



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

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FWAC MINUTES
For February 15, 2024 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, John DeWitt-Oceanside Senior Anglers, Dennis Jung- Oceanside Senior Anglers, Tom Stoddard -CA DFW Sarah Hutmacher-SDRPF (virtual), Suzy Murphy-SDMBA (virtual), Natasha Zurisvio-San Diego County Parks and Recreation (virtual), Lelani Robertson- San Diego County Parks and Recreation (virtual).

B. Approval of Minutes –

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2023 meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Conrad and Seconded by Commissioner Kukuchek. Passed with 6 Ayes and 2 Abstentions.

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

Exploring adjusting the bylaws for the transition for the Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) to provide administrative support to the Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission.

Both AWM and DPR staff are still working on the transition and will have a meeting next week to work out the details.

F. Old Business

Representatives 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.

G. New Business

1. A grant extension was requested from the San Diego River Park Foundation from November 30, 2023, until April 30, 2024. Motion made by Commissioner Kukuchek and Seconded by Commissioner Kotow to grant the extension. Passed with 7 Ayes and 1 abstention.

2.Grant Awards 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.

A motion was made to award grants 23/24-1 at \$6,000, grant 23/24.2 at \$5,000, grant 23/24-3 at \$1,611.78 and grant 23/24-4 at \$5388.22 to utilize our Grant budget of \$18,000. Motion made by Commissioner Conrad and Seconded by Commissioner Turigliatto motion failed with a vote of 4 Ayes and 4 Noes.

A second motion was made to award grants 23/24-1 at \$6,000, grant 23/24.2 at \$4,500, grant 23/24-3 at \$3,000 and grant 23/24-4 at \$4500 to utilize our Grant budget of \$18,000. Motion made by Commissioner MacMillen and Seconded by Commissioner Kotow motion passed with a vote of 8 Ayes.

FWAC Grants FY 23-24 Round 2

| Grant App # | Project Name | Organization | | Project Start Date | Grant Amount Awarded |
|-------------|---------------------------|--|--|--------------------|----------------------|
| 23/24-1 | 2024 Sponsored Kids Trips | Oceanside Senior Anglers Angler For Kids | <p>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.</p> <p>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 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 prefer their own lunches.</p> | 6/15/24 | \$6,000 |

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| 23/24-2 | Penasquitos Sycamore Crossing Project | San Diego Mountain Biking Association | <p>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 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> | 5/1/24 | \$4,500 |
| 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 | \$3,000 |
| 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</p> | 2/1/24 | \$4,500 |

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| | | | ecological services they provide to San Diego residents, and how to better manage greenspaces to maximize benefits for nature and people. 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 | | | | \$18,000 |

3. The Commissioners reviewed and agreed to the 2024 meetings calendar with the recent approval to meet 4 times per year.

| 2024 Dates | Activity |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| January 11(postponed) February | Meeting |
| February | No Meeting |
| March | No Meeting |
| April | No Meeting |
| May | No Meeting |
| June 1 | <i>Grant Applications Due</i> |
| June 13 | Meeting |
| July 11 | Meeting |
| August | No Meeting |
| September | No Meeting |
| October | No Meeting |
| November | No Meeting |
| December 1 | <i>Grant Applications Due</i> |
| December 12 | Meeting |

H. Commissioner's Corner

Commissioner Turigliatto Stated the Spring Turkey tune-up will be held February 24th at Lake Henshaw.

Commissioner Kotow Stated the Bart Hall Outdoor show will be held February 15-18th at The Del Mar Fair Grounds. He also requested that a spread sheet would be created by county staff to maintain status of grant activities for each grantee, this request will be placed on the agenda at a future meeting.

I. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

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The next meeting is June 13, 2024, at 11:30 am.



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FWAC MINUTES

DATE: **June 13, 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 | 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 |
| Vacant | | | | 4 | Mongomery-Steppe |
| Vacant | | | | 4 | Mongomery-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 11:32 am.

