

SAN BENITO COUNTY FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION

Commissioners:
Richard Place (Chairman),
Jim Pacheco (Vice-Chairman), Ron Vaccarezza, Bruce Eisenman, Patrick Fancher,
Gregg Zanella, Robert Scagliotti

AGENDA **MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019** **6:00 P.M.**

San Benito County Administration Building
Board of Supervisors Chambers
481 Fourth Street, Hollister, California

The San Benito County Fish & Game Commission welcomes you to this meeting and encourages your participation.

- If you wish to speak on a matter that does not appear on the agenda, you may do so during the Public Comment period at the beginning of the meeting. Except as otherwise provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda. When addressing the Commission, please state your name for the record. Please address the Commission as a whole through the Chair.*
- If you wish to speak on an item contained in the agenda please seek recognition from the Chairman prior to consideration of the item.*

6:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
2. ROLL CALL.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: *Opportunity to address the Commission on items of interest not appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken unless provided by Govt. Code Section 54954.2.*

REGULAR AGENDA

4. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 22, 2019 REGULAR MEETING. INFORMATIONAL MINUTES OF THE MONDAY JULY 29, 2019 REGULAR MEETING (NO QUORUM).
5. BUDGET REPORT.
6. COMMISSIONER REPORTS.

AGENCY REPORTS

7. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (B.L.M.) REPORT.
8. PINNACLES NATIONAL PARK REPORT.
9. FISH AND WILDLIFE REPORT.
10. SAN BENITO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT.
11. SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT REPORT.
12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

ADJOURNMENT:

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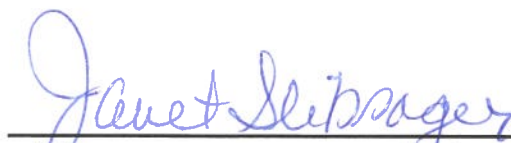
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I, Janet Slibsager, certify under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.



**JANET SLIBSAGER, CLERK OF THE BOARD
COUNTY OF SAN BENITO**

**SAN BENITO COUNTY
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Patrick Fancher, Mike Pera, Robert Scagliotti, Ron Vaccarezza, Gregg Zanella,*

MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2019

6:00 P.M.

San Benito County Administration Building
Board of Supervisors Chambers
481 Fourth Street, Hollister, California

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Jim Pacheco in the San Benito County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, California.

6:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Lead by Chairman Jim Pacheco.
2. **ROLL CALL.** Commissioners Eisenman, Pacheco, Pera, Scagliotti, Fancher, Vaccarezza and Zanella were present. Absent was Commissioner Place.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Those speaking from the public were: Marty, Owner from Hollister Bait and Tackle spoke about San Justo Reservoir and getting it opened for the local people and youth to use.

Commissioner Vaccarezza asked him to call Jeff Cattaneo at the San Benito County Water District to get a hold of the Bureau of Reclamation.

Discussion ensued by Commissioners.

Vice-Chairman Pacheco said as a committee we should probably send a letter to whomever to the effect that we are interested in seeing this come to an end.

Motion by Commissioner Zanella and seconded by Commissioner Vaccarezza to send letter from the Commission in regards to getting San Justo Reservoir opened to Panetta, Water District, BOS, Congressman Caballero. Will bring back a letter at the next meeting for the Commission to approve and sign.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 28, 2019 REGULAR MEETING:**
Motion by Commissioner Eisenman and seconded by Commissioner Zanella to approve the minutes as presented. (7/0 vote)
5. **BUDGET REPORT:**
Report by Clerk Janet Slibsager that there had been no changes since the last report. The purchase for the cameras for Fish & Wildlife has not been taken out of the budget yet as they are in the process of purchasing them. A report by Eric Taylor from the Sheriff's report will follow during the Sheriff's Report.
6. **RECEIVE STATUS AND UPDATE FROM DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE IN REGARDS TO THE DEATHS OF THE DEER IN HIDDEN VALLEY AND POSSIBLE CAUSES:**
Officer Kyle Sommer with Fish & Wildlife said that they did have 1 carcass come to their lab in Sacramento and there was some sort of disease in it, nothing that spreads to any human but can spread through the population and get in to cattle. There is going to be further testing to see what type of disease that it is. He said that they have gotten other calls about other ones dying out there, but they have to be fresh carcasses in order to get good samples. He said that they have his number and will call him if they find any more out there so he can come out and get a sample to have it testes. He said that they are hoping to find out in a couple of weeks what the disease actually is so they can determine what is happening with the deer population out there.

Commissioner Pera asked if he knows if we got the cameras yet.

Officer Sommer said he believes they were purchased should be showing up next week.

Captain Erich Taylor from the Sheriff's Office will provide that update.

He said that once they get the cameras they will set them up on some of the trails.

Mr. Sommer reported on the Alligator that was found in a backyard in Hollister.

AGENCY REPORTS

7. **COMMISIONER REPORT:**
There were no reports.
8. **BUREAU OF LAND MANGEMENT (BLM) REPORT.**
No one was present.
9. **PINNACLES NATIONAL PARK REPORT:**
Dan Ryan Wildlife Biologist from the Pinnacles reported how the wildflowers are going crazy with the weather being so nice. He said that they have had a lot of people visiting over the weekends; there has been waiting times to get in, will be posting waiting signs for the public. There will be putting in a new entrance booth which will be constructed on the East Side. He spoke of wildlife, visitors and resources in the park. He said that they also use the trail cameras throughout the park. He said that they do not have poaching issues as they have law enforcement at the park.

Commissioner Pacheco asked about the Condors.

