DON PEDRO RECREATION AGENCY
BOARD OF CONTROL - DON PEDRO PROJECT
DRAFT MINUTES
August 21, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:	10:00a.m.
VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:	Ron Macedo – Turlock Irrigation District (TID) Adam Mazurkiewicz – City & County of San Francisco (CCSF) Janice Keating – Modesto Irrigation District (MID)
OTHERS PRESENT:	Ryan Reis – DPRA, Department Manager Brannon Gomes – DPRA, Recreation Division Manager Jim McCoy – DPRA, Recreation Division Manager Rebecca Dack – DPRA, Administrative Assistant Rebecca Smith – General Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

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

MOTION APPROVING CONSENT CALENDAR *Action Item*

All matters listed hereunder will be acted upon by a single vote of the Board. There will be no individual discussion of these items unless a member of the Board or the public so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate agenda item

1. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of April 17, 2026. Copies are on file at Don Pedro Headquarters

Director Keating motioned to approve the consent calendar. Director Mazurkiewicz seconded the motion. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION OF ANY ACTION ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items removed from the consent calendar.

2027 FUND 2 DRAFT BUDGET

Director Reis noted the item applies to MID and TID, not CCSF, and will be presented at their respective budget meetings. Reservoir maintenance primarily includes debris removal, fence lines, and access points and is separate from the Recreation Management Plan. The budget remains largely unchanged, with $30,000 for boom replacement and $600,000 for debris removal, which is contracted out as needed.

Director Keating inquired whether funds budgeted in prior years had been used and whether any work had been contracted with Lionudakis this year. Director Reis clarified that services are used only as needed and Fund 2 is reimbursable and billed only when used. The $600,000 budget covers approximately five surface acres of debris and preventative measures. Additional funding may be requested through a MID and TID budget amendment if needed.

2027 RECREATION AGENCY FEES PROPOSAL *Action Item*

Director Reis provided an overview of the proposed fee changes. Lakeshore and boat camping is currently $40, excluding vehicle and boat fees, resulting in customers paying approximately $110 total. The proposed $90 rate would include the vehicle and boat, simplifying the fee structure, providing greater transparency, and encouraging lakeshore camping.

Annual pass language is proposed to be revised so senior and additional vehicle discounts are set at 50% of the annual vehicle sticker price, allowing those rates to adjust automatically with future changes to the annual sticker price.

Beginning in 2027, a $5 per day increase for vehicles and boats is proposed for Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, with an estimated additional revenue of $25,000–$30,000. The increase would not apply to July 4th weekend, as rates are already increased, or to off-season holidays. Annual pass holders would continue to receive day-use access without the additional holiday fee.

Director Reis discussed proposed space rental fees for the new Visitor Center multipurpose room. The proposed rates could be negotiated through the Special Use Permit process. A $1,000 refundable deposit is proposed; however, the deposit would be forfeited if a cancellation occurs too late for DPRA to reasonably rebook the space.

Director Macedo suggested exploring whether the company operating the Trading Post could provide catering, potentially through a first-right-of-refusal. Regarding the timeline, Director Reis noted that RFP options are expected to be discussed at the end of September, with the goal of selecting an operator during the first part of the quarter in 2027. Director Reis noted the importance of approving the rental rate in advance so the space can be rented as soon as the building is available.

Director Keating suggested that the Trading Post operator could provide catering options for event center renters. Director Reis noted that policy options could be explored to allow flexibility in the rates. Director Keating also suggested an opt-out fee for renters who choose not to use the operator's catering services.

Director Mazurkiewicz inquired about responsibility for cleanup. Director Reis clarified that DPRA would be responsible for cleanup, which is one reason for requiring the deposit. The multipurpose room will accommodate approximately 100 seated guests when fully opened. The proposed rates include $1,250 for a half-room and $2,000 for the entire room.

Director Reis provided an update on Wi-Fi accessibility, noting that the Board of Control previously approved the rate and service is expected to be available within the next few weeks. Under the proposed rate structure, 2027 reservations at Fleming Meadows would include Wi-Fi access and reflect a $5 per-night increase. Day-use customers could purchase optional Wi-Fi access for $8 per day for up to three devices. Director Reis noted that Wi-Fi access is the most frequently requested amenity in customer surveys.