- A. Introductions**-The Commissioners introduced themselves and the following guests were present: Austin Shepard-AWM, Victor Cruz-AWM. Tom Stoddard, Sarah Shumacher-DSRPF, Sean Roy-Boy Scouts of America(virtual).
- B. Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2024, Meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Kukuchek, Seconded by commissioner Reed passed 7 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**
The Vice Chairperson requested the election of a new Chair be agendized for the July meeting.
- E. Administrative Items**

1. AWM submitted to the Clerk of the Board the 2024 Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission's second Semi-Annual Report for FY2023/24 on April 11, 2024.
2. Commissioner Chair Maggie Reinbold's resignation was notified to the Clerk of the Board on May 7, 2024.
3. The checks with the grant funds were mailed out and received at the beginning of the year: # 2023/24-02 delivered in May, 2023/24-03 delivered in April, 2023/24-04 delivered in March and 2023/24-01 (processing by A&C, the project start date is 6/15). For future meetings the grantee status spreadsheet will be attached for the commissions review
4. The San Diego County Department of Parks and Recreation takeover of FWAC staff support is still under transition and planned for the December FWAC meeting.
5. The San Diego Youth participation survey was completed during the meeting with input from all of the commissioners.
6. The transition for FWAC staff support to Department of Parks and Recreation from Agriculture weights and Measures will commence with the December FWAC meeting in the DPR Building Conference room.

F. Old Business

G. New Business

1. Grant Applications for Round 1 of Fiscal Year 2024-25

Both Grant applicants presented their grants to the Commission and answered questions from the Commissioners. A third grant was submitted after the deadline and the Commission elected to not consider the late grant in this round but it could be considered in the second round of grant applications.

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.</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.</p> <p>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 |

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| 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 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. Finally, we will create an interpretive exhibit about cool streams.</p> | 8/1/2024 | \$5,596 |
| | 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-Meeting adjourned at 12:27pm

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



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FWAC MINUTES

DATE: **July 11, 2024**

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

PLACE: **Department of Agriculture, Weights, and Measures
9325 Hazard Way, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92123-1217**

| 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 |
| Vacant | | | | 4 | Mongomery-Steppe |
| Vacant | | | | 4 | Mongomery-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 11:30 am.

- A. Introductions**-The Commissioners introduced themselves and the following guests were present: Austin Shepard-AWM, Victor Cruz-AWM, Jesus Amial-DPR, Blanca Castillo-DPR ,Jacob Strickland (guest) .
- B. Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2024 meeting with corrections. Motion made by Commissioner Kotow, Seconded by commissioner Stovin passed with 5 Ayes. Minutes were corrected and emailed to all Commission participants
- 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.)

Jacob Strickland (youth guest) expressed his appreciation of being able to observe and participate in the FWAC meeting,

- D. Chairperson's Report**

None

E. Administrative Items

1. AWM staff presented their grantee spreadsheet for the Commissions review and received Commissioner comment on additional content to be added.
2. DPR support staff stated the December FWAC meeting will be held in the DPR- Sycamore Conference Room in Building 5500, Fourth Floor.
3. AWM and DPR staff will transition staff support for FWAC and in particular deal with address changes on all documents and business cards.

F. Old Business

G. New Business

1. Election of new chair

A motion was made to nominate and elect Commissioner Kotow as the new Chair. Motion made by Commissioner Conrad, Seconded by Commissioner Reed, Passed with 5 Ayes.

2. Grant Applications for Round 1 of Fiscal Year 2024-25

Both Grants were discussed in detail by the Commissioners and the following motions were made:

1. A motion was made not to fund any monies to grant 24/25-1, based on the following rational. Per the FWAC bylaws grants cannot be used to pay for labor (contractor expenses) and additionally previous grants were made to the organization and no progress has been accomplished on the previous grant. Motion made by Commissioner Kotow, Seconded by Commissioner Conrad, passed with 5 Ayes.

