DATE: February 24, 2020, Regular Meeting
TIME: 6:00 PM
PLACE: Board of Supervisors' Chambers
County Government Center – 70 West Hedding Street, 1st Floor
San Jose, CA 95110

AGENDA

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Brown Act, those requiring accommodations in this meeting should notify the Clerk of the Fish and Game Commission no less than 24 hours prior to the meeting at (408)299-5001, or TDD (408) 993-8272.

Please note: To contact the Commission and/or to inspect any disclosable public records related to an open session item on a regular meeting agenda and distributed by the County to all or a majority of the Board of Supervisors (or any other commission, or board or committee) less than 72 hours prior to that meeting, visit our website at http://www.sccgov.org or contact the Clerk at (408)299-5001 or 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose, CA 95110, during normal business hours.

Persons wishing to address the Commission on a regularly scheduled item on the agenda are requested to complete a request to speak form and give it to the Deputy Clerk. (Government Code Section 54953.3.) Individual speakers will be called by the Chairperson and are requested to limit their comments to two minutes. Groups of speakers on a specific item are asked to limit their total presentation to a maximum of twenty minutes for each side of the issue.

COMMUTE ALTERNATIVES: The Board of Supervisors encourages the use of commute alternatives including public transit, bicycles, carpooling, and hybrid vehicles.

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Bicycle parking racks are available in the James McEntee, Sr., Plaza in front of the County Government Center building. If this Board or Commission does not meet in the County Government Center, please contact VTA for related routes.

Opening

1. Call to Order/Roll Call.

2. Public Comment.

   This item is reserved for persons desiring to address the Commission on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on this agenda. Members of the public who wish to address the Commission on any item not listed on the agenda should complete a request to speak form and give it to the Deputy Clerk. The Chairperson will call individuals to speak in turn.

   Speakers are limited to the following: three minutes if the Chairperson or designee determines that five or fewer persons wish to address the Commission; two minutes if the Chairperson or designee determines that between six and fourteen persons wish to address the Commission; and one minute if the Chairperson or designee determines that fifteen or more persons wish to address the Commission.
The law does not permit Commission action or extended discussion of any item not on the agenda except under special circumstances. If Commission action or response is requested, the Commission may place the matter on a future agenda.

Regular Agenda - Items for Discussion

3. Approve minutes of the December 16, 2019 Regular Meeting.

4. Receive report from the Office of the Clerk of the Board relating to Fines and Forfeitures for February 2020. (ID# 100510)

5. Consider recommendations relating to funding for the San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory western snowy plovers monitoring and banding program. (ID# 100525)

   Possible action:
   a. Receive report from San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory relating to request for funding in the amount of $8,000 to underwrite program costs of the western snowy plovers monitoring and banding program.
   b. Approve forwarding a recommendation for funding to the Board of Supervisors through the Housing, Land Use, Environment, and Transportation Committee.

6. Receive report from Ethan Rotman, Program Coordinator, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, relating to Fishing in the City and Classroom Aquarium Education programs.

7. Discuss Fish and Game Commission Work Plan for Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 (FY 2021) and Accomplishments for FY 2020, to be submitted to the Clerk of the Board by April 1, 2020, and subsequently forwarded to the Board of Supervisors through the Housing, Land Use, Environment, and Transportation Committee. (ID# 100509)

8. Receive report from California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Announcements

9. Announcements and Correspondence:
   a. Chairperson's announcements.
   b. Commissioners' announcements.
   c. Reminder: Annual Form 700 Statements of Economic Interests are due April 1, 2020.
   d. There is currently one vacancy on the Commission. For internet access to vacancies and applications, visit www.sccgov.org/sites/cob/bnc.
e. The County of Santa Clara provides reimbursement to appointed Commissioners for family care expenses incurred during the time spent performing their official County duties. For additional information please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (408) 299-5001.

**Adjourn**

10. Adjourn to the next regular meeting on Monday April 20, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 157, County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose.
DATE: December 16, 2019, Regular Meeting
TIME: 6:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 157
County Government Center – 70 W. Hedding Street, 1st Floor
San Jose, CA 95110

MINUTES

Opening

1. Call to Order/Roll Call.

Chairperson Chavez called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. A quorum was present.

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2. Public Comment. (ID# 100086)

One individual addressed the Commission.

