



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

FISH AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION

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AGENDA

March 1, 2018

7:00 PM

Fifth Floor Conference Room, Rm 510, 701 Ocean Street

PLEASE NOTE: Outside doors will be open 6:45-7:30 and then locked for security.

Please arrive during this time.

Staff can be contacted at 831-277-7404, but may not be available to answer the call during the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL - Introduce Samuel Cooley
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
5. PRESENTATIONS
 - A. Elyse Destout, Monterey Bay Youth Outdoor Day (5 minutes)
 - B. Loretta Moreno, Cannabis Licensing Office, Update on Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance and environmental protections (30 minutes + 15 minutes questions/discussion)
6. BUSINESS MATTERS
 - A. Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance – discussion and consider letter to Board - (10 minutes)
 - B. County of Santa Cruz Strategic Vision – discuss and consider letter to Board (30 minutes)
 - C. Update on coho salmon and drought conditions (5 minutes)
 - D. Topics for future meetings
7. PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS (15 minutes)
8. STAFF REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS (10 minutes)
9. CORRESPONDENCE
10. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES

Santa Cruz County Governmental Center
Fifth Floor Conference Room, Room 510
Santa Cruz, California

December 7, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM
2. ROLL CALL.

Present: Commissioners Berry, Robin, Baron, Frediani, Lee, Wise, Freeman, Parmenter

Excused: Johnson

Absent: none

3. PUBLIC PROPOSAL PRESENTATIONS. The commission heard presentations on the following projects:
 - A. Larval Fish Exhibit
 - B. Engaging Strategic Partners in Community Ocean Conservation Outreach
 - C. Ivy Removal at Santa Cruz Long-Toed Salamander Ecological Reserve

Native Animal Rescue and Big Basin Nature Museum did not attend to give presentations.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS. Lt. Schindler gave an update on warden staffing.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the November minutes with some changes; Commissioner Robin seconded the motion. All aye, the motion passed.
6. BUSINESS MATTERS
 - A. Update on Riparian Plantings and Puma Video grants. Staff reported that the Riparian Planting grants will be implemented as a pilot project in Paradise Park. A graduate school student will be assisting with the project as an intern. Jordon Plotsky completed a draft of the Puma video. He welcomes comments from the commission on the draft video.
 - B. Update on 2017-18 Budget. The Public Grants Program is funded with revenue from the Fish and Game Propagation Fund (Fund). The Fund budget was low earlier this fall, but is now on track to receive the \$15,000 budgeted. Staff suggested that the commission consider skipping a year for the Public Grants Program if revenue is low for this year.
 - C. Discuss and make recommendations about the Public Grants Program. After discussion, commissioners completed scoring the proposals. Proposals were ranked by scores. Commissioner Baron made a motion to fund the five top scoring organizations at the amounts listed below; Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. All aye, the motion passed. The following organizations will receive funding: Native Animal Rescue (\$2,000); Save Our Shores (\$2,000); California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (\$2,000); Cal Poly/Swanton Ranch (\$2,445); O'Neill Sea Odyssey (\$2,000). Funding recommendations are expected to go to the Board of Supervisors in late January.

D. Discuss and approve 2018 Meeting Schedule. Commission discussed and agreed to the 2018 meeting schedule. Staff will send out to everyone.

7. PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS. Lois Robin reported on the Biodiversity for a Livable Climate Conference that she attended in Boston, MA; Jodi Frediani reported on problems with humpback whales getting entangled in crab traps, Jerry Brown signed SB5 to fund habitat restoration.
8. STAFF REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - A. No comments on the draft attendance report.
 - B. Staff will start sending out draft minutes for comments to eliminate the hassle of re-posting corrected minutes.
9. ADJOURNMENT – 9:05PM.

NOTE: The next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2018

Submitted by K. Kittleson; Water Resources/Fish and Wildlife/2018 FWAC Meetings