

Kern County Wildlife Resources Commission

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Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams
Thursday, February 11, 2021
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MEETING M I N U T E S

The Kern County Wildlife Resources Commission met on Thursday February 11, 2021. Chairman Freeland presided.

Present: Dave Freeland, District I (Chairman); Bob Bakman, District II; Landon Peppel, District IV (Vice President); Jack Gotcher, (Secretary); Timothy Holloway, Member at Large

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

Advisors: Isaac Preston, General Services Manager – General Services

Others: 4 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.

Chairman Freeland called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

1. **Flag Salute**

Chairman Freeland led everyone in the flag salute.

2. **Approval of the Minutes of**

Minutes were reviewed. Fr-Ba 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.

4. **Correspondence – Receive and File**

Correspondence reviewed. Receive and File Ba-Ho, 4 Ayes, 2 Absent – motion carried.

5. **New Business**

- i. July meeting date:

6. **Old Business**

None

7. **Advisory Report**

-Kent Smirl from California Department Fish Wildlife gave a short presentation on the state wide wildlife watch program. Currently training agencies and developing curriculum that uses conservation coaching. Goal is to have conservation coaches throughout all counties in the state. More information can be found at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/wildlife-watch>.

- Abigail Gwinn(Wildlife Biologist for Kern Unit) with California Department Fish Wildlife spoke about Rabbit virus and how rapid it is beginning to spread. Have been analyzing dead and living rabbits. Submitted facts sheet and monitoring forms to the chat link. Spoke about protocol for encountering a dead rabbit. Deep bury the rabbit or double bag when transporting for testing. For more information on facts sheet <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=179037&inline>

8. **Staff Report**

None

9. **Commission Comments**

All Commissioners heard, no comments.

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

Future Virtual Meeting date and time set to July 14, 2021 at 6pm.

11. **Adjournment**

Chairman Freeland adjourned the meeting at 6:55P.M.