Regular Agenda - Items for Discussion

3. Approve minutes of the August 19, 2019 Regular Meeting.

3 RESULT: APPROVED [3 TO 0]
MOVER: Joseph Chavez, Chairperson
SECONDER: Vincent Falcone, Vice Chairperson
AYES: Chavez, Falcone, Little
ABSENT: Grisedale

4. Discuss and approve Fish and Game Commission meeting schedule for Calendar Year 2020. (ID# 99682)

4 RESULT: APPROVED [3 TO 0]
MOVER: Joseph Chavez, Chairperson
SECONDER: Daniel L. Little, Commissioner
AYES: Chavez, Falcone, Little
ABSENT: Grisedale
5. Receive report from the Office of the Clerk of the Board relating to Fines and Forfeitures for December 2019. (ID# 99696)

5 RESULT: RECEIVED

6. Receive report from California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Kristy Emershy, Warden, Monterey County, State of California Department of Fish and Wildlife, North Coast District, provided information relating to staffing and stated that a warden is assigned to work in Santa Clara County starting in January 2020. She further advised of recent California Department of Fish and Wildlife cases and activity, including creek restorations, an updated survey of waterfowl and salmon populations, and an illegal hawk case. Finally, Ms. Emershy thanked the Commission for funding the all-terrain vehicle trailer, and stated that the Department requests assistance with locating an enclosed space to store the trailer.

6 RESULT: RECEIVED

Announcements

7. Announcements and Correspondence:

a. Chairperson's announcements.

Chairperson Chavez made no announcements.

b. Commissioners' announcements.

No announcements were made.

c. There is currently one vacancy on the Commission. For internet access to vacancies and applications, visit www.sccgov.org/sites/cob/bnc.

d. The County of Santa Clara provides reimbursement to appointed Commissioners for family care expenses incurred during the time spent performing their official County duties. For additional information please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (408) 299-5001.
Adjourn

8. Adjourn to the next regular meeting on Monday February 24, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 157, County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose.

Chairperson Chavez adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Simunic
Deputy Clerk
DATE: February 24, 2020
TO: Fish and Game Commission
FROM: Stephanie Simunic, Board Clerk I

RECOMMENDED ACTION
Receive report from the Office of the Clerk of the Board relating to Fines and Forfeitures for February 2020.
DATE:   February 24, 2020
TO:    Fish and Game Commission
FROM:  Stephanie Simunic, Board Clerk I
SUBJECT:  San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory Grant Request

RECOMMENDED ACTION
Consider recommendations relating to funding for the San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory western snowy plovers monitoring and banding program.

Possible action:

   a. Receive report from San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory relating to request for funding in the amount of $8,000 to underwrite program costs of the western snowy plovers monitoring and banding program.

   b. Approve forwarding a recommendation for funding to the Board of Supervisors through the Housing, Land Use, Environment, and Transportation Committee.

ATTACHMENTS:

   • SFBBO Snowy Plover Project Grant Fund 2020 Proposal (PDF)
   • SBSPRP Support Letter for SFBBO Plover Survey Proposal (PDF)
Project Summary
The San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory (SFBBO) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of birds and their habitats through science and outreach. Since its beginning in 1981, SFBBO has been an authority on the birds that rely on the San Francisco Bay and its surrounding environments. We conduct a wide range of science programs, including Snowy Plover, Least Tern, and Burrowing Owl Recovery, Avian Disease Prevention, Tidal Marsh Restoration, Colonial Waterbirds, and the Coyote Creek Field Station (bird banding). Critical in all of these programs are the many citizen scientists who volunteer for us, and without whom we could not continue our work.

Western Snowy Plovers (*Charadrius nivosus nivosus*; henceforth plover) have declined due to loss of habitat, human disturbance, and increasing predator populations. Plovers were classified as federally threatened in 1993, with a Final Recovery Plan produced in 2007. As part of the Recovery Plan, the plover breeding range was broken up into distinct Recovery Units, each with their own population goals. The San Francisco Bay is a distinct unit, known as Recovery Unit 3 (RU3), and has a population goal of 500 breeding adult plovers. Plovers in RU3 nest almost exclusively in dry salt panne habitat in former salt evaporation ponds (Figure 1). The vast majority of plover habitat is located within the South Bay, with 279 out of 290 nests monitored in 2019 found south of the San Mateo Bridge. Most of this habitat is part of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project (SBSPRP), which aims to restore up to 15,000 acres of managed ponds back to tidal marsh. This restoration will benefit many wildlife species, but poses a challenge to plover recovery because it will significantly reduce the availability of breeding habitat. Plover recovery in RU3 is also heavily impacted by several predator species that have greatly increased their populations in recent years. These include Common Ravens, which were formerly considered rare in the Bay Area but are now one of the most commonly sighted predators; Red Fox, which were introduced to the East Coast from Europe in the 1700’s, have expanded throughout the United States and caused the decline and extinction of numerous ground nesting birds and small mammals; and California Gulls, which were formerly only winter visitors to the San Francisco Bay, but began breeding here in 1980 and now have an estimated population of 48,000. All of these species are generalists that are able to thrive in the presence of humans, feeding off of landfills and other sources of refuse. With a consistent food source available, they can then feed on adults and young of sensitive species such as plovers.

