classes for the next six months or \$900 to rent the hall. \$1800 would be ideal.</p> <p>The twon Hall is a nice venue which can hold 25 students max due to our teacher to student ratio of 1 to 25. The halll has a flat screen TV I use for audiovisual content. the restrooms are right there and there are numerous eating establishments for lunch.</p>	7/1/2023	\$1,800
23/24-6	San Dieg Junior Pheasant Hunt	San Dieg Junior Pheasant Hunt	<p>The goal of this project is to instruct approximately 60 youth in safe, moral, ethical hunting and conservation practices. This all day event includes hands on archery shooting, hands on trap shooting, and a hunt in a bird field with trained instructors and dog handlers, instruction on bird cleaning. The youth attend seminars let by US Fish and Wildlife on conservation efforts, listen to talks on the daily life of a wild turkey and watch a demonstration on bird retrieving by trained bird dogs. The funds requested will be used to purchase new archery equipment, specifically bows, arrows, two 3D targets and gloves and finger tabs</p>	2/4/2024	\$860

23/24-7	Resolving San Diego County Human-Wildlife Conflicts	International Bird Rescue	We respectfully request first-time financial support for San Diego County's share of necessary costs of food, medicine, and medical supplies for ~120 native, wild, aquatic birds rescued from San Diego County and transferred to us for care and rehabilitation. Our Southern California Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation program serves both people and wildlife in the Counties of San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, Riverside, and San Bernardino by providing an immediate, ethical, effective, and humane solution to the problem of wildlife harmed by human impacts, including (but not limited to) cruelty, illegal shootings, habitat disruption, starvation, impact injuries, pollution, fishing (hooks, nets, and lines), and climate change-induced hazards such as algae bloom toxicity. Unlike traditional veterinary clinics, we provide services to the public at no cost, and operate as a "referral hospital" for wild, native wildlife. We address the most challenging cases that are beyond the skills or capacity others. Since 2019, Fish and Wildlife Commissions in the Counties of Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano, Sonoma, Napa, Marin, Monterey, and Santa Cruz have provided modest financial support of between \$2,500 and \$16,000 to help sustain our ability to be an effective, efficient, regional resource, as well as to maintain peak readiness to respond to Statewide environmental emergencies	7/1/2023	\$5,264
	Total				\$22,000

## F. Commissioner's Corner

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

Commissioner Reinhold requested that an agenda item be added to the next meeting for discussion by the Commissioners of possible grant award scoring and prioritization for each of the elements of the permissible grant funding categories.

Commissioner Conrad requested that an agenda item be added to the next meeting for discussion by the Commissioners of future projects or issues that the FWAC might want to undertake.

## G. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:59 a.m.

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The next meeting is August 10, 2023, at 11:30 am.



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**FWAC MINUTES**  
**For August 10, 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	Vacant
vacant				4	Vacant
Jim Conrad	x			5	Desmond
Steve Turigliatto	x			5	Desmond

**Call to Order**

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

The following guests were in attendance: Austin Shepard-AWM, Victor Cruz-AWM

**B. Approval of Minutes –**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2023 meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Conrad and Seconded by Commissioner Kotow. Passed with 7 Ayes.

**A. 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

**B. Chairperson's Report**

None

**C. Administrative Items**

1. Confirmation on budget adjustment. The adjustment was made but staff reiterated that once the budget surplus is utilized the only funding left would be the regular disbursement.
2. Nametags and nameplates have been ordered and will be available at the next meeting.

**D. Old Business**

None

## **E. New Business**

1. A discussion of the criteria for evaluating/selecting grant funding proposals was carried out. The Grant evaluation Form was reviewed in detail and changes were suggested to the form during the discussion. Commissioner Reinbold will incorporate the suggested changes and provide the revised draft form with the August 10 minutes. The draft form will be reviewed in the December meeting and promulgated then.
2. A discuss of the special projects that we would like to tackle as a Commission in the upcoming year was carried out. Some of the special projects discussed are:

A .Review the County rules on virtual attendance of Commission Meetings and develop a better system for a hybrid mix of in person and virtual attendance when Commissioners have out of town conflicts.

B. Meet with San Diego County Parks and Recreation Staff at a future meeting to discuss how The FWAC can assist the park department in meeting joint goals of providing wildlife experiences and education to San Diego County residents. AWM staff took action to set up the joint meeting.

C. Meet with State Fish and Wildlife Staff at a future meeting to discuss how The FWAC can assist the DFW department in meeting joint goals of providing wildlife experiences and education to San Diego County residents. Commissioner Kotow took action to set up the joint meeting.

## **F. Commissioner's Corner**

No reports

## **G. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 12:49 a.m.

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The next meeting is December 7, 2023, at 10:00 am.



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**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 than 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 several 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 embraced the program and significantly reduced his prices to allow us greater latitude in reaching greater numbers of Kids. A boat that charts 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.		
	Total				\$26,388.22

## 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.

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