

**DON PEDRO RECREATION AGENCY
BOARD OF CONTROL - DON PEDRO PROJECT
DRAFT MINUTES
May 20, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 a.m.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Macedo – Turlock Irrigation District (TID)
Janice Keating – Modesto Irrigation District (MID)
Cheryl Sperry – City & County of San Francisco (CCSF)

OTHERS PRESENT: Ryan Reis – DPRA, Department Manager
Brannon Gomes – DPRA, Recreation Division Manager
Jim McCoy – DPRA, Recreation Division Manager
Rebecca Dack – DPRA, Administrative Assistant
Bill Penney – TID, Senior Civil Engineer
Sara Lima – DPRA, General Counsel
Brooke Rohrer – Suntex, General Manager
Jesse Franco – MID, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Director Macedo called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

Director Macedo opened up public comment regarding agenda items. No members of the public were present.

SUNTEX UPDATE

Suntex General Manager, Brooke Rohrer, provided an update regarding Suntex operations. She noted the respacing of the mooring balls for A and B lines have been completed. She also noted all lighting on Fleming and private marinas have been fixed. She included the private marina gate and headwalk have been repainted and the marina has been re-anchored and will be removing some of the excess winches. Ms. Rohrer noted they resurfaced the asphalt at the private marina and restriping has been completed.

Ms. Rohrer informed the Board of the projects and maintenance in progress. She noted the cable removal at Moccasin is in progress as water levels fluctuate. She also noted the cable removal project at Fleming is also in progress, the removal of the old headwalk in Gilman is expected to be completed by May 22, 2025. She noted the new motor repair shop is estimated to be completed by May 23, 2025, they are still completing some IT work and orders have been placed to restock the shop and is expected to be completely reopened by the second weekend in June. Ms. Rohrer noted the work barge repairs are in process and the remodeling of the service yard restrooms and office are expected to be completed by May 26, 2025. She included the trash barge has an expected completion date of May 23, 2025, noting it is now fully enclosed. She also noted they are working on the additional restroom which should be completed by the end of June. She discussed relocating the trash barge at the rental dock near the life jacket shed.

Ms. Rohrer gave an overview of the potential maintenance and capex projects for Moccasin, stating they will be painting and numbering buoy balls. She noted for Fleming they will be painting and numbering buoy balls, upgrading the Café and Ship Store which would start after season, painting the exterior of the Ship Store.

She discussed staffing changes at Moccasin which has delayed some work.

Ms. Rohrer provided photos of the projects in progress. She also noted Suntex hired Phil Hetz in the new position of facilities manager to oversee the maintenance department, and anything building and project related.

ELECTRICAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) PROJECT UPDATE

Bill Penney, TID Senior Civil Engineer, provided an update regarding the electric distribution system capital improvement plan project. Bill provided a review of the CIP process. Mr. Penney noted the CIP recommended more upgrades, but the alternative analysis determined less upgrades are needed which will provide savings. He noted the focus is to renew some of the aged medium voltage equipment, minimize fire risk, consider future load increases, provide SCADA capabilities and reduce maintenance and outage times. Mr. Penney noted recommended improvements for Blue Oaks which include replacing switchgear and adding SCADA, replace one (1) transformer, development of transformers, conduit and cable for potential future of 50amp receptacles and expansion of boat and RV storage. Mr. Penney provided recommended improvements for Fleming Meadows which include replacing switchgear and adding SCADA, replace three (3) transformers, development of transformers, conduit and cable for potential future of 50amp

receptacles to upgrade existing and provide new receptacles, level 2 EV chargers, cabins, wastewater treatment plant, and visitor center. There was discussion regarding future development preparation. Mr. Penney provided recommended improvements for Moccasin Point which include replacing switchgear and adding SCADA, replace three (3) transformers, development of transformers, conduit and cable for potential future of 50amp receptacles to upgrade existing receptacles, level 2 EV chargers, cabins, and concession store.

Director Keating inquired if these recommendations include upgrading 30amp to 50amp or if they would be brand new receptacles. Mr. Penney noted upgrading them would be an additional cost, but the recommended upgrades would increase capacity with the new transformers which would allow future upgrades and/installation of 50amp receptacles.

Director Sperry inquired if most modern RVs/travel trailers are 50amp. Director Reis noted many are and typically depend on the number of AC units. He also noted that 50amp customers use adapters which end up creating more maintenance and replacement of electrical hookups and parts due to over-capacity.

Director Sperry also inquired if the design noted in the presentation is as-is. Mr. Penney noted the 50amp upgrade cost would replace the current transformer with a larger transformer, preparing the way for future development. The cable and conduit listed would bring power to an area that does not currently have power, which is a potential area for new campground/camp sites and allows consideration for future projects.

SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) PROJECT UPDATE

Bill Penney, TID Senior Civil Engineer, provided an update regarding the sanitary sewer system capital improvement plan project. He discussed the background of the infrastructure from 1970, noting increased maintenance or issues procuring replacement parts. He also noted recommended improvements which include replacing the lift stations and some pipelines as well as replacing the wastewater treatment facility piping and equipment.

Director Keating inquired about the allocated amount listed and Director Reis noted the amount listed is the budget the Board allocated of \$5M to build on interest and fund the CIP, not recurring capital. Mr. Penney noted the amount shown in the presentation is the full 5-year budget. He noted there is expected to be some efficiencies when bundling some of the projects. Director Keating inquired if the amount TID and MID approved was less than the estimate because of cost savings, and Director Reis confirmed it was and the CIP budget and spending is scheduled to be reviewed annually.