Despite the challenges faced by shrinking habitat and rapidly expanding predator populations, the RU3 plover population has remained relatively stable, with an average of 216 breeding adults counted during May Breeding Window Surveys over the past five years (Table 1). However, it must be noted that during this time-frame, the SBSPRP has supported 92% of all breeding Snowy Plovers in the San Francisco Bay. Much of SFBBO’s research has focused on enhancing and monitoring the remaining plover breeding habitat within the SBSPRP footprint, but also on identifying suitable habitat not planned for tidal marsh restoration. Crittenden Marsh, a property co-owned by NASA-AMES and Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District and located in Mountain View next to Moffett Airfield, is one area that can potentially provide long-term breeding habitat (Figure 1). It was first identified as a plover breeding site in 2014, when SFBBO biologists found and monitored 14 nests over the course of the season (Figure 2). Minimal plover breeding activity was observed on-site 2015-17 due to a combination
of high spring precipitation and a malfunctioning water control structure in adjacent Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge pond A2E. This resulted in water levels raising enough in Crittenden Marsh to preclude plover nesting in most areas. In 2018, NASA began a remediation project at Crittenden Marsh to remove a peninsula on the pond, which required them to dewater the pond. As a result, SFBBO biologists found and monitored 6 nests in Crittenden Marsh, of which four hatched and two were depredated.

In 2019, with the support of Santa Clara County Fish and Game Commission funding, we monitored Crittenden Marsh for breeding Snowy Plovers, and once Snowy Plovers were observed on-site, conducted docent surveys to engage with the public on-site. Due to a large amount of precipitation during the preceding winter, there was relatively little available habitat for Snowy Plovers, and Snowy Plovers were not observed on site until July 28. We observed one brood of three chicks that hatched from an undetected nest, and monitored one nest, which hatched three chicks that were color banded after hatch. Of these three color banded chicks, one was confirmed to have fledged. The male of the monitored nest, which was color banded black over aqua on the left leg and aqua over green on the right, had been color banded as a chick at Crittenden Marsh in 2018. This provides evidence that Snowy Plovers exhibit a level of natal site fidelity at Crittenden Marsh, which warrants further monitoring.

In the Alviso neighborhood of San Jose, New Chicago Marsh is another site that is outside of the project footprint and could provide long term Snowy Plover breeding habitat (Figure 1). Specifically, the area of New Chicago Marsh known as Spreckles Marsh, located south of the inoperative train tracks and east of the operating train tracks, has provided breeding, roosting, and foraging habitat for Snowy Plovers in recent years (Figure 3). In the past ten years, this section of the pond hosted five nests in 2009, 2011, and 2017, and ten nests in 2019. In general, these nests have been very successful, with a combined average hatch rate in 2009, 2011, and 2017 of 80%. In 2019, nests were successful through mid-May, during which time one nest hatched and nine other nests were active. Unfortunately, the remaining nests were flooded out due to a combination of a late spring storm and rising water levels in the pond from an unknown source. However, the City of San Jose Department of Transportation recently finished construction on a new pump station that will allow water levels to be better managed in the future, which should prevent this situation from occurring in the future.

We are requesting support from the Santa Clara County Fish & Game Commission to allow us to conduct comprehensive nest monitoring and chick banding at Crittenden Marsh and New Chicago Marsh during the 2020 plover breeding season. Both areas have been shown to provide plover breeding habitat in recent years. As two of the only plover breeding sites in the South Bay that are not part of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, and thus will remain in their current status for the foreseeable future, Crittenden Marsh and Spreckles Marsh provide hope for establishing a robust plover population in Santa Clara County that will greatly contribute towards RU3 recovery goals. Therefore, it is imperative that SFBBO monitor Crittenden Marsh and Spreckles Marsh in 2020 to fully document the breeding effort and success of plovers there. In addition, color banding of plover chicks would allow for a more precise estimate of fledging success, which is an important way to assess the overall habitat quality.

