

Kern County Wildlife Resources Commission

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

**April 9, 2025
6:00 P.M**

MEETING MINUTES

The Kern County Wildlife Resources Commission met on Wednesday April 9, 2025. Chairman Landon Peppel presided.

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

Absent: Fred Roach, Member at Large, Bryan Porter, District III,

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 6:03 P.M.

1. Flag Salute

Commissioner Holloway led everyone in the flag salute.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes were reviewed. Ts-Th motion to approve. 4 Ayes, 2 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.

Tom Brown- Taft Sportsman Club reported on Jr. Pheasant Hunt and is requesting funding to help with bird costs. The request is \$1,950 for 100 birds for the third week in November. Also asked for help restoring bird guzzlers behind Maricopa and will be requesting funds to help with materials cost.

Carolina Ruiz from Wind Wolves Preserve gave an update on the 10th annual festival which brought 5,000 guests to attend. Information on hiking, recreation opportunities were shared at the event.

4. Correspondence – Receive and File

- None to file

5. New Business

i. None

6. Old Business

i. Review of budget funds breakdown- Report was given on complete funds breakdown. www.sco.ca.gov is the website for the State of California Trial Court Revenue Distribution Guidelines

7. Advisory Report

-Abbey Quinn- Fish and Game, reported on new hunter check station signs, new equipment for monitoring chronic waste disease. In the month of May, they will resume bear captures and training on den checks for bears.

- Brian Peters- Fish and Game, two new officers have started. One stationed in Shafer and the other in Lake Isabella. New dash cams being installed in new vehicles. Turkey season just started.

8. Staff Report

- Isaac Preston reported on the Wildlife Resources Commission budget balance. Balance as of this meeting is \$20,128.85. Application for WRC grant fine monies is on the County website. Trout plant at Lake Evans on 04/03/2024 with 4,200 pounds.

9. Commission Comments

- Commissioner Stenson talked about a fishing derby being held in Tehachapi on May 17th.
- Commissioner Holloway gave information on Kernville Trout Derby being held on April 19th. C.A.L.M will be celebrating their birthday hosting an even for outdoors on May 17th.
- Commissioner Peppel spoke about the three goals of the commission. Funding meaningful projects, spreading information to the public and having a place to gather people.

10. Date and Location of Next Meeting

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

11. Adjournment

Chairman Peppel adjourned the meeting at 6:42 P.M