

FERAL PIGS IN SANDIEGO COUNTY

- Two separate efforts have joined forces to eradicate pigs from San Diego County.
 - Section 6 Funds
 - Supplied by the US Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Amount: \$160,000
 - Objective is to radio collar pigs to define distribution and movement patterns. This information will assist eradication efforts being conducted by USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services.
 - California Department of Fish and Wildlife will be directing the project.
 - Hired a full time technician to work on project
 - San Diego State University is subcontracted to CDF&W, and will be collecting and analyzing data.
 - Wildlife Service will be trapping pigs for collaring.
 - Collaring pigs should begin by the end of March.
 - First efforts will be south of Lake Morena.
 - Objective is to collar 30 pigs
 - Eradication Funds
 - \$700,000 supplied by the US Forest Service/Cleveland National Forest
 - \$200,000 supplied by SANDAG
 - \$140,000 supplied by US Department of Agriculture
 - Objective is to eradicate pigs county-wide.
 - USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services is doing all the work.
 - Project is in the 6th month of work.
 - Four focus areas (includes private lands)
 - Mt. Palomar
 - San Diego River Valley
 - Descanso
 - Hauser Canyon
 - Main method for detection is motion sensor camera
 - 150 cameras currently deployed
 - Wildlife Service has loaned 5 cameras to Barona
 - To date, Wildlife Services has removed 38 pigs
 - Estimate 30 to 100 pigs remain
 - Majority of pigs are on County Parks land
 - Cannot discharge firearms
 - San Diego Museum of Natural History is maintaining a geospatial database to monitor feral pig occurrences. Contact Scott Tremor, San Diego Museum of Natural History. He presented at the previous meeting.