

DON PEDRO RECREATION AGENCY
BOARD OF CONTROL - DON PEDRO PROJECT
MINUTES September 12, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 a.m. Don Pedro Recreation Agency

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Frantz – Turlock Irrigation District
Mike Williams – City & County of San Francisco
Roger VanHoy – Modesto Irrigation District

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob & Susie Lynar – Private Houseboat Owners
Ross Swett – Private Houseboat Owner
Heather Victoria – Private Houseboat Owner

MINUTES

The Don Pedro Board of Control moved to postpone approval of the August 8, 2014, meeting minutes until the October 10, 2014, Board of Control meeting.

MONTHLY FISCAL REPORT

Actual revenue for the month of July, 2014, was \$286,754 and actual revenue including sponsor contributions was \$359,069. Projected revenue for July was \$540,670. Actual revenue year to date was \$1,278,014 and actual revenue year to date including sponsor contributions was \$1,548,233. Compared to July, 2013, all revenue categories were down. Actual expenses for July were \$312,403 and the projected July expense was \$332,720. Capital expenses for the month of July totaled \$15,127 and were associated with the campsite renovation, administrative site management, electronics/communications, sign replacement and vehicle replacement projects.

PROPOSED 2014 CAPITAL PROJECT DEFERRALS

Agency Director Russell presented a proposal to the Board to defer the 2014 DPRA Capital Roadwork and Work Dock Renovation projects and utilize the resulting savings to help reduce the revenue shortfall gap for the 2014 calendar year.

After some discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2014 Capital Project Deferrals as requested.

PROPOSED 2015 DPRA BUDGET

Agency Director Russell presented an overview of the draft 2015 O&M and Capital budgets to the Board.

After much discussion, the Board decided to defer action on this item until the October Board of Control meeting. Director Russell was asked to prepare the proposal without the roadwork capitol item and to change the revenue projection to more closely reflect the 2014 use (approximately a 30% reduction).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The 2014 lake elevation projection has been adjusted to a low of 690.8 which will occur at the end of October. Currently the lake level is 700.5'.

The reservation total for August 2014 was 414 which is 310 less than August of 2013. Year to date, 2,233 fewer reservations have been made compared to the end of August, 2013. This amounts to 31% less than last year through the end of August.

The Labor Day holiday revenue was down \$16,524 and 37% overall compared to Labor Day 2013. There was no launching available at Blue Oaks, unimproved launching at Moccasin and only 2 lanes of launching at Fleming Meadows this year. Fleming Meadows camping was at 100% occupancy, Blue Oaks campground was 54% occupied and Moccasin Point campground was 40% occupied.

The Jackson Fire at the corner of Highway 49 and Jacksonville Road burned 70 acres along both sides of Moccasin Point's entrance road and adjacent to DPRA's warehouse, staff housing, entrance station, wastewater treatment plant and Moccasin Point Marina dry storage. CalFire, USFS, BLM, DPRA and CCSF all responded.

There were 32 vehicles that took advantage of the 'Free Fishing Day' on September 6, 2014, which was more than double the total of 14 for 2013.

Unimproved launching at Moccasin Point is marginal and limited to very short trailers and car top vessels. Staff continues to clear debris from the ramp and will open it up for larger shallow hulled vessels if conditions improve.

DPRA Staff continues maintenance of the Fleming Meadows launch ramp as the water recedes.

The California Division of Boating and Waterways Commission has approved \$300,000 in funding for permitting and planning of the Blue Oaks Launch Facility improvements. Construction will need to be funded through a subsequent grant with project completion projected for 2017.

DPRA staff will be meeting with TID civil engineering staff at lowest projected water level (mid – late October) to review feasibility and potential locations for a low water boat launch facility at the Moccasin Point end of the lake.

The Campground Operations seasonal staff layoffs have begun as of September 1st with 8 employees retained until September 15 and 3 employees scheduled for duty until October 1.

The Lake Operations and Maintenance divisions each have 2 seasonal employees remaining to assist with roofing projects and lakeshore cleanup.

There are twelve reservations currently scheduled at Blue Oaks between now and December 31st and Moccasin Point has three for the same time frame.

DPRA ranger staff members from Moccasin Point and Blue Oaks are being reallocated to project work.

The Moccasin Point Marina land based camp store will be closing in late September.

The Campground Operations, Lake Operations and Maintenance divisions are coordinating staff on several projects including tree pruning, campground and lakeshore cleanup and the restroom roof replacement capital project.

MATTERS TO THE GOOD

Private houseboat owner, Susie Lynar requested that the brackets be removed from the Moccasin Point courtesy dock.

Private houseboat owner, Heather Victoria has concerns with the safety of the houseboats and their location and wanted to know if the lines have been engineered for high winds. Director Russell encouraged her to contact the marina directly with her concerns. Ms. Victoria stated that she also has a problem with getting information from the marina, but will try again.

Private houseboat owners Ross Swett and Bob Lynar voiced concern about the safety and length of the houseboat mooring lines.

Private houseboat owner, Ross Swett would like to know if line checks are being performed because he sees many issues on several houseboats including a buoy that is two feet under water.

It was requested that while working with civil engineers on the Moccasin low water boat launch site that DPRA also look for a low water location for the Moccasin Point Marina.

Roger VanHoy, Modesto Irrigation District (MID), asked DPRA Director Russell what items brought up during the “Matters to the Good” would be included in the minutes and which would go on to become action items for either herself or the Board. Director Russell stated that all of the items would be listed in the minutes but that none of them would be an action item. Mr. VanHoy responded that a couple of items that stood out would be that DPRA needs to act as a facilitator between the marina and the private houseboat owners and DPRA should ask Forever Resorts about the mooring line integrity.

Private houseboat owner Bob Lynar stated that he would like to get responses from DPRA or the Board on issues brought up by houseboat owners during the “Matters to the Good”. Director Russell replied that responses would be more timely if these types of questions were directed to DPRA staff instead of at a Board meeting. Roger Vanhoy, MID, added that the MID Board meeting ends with a General Managers Action Item report so that those in the audience know what will happen with items brought up during the public comment period.

MOTIONS PASSED

On motion of VanHoy, seconded by Williams, the following motion was adopted:

2014-09-05 The Board voted unanimously to approve the 2014 Capital Project Deferrals as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Due to no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Russell
Secretary to Board of Control

Copies to: Mr. Williams
 Messrs. Frantz, Hashimoto, Macedo, Her
 Messrs. Campbell, Davids, VanHoy