**Amount Requested**

$8000
List of other funding sources
We have secured funding from the California Wildlife Foundation to fund Snowy Plover research in 2020 within the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project footprint, including in Santa Clara County at sites adjacent to Crittenden Marsh and New Chicago Marsh.

Fish and Game Commission Fund Purpose
This grant would primarily fund staff time from March 1-September 31 to conduct plover breeding surveys and associated predator surveys at Crittenden Marsh in Mountain View and New Chicago Marsh in San Jose. Additional staff time would be spent training docents at Crittenden Marsh during the breeding season, as well as data analysis and reporting October 1-December 31. When hatching nests are present, these funds would also fund staff time to color band plover chicks. Color banding is a critical component of our research to determine breeding success at these sites and identify habitat use and migration patterns of plovers throughout the San Francisco Bay and Pacific Coast breeding range. Finally, funds would be used to analyze the data to include in our annual report summarizing Snowy Plover breeding activity in the South Bay.

Benefit to fish and/or game in Santa Clara County or education benefits of project
This research will assist in the recovery of federally threatened Snowy Plover populations in Santa Clara County, and allow SFBBO to continue our Snowy Plover Docent Program at Crittenden Marsh to educate the public about plovers. Despite the currently small breeding population, due to its proximity to the Bay Trail and the associated high volume of pedestrians and bicyclists, Crittenden Marsh is an ideal location to conduct Snowy Plover outreach in Santa Clara County. Thus, this project would also provide an education benefit to the public in Santa Clara County.

Has the commission provided funds for this project/event or to the organization in the past? If so, when and how much?
Santa Clara County F&G Commission provided $5000 for similar activities in 2019. These funds allowed SFBBO to survey Crittenden Marsh for breeding Snowy Plovers and predators, train docents to conduct outreach along the Bay Trail, conduct data analysis, and include this data in our 2019 annual report that was sent to the Commission.

Detailed Project Description
- Snowy Plover Surveys; Timing – Weekly, March 1-September 31, 2020
  - Using spotting scope and/or binoculars, count, sex, and record behavior and color band combinations (when applicable) of all plovers observed in Crittenden Marsh; record observation locations on georeferenced map
  - Locate active nests, record location using an iPad or handheld GPS
- Predator Surveys; Timing – Weekly, March 1-September 31, 2020
  - Using spotting scope and/or binoculars, count and record behavior of all potential predators of plover adults, chicks, and eggs observed within 100m of Crittenden Marsh; record observation locations on georeferenced map
  - Inform U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health APHIS Wildlife Services of any problematic predators in area
- Nest Monitoring; Timing – Weekly, March 1-September 31, 2020
  - Determine stage of development using egg flotation method
- Once nest no longer active, determine fate of nest i.e. hatched, depredated, flooded, unknown, etc.

- Color banding; Timing – Weekly, April-August, 2020
  - Once nest begins to show signs of hatching, check daily to accurately time hatching
  - Band chicks within hours of hatching before leave the nest
  - Use unique color band combination for each chick to identify individuals

- Docent training and surveys; Timing – Monthly, March 1-September 31, 2020
  - Train volunteers to find breeding plovers using spotting scopes and/or binoculars, engage with and show plovers to the public, and share plover and wetland conservation facts
  - Volunteers conduct monthly docent surveys
    - Reach an estimate of five people per survey

- Data Analysis and Reporting; Timing – Weekly, October 1-December 31, 2020
  - Determine Snowy Plover nest success and chick fledging success in Crittenden Marsh and New Chicago Marsh
  - Incorporate data from Crittenden Marsh and New Chicago Marsh into South Bay dataset
  - Produce comprehensive report of Snowy Plover breeding success and predator threats throughout the South Bay

Figures

Figure 1. Former Salt Production Ponds in Santa Clara County, including New Chicago Marsh in Alviso and Crittenden Marsh in Mountain View.
Figure 2. Snowy Plover nests at Crtittenden Marsh, Mountain View, CA 2009-2019

Figure 3. Snowy Plover nests at New Chicago Marsh, Alviso, San Jose, CA 2009-2019
Tables

Table 1. Western Snowy Plover Population in Recovery Unit 3 and on South Bay Salt Pond Project lands during May Breeding Window Surveys.

