

Kern County Wildlife Resources Commission

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

Kern River Valley Field Trip April 11th, 2018 9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

The Kern County Wildlife Resources Commission met on Wednesday, April 11th, 2018. Chairman Bakman presided.

Present: Dave Freeland, District I; Bob Bakman, District II; Dave McArthur, District III; Landon Peppel; District IV; Jack Gotcher, Member at Large (Secretary)

Absent: District V (Vacant); Fred Kinoshita, Member at Large

Advisors: Bret Haney, Division Chief - Kern County General Services

Others: 9 others were present

NOTE: Ba, Fr, Ki, Mc, Pe, and Go are abbreviations for Commissioners Bakman, Freeland, Kinoshita, McArthur, Peppel, and Gotcher. As an example, Fr-Ba denotes Commissioner Freeland made a motion and Commissioner Bakman seconded the motion.

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 A.M. The field trip for the Commissioners followed adjournment.

1. Flag Salute

Commissioner Bakman led everyone in the flag salute.

2. Approval of the Minutes of January 10th, 2018

Mc-Go motion to approve the minutes of January 10th, 2018. 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.

Bruce Vegter, Kern River Valley Heritage Commission heard – Shared a video and distributed maps of the area that Kern Heritage Commission has taken acquisition and stewardship of located in the Kern River Valley which includes 189 1-acre parcels to the south and 19 1-acre parcels to the north. They are hoping for a new visitor's center to be located on the Bob Powers Gateway Preserve in which multiple organizations will be a part of and located thereon (BLM, Forest Service, different chambers, etc.). A tour of this area is part of the scheduled field trip.

4. **Correspondence – Receive and File**

Go-Fr - motion to receive and file all correspondence. 5 ayes, 1 absent - motion carried.

5. **New Business**

None

6. **Old Business**

None

7. **Advisory Report**

No one heard

8. **Staff Report**

Bret Haney heard on District Re-boundaries - Discussed the new district boundaries and how they may affect the Commissioners and the Districts in which they serve. Current Commissioners will serve out their term. There are no immediate changes coming. There is not a detailed map of the Bakersfield area as of yet. Once approved maps will be provided.

Bret Haney heard on preserve proposal – Discussed a group that may be interested in doing a preserve near Hart Park/Kern River area. This will be brought before the Parks and Recreation Commission Board. This area of proposal for the preserve is County owned land and at this time there is no plan to develop this land.

Bret Haney heard on algae bloom – Discussed the algae bloom situation at the lakes for this year and it is being monitored to see if it becomes an issue this year as it was last year. Signs have been posted warning the public of the dangers of swimming in and consuming fish from the lakes when these algae conditions are present.

9. **Commission Comments**

Commissioner Gotcher heard regarding the volunteer program and warden assignments.

Commissioner Peppel heard on Windwolves Preserve and the wild flowers blooming along 223.

Commissioner Freeland heard – Discussed the field trip and dam groundbreaking. He distributed the field trip agenda, which included the project for the visitor's center on the Bob Powers Preserve and other areas to be visited, such as the fish hatchery. He

reported that Kevin McCarthy and Mick Gleason were both present for the dam groundbreaking ceremony held recently.

Commissioner Bakman heard – no updates

Commissioner McCarther heard – no updates

10. Date and Location of Next Meeting

July 11th, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 3rd Floor Multipurpose Room in Bakersfield.

11. Adjournment

Commissioner Bakman adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m.