Mr. Penney reviewed the alternatives analysis, noting similar outcomes from CIP which include lift stations replacement. He discussed system reliability which includes the lack of the ability to remotely monitor the status of plant operations, a lack of spillway overflow and a lack of nearby backup power. He also discussed the wastewater treatment facilities' limited ability to remove solids, reduced capacity or settling ponds.

There was discussion regarding the piping at Moccasin.

Mr. Penney discussed the evaluation criteria, the lift stations and the system reliability. He also discussed the wastewater treatment facilities, noting the upgrades to assist with removing the solids and the reduction of the number of solids that get to the sewer ponds. There was discussion regarding dredging and frequency, noting the upgrades would reduce or eliminate the need to dredge.

Mr. Penney provided recommended improvements and cost for Blue Oaks which include cleaning out pipes, video access and SCADA system, including wastewater grinder pumps, piping, valves and dredging ponds to increase capacity. He noted the project is tracking slightly less than the CIP, stating there are savings in not having to replace pipes.

Director Sperry inquired if there are any existing SCADA systems and Mr. Penney confirmed there is tracking at the lagoon. He also noted that there is SCADA throughout canal systems at TID and the major cost is verifying background communications. Mr. Penney noted they would have to determine which would use integrate with TID explore DPRA standalone.

Director Sperry confirmed the ranking system, 1 is best and 5 is worst, and inquired if consideration was given to weighting the categories. Mr. Penney replied that the rankings were developed with an experienced consultant, and weighting and other approaches were considered. Ultimately, they decided not to weight and felt it likely would have yielded similar results.

Mr. Penney requested direction from the Board regarding next steps and provided a draft timeline for detailed design and engineering and for procurement and construction.

Director Sperry inquired about the likelihood of moving forward with a 50amp campground and if so, what the incremental cost would be of this project over existing site conditions.

Director Macedo noted it has paid off for the Board to think of the future and he would like the Board to keep the mentality. Director Keating stated people are willing to pay a lot more per night for the sites with 50amp. Director Macedo noted the Board would like to go forward with the development project review and determine if items/projects need to be removed throughout the process. Director Sperry also noted she would like to see the latest customer survey data.

FISCAL REPORT

Brannon Gomes, DPRA Recreation Division Manager provided an update regarding FEMA reimbursement, noting approximately \$33,000 going back in to fund 3 for DPRA, the rest is fund 2 of TID and MID funding for up-river issues. Mr. Gomes provided a comparison of April 2025 projections compared to April 2024 actuals. The April 2025 revenue projection is \$396,000 compared to April 2024 actual revenue of \$366,927. He noted the April 2025 projections for operations expenses is \$389,907 compared to the April 2024 actual operations expenses of \$446,473. He also provided the YTD 2025 projections of \$60,139 compared to the 2024 YTD actuals of \$63,236.

Director Reis provided a comparison of 2024 budget versus actuals, compared to 2023 actuals for revenue, operations expenses and capital expenses. He also provided Q1 2025 projections compared to the Q1 2024 actuals.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Reis provided an update regarding reservations, occupancy and cancellations for April 2025 compared to April 2024. He also provided an update regarding seasonal staffing and food truck vendors.

Director Reis provided an update regarding golden mussels, noting he is working on a press release. He noted there are currently no operational changes while continuing to evaluate risk to assets as information becomes available. He also noted the next tests are anticipated to be completed in June and post-summer.

Director Reis provided recent news noting Lake Berryessa detected dead golden mussels during pre-launch inspection on a houseboat, Folsom Lake detected live mussels during pre-launch inspection and Merced Irrigation District (McClure/McSwain) has applied for grant for vessel decontamination units which would be optional for customers to use, pending review.

Director Reis provided an update regarding the fireworks noting Suntex and Visit Tuolumne County are additional sponsors for the 2025 show. He also provided a woody debris update, stating rafters notified DPRA of debris in the river. DPRA staff corralled the debris to the shore and Lionidakis will be coming up to remove the debris after Memorial Day. He provided a lake elevation update and the Blue Oaks Launch Ramp closure due to water levels. He noted the Blue Oaks Launch Ramp lower parking sits at 820' and closure announcements begin around 817' which allows staff time to plan and implement closures. He also noted it helps ensure visitors do not get their vehicles stuck, and that sometimes water levels can rise overnight when staff are not available to implement the necessary closures including gates, signage, etc. He also noted there is no launching at Blue Oaks when levels are at 819'-821'. DPRA Staff will put out a social media and website post today, May 20, 2025, regarding the closure. He included that projections are provided by the TID Hydrology Department.

He noted the next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 20, 2025, at 10am.

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR *Closed Session*

Director Keating motioned to adjourn to closed session, Director Sperry seconded motion, motion carried, and the Board adjourned to closed session at 11:21am.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened after closed session at 12:12pm. Director Macedo noted no action was taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Keating motioned to adjourn, Director Sperry seconded and due to no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:12p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Reis

Secretary to Board of Control

Copies to: Messrs. Hannaford, Mazurkiewicz, Williams, Edwards
Messrs. Fernandes, Macedo, Koehn
Messrs. Keating, Franco, Wenger