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Submitted by
Benjamin Pearl
Plover Program Director
San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory
524 Valley Way, Milpitas, CA 95035
408-946-6548, bpearl@sfbbo.org
February 14, 2020

Santa Clara County Fish & Game Commission Grant Program
70 W. Hedding St.; East Wing, 10th floor
San Jose, CA, 94110

RE: Support for SFBBO’s Western Snowy Plover Survey Proposal

Dear Selection Panel,

This letter is provided to express strong support for the San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory’s (SFBBO) application for grant funding to perform western snowy plover surveys in Crittenden Marsh and the Spreckles Marsh area of New Chicago Marsh, both of which are adjacent to important parts of the South Bay Salt Pond (SBSP) Restoration Project in and around the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

The SBSP Restoration Project is a collaborative effort, jointly managed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the California State Coastal Conservancy. The SBSP Restoration Project is the largest tidal wetland restoration project on the West Coast. When complete, the Project will restore 15,100 acres of industrial salt ponds to a rich mosaic of tidal wetlands and other habitats, while maintaining or improving current levels of flood protection and providing increased and improved public access facilities.

However, one of the most complicated and difficult balancing acts our Project must perform is achieving large areas of tidal marsh habitat restoration while also retaining and/or enhancing habitat for a number of other species that depend on ponds, levees, islands, or other features of the historically modified landscape. One of those species is the Western Snowy Plover (Charadrius nivosus nivosus), and SFBBO’s work under its Plover Program is aiming to improve the breeding success and population size of this federally threatened species at several of our most important Project sites.

Although both of SFBBO’s proposed survey areas are outside of our project footprint, it is clear that providing a greater amount of plover habitat and increasing breeding and fledging success outside of the project space would benefit our project (and indirectly the many other special-status species that depend on tidal marsh habitat) in two ways. First, it would allow for a greater amount of tidal marsh restoration with less concern over loss of seasonal plover habitat. This would resolve one of our greatest tensions. Secondly, if these efforts are successful in increasing plover numbers in these areas, there would be a larger source population of snowy plovers to us
reach our own plover population goals within the areas where we do our own plover pond enhancements.

We trust SFBBO to implement this program because we have worked closely with them for over a decade to perform studies and provide information that we need to plan and conduct our recovery efforts. They are committed, ethical, efficient, and talented professionals, and I cannot voice strongly enough how critical their work is for our project. For all of these reasons, we strongly support this proposal for funding for SFBBO to continue and expand its work.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or if follow-up information would be helpful. I can be reached at dave.halsing@scc.ca.gov or 650-814-0588.

Most sincerely,

Dave Halsing
Executive Project Manager
South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project

California State Coastal Conservancy
1515 Clay St., 10th Floor
Oakland, CA, 94612
DATE: February 24, 2020
TO: Fish and Game Commission
FROM: Stephanie Simunic, Board Clerk I
SUBJECT: 2020 Work Plan

RECOMMENDED ACTION
Discuss Fish and Game Commission Work Plan for Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 (FY 2021) and Accomplishments for FY 2020, to be submitted to the Clerk of the Board by April 1, 2020, and subsequently forwarded to the Board of Supervisors through the Housing, Land Use, Environment, and Transportation Committee.

ATTACHMENTS:
- Work Plan Instructions (PDF)
- Fish and Game Commission Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Work Plan (PDF)
Instructions for Completion of Annual Boards & Commissions Work Plans and Prior Year Accomplishments

A committee comprised of Board Policy Aides and the Office of the Clerk of the Board have developed a standard template for use by Boards and Commissions in completing their annual work plans. A significant change is that work plans will be based on a fiscal year rather than a calendar year. The new work plans are to be completed by each Board and Commission and approved at a regular Board or Commission meeting no later than April 1 of each year. The Clerk’s Office will then transmit the work plans to the appropriate Board Committee for review in May of each year and to the Board of Supervisors for approval in June.

Please use the following instructions when completing the work plans:

Cover Sheet (Page 1)

This area should include the name of the Board or Commission, the timeframe covered by the work plan (i.e. Fiscal Year 2007 July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007) members’ names, chair’s name, and vacancies as of April 1. Do not put commissioner addresses or phone numbers on the work plan. The Board offices have access to that information if necessary. This page will need to be updated each year.