Mr. Ryan replied that they still have condors. He said that this is nesting season, there are a couple of nests in the park.

Commissioner Eisenman asked if they put feed out for the Condors.

Mr. Ryan replied that no they do not feed the condors. They use carcasses for bait for the condors so that they can do any kind of medical work, etc., not for supplemental feeding.

Commissioner Fancher asked about having a reservation system for parking.

Mr. Ryan said that is something that they are looking in to.

Commissioner Vaccarezza asked if there is a difference in visitors since it became a National Park.

Mr. Ryan replied yes about a 30% increase in guests with the name change, because a lot of people go to National Parks.

10. **FISH AND WILDLIFE REPORT.**

This report was done by Kyle Sommer under item #6.

13. **SAN BENITO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:**

Captain Eric Taylor of the Sheriff's Office reported that they are working on the camera purchase for Fish & Wildlife. He mentioned that they first ordered the wrong cameras and had to repurchase and the correct cameras should be coming in soon. He said that 3 cameras were purchased for the amount of \$600.00.

He said that there was no other update from the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Vaccarezza asked if there were still many homeless in the river.

Captain Taylor replied they keep moving. He said that they have been having trainings down there so they are not comfortable in staying there. He said he can't believe the abandoned Rv's, cars, etc. that are in the river. He said a lot of the river bed areas are private property. He spoke about the homeless and laws that make it really difficult to remove them unless we have a place to send them.

Commissioner Pacheco spoke about most of the river bed is on private property.

Captain Taylor said that a lot of the parcels are in the City not the County.

Discussion ensued by Commission and Captain Taylor in regards to private property in the river and homeless.

SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT:

No one was present.

13. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**
Letter in regards to San Justo Reservoir.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, July 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Zanella and seconded by Commissioner Fancher, moved to adjourn to the April 22, 2019 meeting. (7/0 vote)

JANET SLIBSAGER, CLERK OF THE
BOARD, County of San Benito

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**MINUTES
MONDAY JULY 29, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

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481 Fourth Street, Hollister, California

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Richard Place in the San Benito County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, California.

6:04 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Lead by Chairman Richard Place.
2. **ROLL CALL.** Commissioners Place and Scagliotti were present. Absent were Commissioner Pacheco, Fancher, Vaccarezza, Zanella, Eisenman, Fancher, and Pera. (They did not have a quorum, but listened to speakers).
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no comments from the public.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 28, 2019 REGULAR MEETING:**
Will approve the minutes at the next meeting, as there was no quorum.
5. **BUDGET REPORT:**
Report by Chairman Richard Place that the balance was \$4,825.44, this amount does not reflect the trail cameras that were purchased in the amount of \$600.00 by the Sheriff's Department.
6. **RECEIVE STATUS AND UPDATE FROM BOARD OF SUPERVISOR MEETING ON SAN JUSTO RESERVOIR:**
Reporting on San Justo Reservoir was Dulce Alonso Management Analysis with the Administration Office. She provided a PowerPoint presentation and a brief update from the Board of Supervisor Meeting. Items covered were: Timeline of Reservoir-owned and operated; Hollister is in charge of water; Picture from May 27, 2018 of muscles; USGS Geology survey from website USGS, shows two cases in California; San Benito County is the only county with a muscle problem in this area, by opening the reservoir it could possibly spread and ruin the surrounding ecosystem; Final feasibility eradication plan; Eradication Plan Process; San Justo

Reservoir 2019; The cost will be three million to get muscles out and three million for cleanup of pipes, with an estimated five years of closure; Next step for Bureau of Reclamation.

Commissioner Place had questions in regards to eradication.

Ms. Alonso provided information.

Commission Scagliotti had a question in regards to the Pajaro River.

Ms. Alonso provided information.

AGENCY REPORTS

7. **COMMISSIONER REPORT:**

Commissioner Scagliotti reported that Commissioner Pera will be resigning due to health issues.

8. **BUREAU OF LAND MANGEMENT (BLM) REPORT.**

Ben Blom was not able to attend but sent an email to report out on a few items:

We had a successful prescribed burn at the entrance to Clear Creek Management Area on June 12. The burn was done in partnership with Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Calfire. We burned 21 acres of yellow star thistle for habitat improvement for the Hernandez Valley tule elk herd.

BLM equipment operators made significant improvements to recreation facilities throughout the file office in spring/early summer. Campground roads at Laguna Mountain, Condon Peak, and Sweetwater have all been graded and improved, as well as, Jeep/ATV roads at Goat Mountain and Condon Peak. Recreation facilities at East Tumey Hills were improved by adding thousands of miles of barrier fencing.

In early June, BLM went into fire restrictions due to high risk for new fire starts. This included closure of public lands to recreational target shooting (hunting is still allowed).

Hunting season has begun (bow season is underway) and we're anticipating a lot of hunting-related visitation to our recreation sites in San Benito County.

9. **PINNACLES NATIONAL PARK REPORT:**

No one was present.

10. **FISH AND WILDLIFE REPORT.**

Laura Decker, Game Warden for Santa Clara County, was present. Reported that archery season has begun. A lot of deer are dying and has been reported in two countys. The cause is a virus found in the lungs, not contagious in humans. There have been mountain lion reports in the Fairview and Sunnyslope area averaging a few calls a month.

11. **SAN BENITO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:**

No one was present.

12. SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT:

No one was present.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

No items to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, October 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Place and seconded by Commissioner Scagliott, moved to adjourn to the October 28, 2019 meeting.

JANET SLIBSAGER, CLERK OF THE
BOARD, County of San Benito