2. A motion was made to fund grant 24/25-2 for the full amount requested. Motion made by Commissioner Stovin, Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Passed with 3 Ayes, 1 no and 1 abstention. Commissioners also suggested that the SDRPF should communicate their project to the San Diego County Department of Parks and Recreation and the California State Department of Fish and Wildlife to ensure that it meets their departments' goals and Environmental standards,

| FWAC Grants FY 24-25 Round 1 | | | | | |
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| Grant App # | Project Name | Organization | Funded Amount | Project Start Date | Grant Amount Proposed and granted |
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|--------------|--|--|---|----------|------------------------------------|
| 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.</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.</p> <p>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 | Proposed \$10,000 Funded \$0 |
| 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 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. Finally, we will create an interpretive exhibit about cool streams.</p> | 8/1/2024 | Proposed \$5,596 Funded \$5,596 |
| Funded Total | | | | | \$5,596 |

H. Commissioner's Corner

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

Commissioners Conrad and Kotow are unavailable to meet on December 12 for the next meeting. A motion was made to hold the next meeting on December 19. Motion made by Commissioner Kotow, seconded by Commissioner Stovin passed with 5 Ayes.

I. Adjourn-Meeting adjourned at 12:17pm

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The next meeting is December 19, 2024, at 11:30 am. Future meetings will be held in the DPR Sycamore Conference Room , Bldg. 5500 ,Fourth Floor.



Fish & Wildlife Advisory Commission

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FWAC MINUTES

DATE: **December 19, 2024**

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

PLACE: **Department of Parks and Recreation
5510 Overland Ave, 2nd Floor, Sycamore Conference Room
San Diego, CA 92123**

| 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 virtual | | | 3 | Lawson-Remer |
| Wayne Kotow | X | | | 3 | Lawson-Remer |
| Matthew Craig | X | | | 4 | Montgomery-Steppe |
| Samantha Guzzardo | X | | | 4 | Montgomery-Steppe |
| Jim Conrad | X | | | 5 | Desmond |
| Steve Turigliatto | X | | | 5 | Desmond |

Call to Order

- A. Introductions-** The Commissioners introduced themselves and the following guests were present:, Jesus Amial-DPR, Lidor Shuster-DPR ,Renee Hilton-DPR, Manuel Ontiveros-OSA, John DeWitt-OSA, Dennis Jung-OSA, Wyatt Havin-SDIC Scouting America, Sarah Hutmacher-SDRPF .
- B. Approval of Minutes –** A motion was made to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2024 meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Stovin, seconded by commissioner Reed passed with 9 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 was made.

D. Chairperson's Report

None, other than to acknowledge the two newly appointed Commissioners from District 4.

E. Administrative Items

1. Proposal to change the bylaws so the Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) provides administrative support to the Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission. This will be accomplished by DPR staff
2. Update SDC FWAC Website from Agriculture, Weights & Measures to Park and Recreation. This will be accomplished by DPR staff
3. Funds available and any funding status. The amount of Funds available to award for this round of grants is \$37,404.
4. Form 700 Letters. This can now be accomplished electronically and all Commissioners have been sent a link to do this,

F. Old Business

1. Spreadsheet of open grants and their statuses. DPR Staff will Update and present this status at the next FWAC meeting.

G. New Business

1. Grant Applications for Round 2 of Fiscal Year 2024-25. Presentations were made for grants 04,05, and 06 and questions were answered from Commissioners regarding their grant Proposals. No one was present to present grant 03 or answer questions, The Commissioners requested that DPR staff contact the grant applicant for grant 03 to attend the next FWAC meeting and answer question regarding their grant proposal.

FWAC Grants FY 24-25 Round 2

| Grant App # / Project Name / Organization | Project Description | Project Start Date | Grant Amount Proposed |
|---|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 24/25-03 - Reconnecting with the Marine Resources - Pala Band of Mission Indians | <p>Many Indigenous Nations, especially in California, have been largely from coastal areas making it difficult to maintain connections to the ocean and the resources it provides. Indigenous peoples have traditionally relied on coastal areas for subsistence, economic livelihood, and cultural spiritual values. Natural resources, such as fish and abalone, hold significant cultural importance.</p> <p>Pala's project aims to reconnect our community, particularly the youth, with the coast and the ocean. By enhancing tribal access to marine resources, we strive to preserve and revitalize our cultural heritage, support sustainable practices, and strengthen our community's bond with the ocean. This initiative will foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of our coastal traditions and ensure their continuation for future generations.</p> | 02/08/2025 | \$12,225 |
| 24/25-04 - Oceanside Senior Anglers 2025 Sponsored Kids Trips - Oceanside Senior Anglers Angler for Kids | <p>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.</p> <p>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 charters for over \$2000 per day is available for our program for \$1500, all inclusive. We have enacted additional cost saving procedures by eliminating meals as kids preferred their own lunches.</p> | 6/15/2025 | \$7,500 |

