

**SAN BENITO COUNTY  
FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION**

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

**AGENDA**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020**  
**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. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF NEW CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN:
5. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 28, 2019 REGULAR MEETING.
6. BUDGET REPORT.
7. COMMISSIONER REPORTS.

## AGENCY REPORTS

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

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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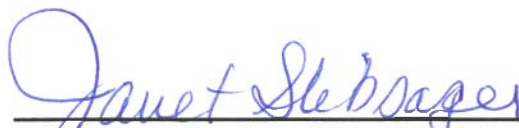
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Building, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, CA**

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



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

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

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The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chairman Richard Place in the San Benito County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, California.

**6:03 P.M. CALL TO ORDER**

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Lead by Chairman Richard Place.
2. **ROLL CALL.** Commissioners Place, Scagliotti, Eisenman, Fancher, and Zanella were present. Absent were Commissioner Pacheco and Vaccarezza.

There was a moment of silence for Commissioner Pera that passed away from cancer. Commissioner Place recognized Commissioner Pera had only served for a short time and was going to be a good Commissioner.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no comments from the public.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

4. **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 28, 2019 REGULAR MEETING AND APPROVE INFORMATIONAL MINUTES OF THE JULY 29, 2019 MEETING (NO QUORUM):**  
Motion by Commissioner Eisenman and seconded by Commissioner Zanella to approve the minutes as presented. (5/0 vote)
5. **BUDGET REPORT:**  
Report by Chairman Richard Place that there was not a formal report but the balance is the same at \$4,225.44, after the purchase of cameras in the amount of \$600.00 by the Sheriff's Department.

6. **COMMISSIONER REPORT:**

There were no reports.

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| <b>AGENCY REPORTS</b> |
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7. **BUREAU OF LAND MANGEMENT (BLM) REPORT.**

No one was present.

8. **PINNACLES NATIONAL PARK REPORT:**

No one was present.

9. **FISH AND WILDLIFE REPORT.**

Kyle Sommer, Game Warden for Fish and Wildlife of San Benito County, reported that Deer season was mild with a few issues at end of the season; a few Deer were poached, loaded guns in vehicles, Turkey and Quail being out of season.

Commissioner Place asked about the Deer and lung disease.

Mr. Sommer said a few Deer have died in Santa Clara County, but the lung disease has quieted down and does not seem to be an issue at this time. The statistics of deaths related to the Lung Disease are unknown at this time.

Mr. Sommer said that the trail cameras have been in use for a few months, and have come in handy for a few cases. The Sherriff's Department helped with the purchasing of the cameras, a total of four. They came with lock boxes and cables to prevent from being stolen.

Commissioner Place had a question regarding the experimental license with Box Crabs and would like to know what Box Crabs are.

Mr. Sommer is unsure of what a Box Crab is and will have to look into it.

Mr. Sommer said that July 1st went non-lead for the State of California. It has not affected this area but in the Northern part of California it has. In Deer season many individuals were not able to purchase ammo for their riffles and may become an availability issue within the next year.

Commissioner Place stated that they are checking the registration of guns before allowing the purchase of ammunition.

Mr. Sommer did state that a lot of older guns are not registered and is a work in progress.

Mr. Sommer said that there is still a push for the opening of San Justo and Hernandez Reservoir, but as of now, nothing is going through yet. There was a discussion on Studies and the Reservoirs.

Commissioner Scagliotti asked about the percentage of Deer killed this year.

Mr. Sommer said that they will not know until the stats come out, but he does know it was a slower season.

Commissioner Scagliotti asked about the closing of Rivers for salmon season.

Mr. Sommer has not heard of anything as of yet.

Commissioner Scagliotti suggested that Mr. Sommer's let higher authority know of an idea of treating salmon season like duck season, and only allowing people to fish two days a week to allow population of salmon to grow.

Discussion about salmon continued amongst Commissioners.

Commissioner Fancher asked about the Mountain Lions that are coming into Ridgemark from the South.

Mr. Sommer replied that he was unaware of sightings in Ridgemark, but is aware of one in Santana Ranch. So far there is not a public threat, but can be tranquilized and relocated if possible. San Benito County does not currently have a trapper contracted out, so it is a harder process.

Discussion continued about Mountain Lions amongst Commissioners.

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

Eric Taylor from the San Benito County Sheriff's Department was present. He stated there has not been much activity. The recent Senate Bill that came out regarding road kill does not seem to be a concern, but will monitor it. If someone hits a Deer, they can take it home without having to call the Sheriff's. The Sheriff's concern is what level is it to start checking road kill for bullet holes, and will it become a problem that road kill has actually been shot.

Eric Taylor said that he is aware of the Mountain Lion in Ridgemark, but no reports of it being aggressive. There was a discussion about the cameras that the Sheriff's Department purchased and is happy to hear they are working out good.

11. **SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT:**

No one was present.

12. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Commissioner Place said that he recommends the Commission look in to electing someone else to be the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for next year because he will be retiring.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

*Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Zanella and seconded by Commissioner Eisenman moved to adjourn to the January 27, 2020 meeting.*

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