

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, APRIL 22, 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 JANUARY 28, 2019 REGULAR MEETING.
5. BUDGET 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.
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:

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the San Benito County Fish and Game Commission is Monday, July 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

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COMMISSION**

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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
FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION**

*Commissioners:
Richard Place (Chairman), Bruce Eisenman, Jim Pacheco,
Jack Swallow, Gregg Zanella, Ron Vaccarezza, Robert Scagliotti*

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

San Benito County Administration Building
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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Richard Place 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 Richard Place.
2. **ROLL CALL.** Commissioners Place, Swallow, Pacheco, Pera, Scagliotti were present. Absent were Commissioner's Zanella and Eisenman and Commissioner Vaccarezza showed up at 6:03 p.m.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no public speakers.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF NEW CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN:**
Commissioner Richard Place asked for nomination for new Chairman. Commissioner Jim Pacheco made a motion to re-nominate Richard Place as the Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Mike Pera. (4/0 vote)

Commissioner Place asked for nomination for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Jack Swallow made a motion to nominate Jim Pacheco as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Robert Scagliotti. (4/0 vote)

Chairman Place introduced new Commissioner Robert Scagliotti as District #3 representative.

5. **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 22, 2018 REGULAR MEETING:**
Motion by Commissioner Pacheco and seconded by Commissioner Swallow to approve the minutes as presented. (5/0 vote)
6. **BUDGET REPORT:**
Commissioner Place stated that there had been no changes since the last report.
7. **DISCUSSION OF CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY, DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-SAN JUSTO RESERVOIR:**
Commissioner Place spoke about letter and congressional inquiry regarding San Justo Reservoir. He said that he was able to get a hold of Panetta's office and he sent in a congressional inquiry to the Department of Interior on the environmental document that was done and we should find out where it is in the process.

He said that he posted something on Facebook and got over 400 comments, so it is obvious that the public wants it open. He said that it is time to take care of it and get it open so people can go fishing.

AGENCY REPORTS

8. **LETTER FROM DEPARMTENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE – To approve fuds to purchase three digital trail cameras at approximately \$169.99 each from Bass Pro Shop, for a total amount of \$509.97 for the 3 cameras, does not include taxes and shipping:**
Commissioner Place provided information in regards to the cameras and asked if the commission would like to make a motion so that they could get the money dispersed for the cameras.

Motion by Commissioner Swallow and seconded by Commissioner Vaccarezza to approve \$600.00, not to exceed, for the cameras. (6/0 vote)

Discussion by the Commissioners as to how they would be purchased. Suggested that maybe the Sheriff's Office could purchase them and give them to Fish & Wildlife to use.

Commissioner Place said that he would work it out with the Board of Supervisors.
9. **COMMISSIONERS REPORT:**
Commissioner Place announced that this was Commissioner Swallows last night he will be leaving us. He has served us for 12 years and he appreciated his services.

Commissioner Pera asked if anyone was doing the hunter safety courses in San Benito County. Commissioner Swallow said that he doesn't think anyone is doing it right now the closest is Monterey County.

Jeff Heitzenrater said that if someone was interested they could contact him and he would be happy to work with them in getting the information to get certified.
10. **BUREAU OF LAND MANGEMENT (BLM) REPORT.**
No one was present.
11. **PINNACLES NATIONAL PARK REPORT:**
No one was present.

Commissioner Zanella showed up, was caught up in traffic.

12. **FISH AND WILDLIFE REPORT.**

Lt. Jeff Heitzenrater introduced their new Captain Todd Tognazzini. He reported that things are pretty slow right now, rounded out turkey season. He said with the rains they have started to get some calls on the pigs moving through.

Commissioner Place asked about mountain lions.

Mr. Heitzenrater said that they have not gotten any reports or requests for deprivation in San Benito County. He said that they have gotten calls from Santa Clara County.

Commissioner Pera asked if they were going to be getting some help in the near future.

Mr. Heitzenrater replied that yes that they had 3 wardens that were set to come to my squad at the moment we have 1.

Commissioner Scagliotti asked about the coyote problem that is working the river and scaring off all of the deer on Cienega Road. He said if there is any way we can get the trapper back in here.

Mr. Heitzenrater said that would go back through the county. They would normally contract with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Commissioner Vaccarezza said that yes we need to get trapper back, we need to check with the Agricultural Commissioner's Office to see if they can get money for trapper.

Todd Tognazzini, new captain, introduced himself and gave some background information as to where he worked and what he had done.

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

No one was present.

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

No one was present.

15. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, April 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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