| Grant App # / Project Name / Organization | Project Description | Project Start Date | Grant Amount Proposed |
|--|--|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 24/25-05 - Mataguay Waterway Improvement 2025 - San Diego-Imperial Council, Scouting 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 Ranch. The repairs will help prevent erosion and support wildlife, including one endangered species. This phase of the project will focus on completing unfinished work on the waterways. The work will be carried out by volunteers and youth under the guidance of our facilities manager.</p> <p>This phase will see us continue the cleaning of the lake, silt pond, and inland waterways. We hope to start to clear the outlet for the waterway and possibly install a flash board riser or similar device, which will allow the water levels to be manipulated and provide a better biodiversity. We also will add a large lake aerator that will help improve the oxygen levels for animals in the lake. This will improve the quality of life for those animals and help promote healthy biodiversity.</p> <p>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 waterways will help bolster an already diverse community of wildlife.</p> | 4/1/2025 | \$6,000 |
| 24/25-06 - Trout at the River Studio - The San Diego River Park Foundation | <p>The Trout at the River Studio will educate students about wild rainbow trout in San Diego County. The primary focus are students from urban areas that have often never seen a wild trout, let alone visit inland riparian waterways. One tank and chiller will be bought to be used to raise trout from eggs to a size large enough to release at local waterways. The project is located at the new Grant Park in Mission Valley. It builds on the successful partnership Trout in the Classroom w/ San Diego Fly Fishers. A key part of this effort is to establish internet service at a remote part of Boulder Creek. the location does not currently have cell service. This will enable students to connect w/ real time monitoring equipment at Boulder Creek to learn about healthy steams trout require. A scientist who is at our Boulder Creek Field Station will Zoom in using this satellite service to show the students the creek in real-time and talk with them. A 75" SMART board will be located at the River Studio where the students are located. This will enable not only the group of students to see the scientist, video and streaming data, but also the scientist to see the students. A camera will be placed in the fish tank at the River Studio so when the students return to their class, they can check-in on "their fish" and the learning can continue. The San Diego Fly Fishers will help setup and maintain the fish tank in partnership with the SDRPF staff, interns and volunteers. More than 1000 students annually are projected to participated in Trout in the Center.</p> | 2/1/2025 | \$6,332 |
| | | | \$32,057 |

2. Review and approve the 2025 meeting calendar with the recent approval to meet 4 times per year. The Schedule was reviewed and approved for the upcoming meetings.

| 2025 Dates | | Activity |
|------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| | January 9 | Meeting |
| | February | No Meeting |
| | March | No Meeting |
| | April | No Meeting |
| | May | No Meeting |
| | June 1 | <i>Grant Applications Due</i> |
| | June 12 | Meeting |
| | July 10 | Meeting |
| | August | No Meeting |
| | September | No Meeting |
| | October | No Meeting |
| | November | No Meeting |
| | December 1 | <i>Grant Applications Due</i> |
| | December 11 | Meeting |

H. Commissioner's Corner

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

Commissioners Stovin discussed a recent USF&W notification that would require an incidental take permit for Desert Tortoises for groups conducting activities in Anza Borrego State Park. He has made public comment on the notification for the San Diego Offroad Coalition and encouraged the other Commissioners to get the word out on this issue. Commissioner Turigliatto announced two upcoming events for the National Wild Turkey Federation, the Youth Turkey hunt Signup at the Ramona VFW on March 1 and the Turkey Tune-up on February 22.

I. Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm

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The next meeting is January 9, 2025, at 11:30 am.