

Kern County Wildlife Resources Commission

Kern County Administrative Building
General Services
3rd Floor Multipurpose Room
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, Ca. 93301

January 8, 2025
6:00 P.M

MEETING MINUTES

The Kern County Wildlife Resources Commission met on Wednesday January 8, 2025. Chairman Landon Peppel presided.

Present: Jared Cope, District I, Tom Stenson, District II, Bryan Porter, District III, Landon Peppel, District IV (Chairman), Timothy Holloway (Vice Chairman),

Absent: Fred Roach, Member at Large

Advisors: Isaac Preston, Senior CAO Manager – General Services

Others: None

NOTE: Ba, Fr, Pe, Ho, Pe, and St are abbreviations for Commissioners Bakman, Freeland, Peppel, Holloway, and Stenson. As an example, Ro-Pe denotes Commissioner Roach made a motion and Commissioner Peppel seconded the motion.

Chairman Peppel called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

1. Flag Salute

Commissioner Peppel led everyone in the flag salute.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes were reviewed. Th-Ts motion to approve. 5 Ayes, 1 Absent – motion carried.

3. Public Presentations

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Commission on any matter **not on this agenda** and over which the Commission has jurisdiction. Speakers are limited to two minutes. Please state your name for the record.

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4. **Correspondence – Receive and File**

Bp-Th motion to approve. 5 Ayes, 1 Absent- motion carried

5. **New Business**

i. None

6. **Old Business**

i. None

7. **Advisory Report**

- Abbey Quinn- Reported that warden positions in Shafter and in Kernville have been filled.
- Victor Vega- Had additional funding ideas to share with the commission. Shared information about lake aerators. Would like to have aerators installed at Lake Ming and Lake Evans located at Buena Vista Lake. Average cost of \$1,000- \$2,000 for each.

8. **Staff Report**

- Isaac Preston reported on the Wildlife Resources Commission budget balance. Balance as of this meeting is \$17,501.04. Application for WRC grant fine monies is now on the County website. Trout plant at Lake Evans on 12/23/2024 and on 1/9/2025.

9. **Commission Comments**

- Commissioner Cope talked about community outreach, social media, and creating flyers to help expand and grow the commission meetings.
- Commissioner Stenson let the commission know that Bright Lake will be having a fishing derby on May 17th, 2025.
- Commissioner Porter gave an update on the youth only hunt being held on February 1, statewide at wildlife refuges. There will also be a Veterans only hunt on February 8th.
- Commissioner Peppel spoke about the Proposition 4 bill, which is a \$10 billion Climate Bond that can be used for land and resources protection. Rollout should be in 2026. Wind Wolves is hosting the Spring Nature festival on March 28-29. This is the 10th annual and is a free event.
- Tim Holloway stated that the Tumblers have had some great Pheasant and Chucker hunts. Commission Holloway also talked to the other commissioners about possibly having an audit done on the funds for the commission to see where the funds come from and how they are broken down.

10. **Date and Location of Next Meeting**

April 9, 2025, 6 PM, 1115 Truxtun Ave. 3rd Floor Multipurpose Room

11. **Adjournment**

Chairman Peppel adjourned the meeting at 7:10 P.M