Mission Statement: (Page 2)

This area of the work plan should clearly state the mission of the Board or Commission. This information may be extracted from the enabling legislation (i.e. Ordinance, Board action, Resolution) that formed the Board or Commission or may be a purpose statement approved by the Board or Commission and derived from the enabling legislation. This section may also contain the roles and responsibilities of the Board or Commission. This page may not need to be updated each year.

Historical Background: (Page 2)

This area should provide the reader with some historical information about the Board or Commission (i.e. when it was formed, issues of focus in years’ past, significant outcomes of work by the Board or Commission. NOTE: Accomplishments from the previous year should not be discussed here – there is another area on the work plan where this is done. This page may not need to be updated each year.
Fiscal Year Work Plan: (Page 3)

This area should provide the goals/objectives (no more than 5) of the work plan, the activities planned to accomplish the goals, the priority ranking of each goal and the timeline anticipated to accomplish the goal. This page will need to be updated each year.

Prior Year Accomplishments: (Page 4)

This area should address the prior year work plan accomplishments including the goal/objective, activities that supported the successful completion of the goal and the status of the goal. The status column should inform the reader whether the goal was a) completed, b) not started and why, c) in process and expected completion date, or d) eliminated and why. This page will need to be updated each year.

Ongoing Projects: (Page 5)

This area provides the Board or Commission with an opportunity to inform the reader of ongoing projects that the Board or Commission is continuing to work on. This page may not need to be updated each year.
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 WORK PLAN
AND
2018-2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Members:

Joseph Chavez
Claire Elliott
Vincent Falcone
Mark Grisedale
Howard Hall
Daniel Little
MISSION STATEMENT:

It is the mission of the Santa Clara County Fish and Game Commission to protect, restore and enhance fish and wildlife resources in Santa Clara County. The Commission considers healthy, natural ecosystems the ideal. Where this is not always possible, the Commission seeks to minimize the effect human intervention while still supporting the goals of protection, enhancement, and restoration of fish and wildlife to the fullest extent. Activities of the Commission will be governed by State Fish & Game Code.

To accomplish this mission, the Commission will support the following to the best of its abilities:

- Support the Federal and State agencies regarding the preservation, conservation or enhancement of fish and game resources.
- Support educational programs related to wildlife resources.
- Support projects that will enhance or protect fish and wildlife resources.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The Fish and Game Commission was established by the Board of Supervisors in accordance with Santa Clara County Ordinance NS-300.43, adopted April 18, 1960, last amended by Santa Clara County Ordinance NS-300.518 on April 27, 1993. The duty of the Commission shall be to investigate all requests for the expending of the monies in the County Fish and Game Propagation Fund per State Fish and Game Code Sections 13100-13103 and make written recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding expenditures. Requests may be initiated by members of the Commission or by any member of the public. Any investigation shall be for the purpose of determining whether the expenditure is in the interest of the propagation and conservation of fish and game within the County.

The Commission is composed of five members appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Each member shall be familiar with fish and game problems within the County of Santa Clara. Term for each member shall be four years.
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<td>1. Provide guidance to the Board regarding fish and game matters that affect the resources of Santa Clara County.</td>
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<td>2. Recommend expenditures from the Fish and Game Preservation fund to support education, conservation and preservation of wildlife resources within the county</td>
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<td>3. Seek state and federal funding to remedy problems related to threatened or endangered species in Santa Clara County and improve overall fish and game resources.</td>
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## PRIOR YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS FY2018-2019

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➢ Housing, Land Use Environment, and Transportation approved funding on September 20, 2018.  
➢ Board of Supervisors approved funding on October 30, 2018.  
➢ Check pending Facilities and Fleet procedure. |
| 2. Approved funding ($4,500) to Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful to fund the Creek Ambassador Program. | ➢ Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful presented to the Commission on October 15, 2018. Commission approved funding.  
➢ Housing, Land Use Environment, and Transportation approved funding on November 15, 2018.  
➢ Board of Supervisors approved funding on December 18, 2018.  
➢ Check mailed from COB to Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful on February 8, 2019. |
| 3. Approved funding ($5,000) for to San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory to fund the western snowy plovers monitoring and banding program. | ➢ San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory presented to the Commission on December 17, 2018. Commission approved funding.  
➢ Housing, Land Use Environment, and Transportation approved funding on February 21, 2019.  
➢ Board of Supervisors approved funding on March 12, 2019.  
➢ Check mailed from COB to San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory on March 28, 2019. |