Director Keating motioned to approve the 2027 proposed fees as presented. Director Mazurkiewicz seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Director Reis noted that the Fee Schedule does not require approval from TID or MID. Director Keating expressed concern about increasing entry and annual fees, emphasizing the importance of keeping the lake affordable and accessible to all income levels. Director Reis stated that fees are reviewed against the market annually, which is why no general fee increase is proposed this year. The focus remains on O&M needs, identifying new revenue sources, the new Visitor Center, and the Capital Improvement Plan, while considering areas that may require involvement from other agencies.

2027 DPRA BUDGET WORKSHOP

Director Reis provided an overview of the proposed 2027 budget, which reflects an increase of less than 1%. He noted that differences between the presented and actual budget are related to general administrative costs for labor and insurance. Staff focused on zero-based budgeting, reviewing actual expenditures and identifying potential savings. As this is a negotiation year, the budget assumes a 4% labor increase, with a total proposed budget increase of $62,077.

The Board discussed unused funds remaining in DPRA reserves rather than offsetting O&M costs. Director Macedo discussed the process of billing agencies in advance, while Director Keating suggested establishing a maximum reserve threshold. Director Reis noted that current policy requires reserves to remain above $1 million and that use of reserve funds would require Board discussion. CCSF operates on a two-year budget cycle. The Board also discussed interest earned on reserve funds.

Director Keating commented that the budget numbers have significantly improved. Mr. Her noted that, from TID's perspective, increases of at least 3% are generally anticipated and commended DPRA for keeping the proposed increase below 1%. Director Mazurkiewicz noted that CCSF has just begun the first year of its new budget cycle.

The Board discussed the security budget. Director Reis clarified that the funding remains in the budget but has been moved to a different account and is no longer identified specifically as "security."

Director Reis also reviewed proposed 2027 expenditures intended to generate revenue and increase exposure. This includes Angler's Press "End-of-Summerfest" during Labor Day weekend 2027, featuring a cash-prize team bass fishing tournament, RV, boat and ATV showcases, outdoor vendors, a children's fishing pond with prizes, raffles, and family activities. The proposed investment is $29,500, with anticipated revenue of $30,000–$40,000. The Board discussed what is included in the investment and the anticipated revenue. Director Keating stated that she believed the investment would be worthwhile. Director Macedo noted that increasing exposure is consistent with previous Board direction to DPRA.

Director Reis provided an overview of a proposed fish planting program for 2027. The proposal would introduce larger Northern Bass and Sacramento Blackfish rather than fingerlings to improve survival and reproduction rates. If supported by the Board, staff would begin planning for planting by March 2027.

Director Keating asked whether planted fish tend to remain near the planting location or travel throughout the reservoir. It was noted that Fish and Wildlife also plants trout on a variable schedule, and staff has encouraged publication of the planting schedule on its website. Public Member, Bob Lynar, recommended planting fish on both sides of the lake. Staff is also working with TID's aquatic biologist on the proposal.

Director Reis provided an overview of the proposed $750,000 in recurring capital projects for 2027. He noted that the previous "Roadwork" capital project has been renamed "Recreation Facility Improvements" and expanded to address broader recreation facility and infrastructure needs. This will allow DPRA to prioritize projects such as roadways, parking, drainage, campsite renovations and amenities, restroom renovations and refurbishments, lighting improvements, and other priority capital improvements.

Public member, Ross Swett, inquired about EV charging stations and 50-amp electrical service. Director Reis noted that EV charging stations are not currently planned; however, as part of the Capital Improvement Plan, DPRA is exploring options to accommodate future 50-amp service.

Director Reis provided an overview of the Capital Improvement Plan, noting that most projects are currently in the design and engineering phase. Some construction is anticipated to begin in 2027, with multiple projects being grouped together to provide potential cost savings. The Blue Oaks Potable Water Treatment Plant project will enter year two of a two-year effort to replace PVC components with stainless steel.

Director Reis provided an overview of revenue projections, including the 2026 year-end forecast and projected 2027 revenue of $4,750,000. He also noted the proposed sponsorship contribution.

Public member, Bob Lynar, inquired about 2025 concession revenue. The Board discussed 2026 houseboat permits, noting that DPRA receives 7% of permit revenue. Mr. Lynar asked whether all houseboats had been permitted. Director Reis stated that he did not know, as the permitting process is now managed through Suntex.

2027 RECREATION AGENCY BUDGET AND SPONSORSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS PROPOSAL *Action Item*

Director Reis noted that, following DPRA approval, the proposed budget will be presented to the TID and MID Boards for approval.

Director Mazurkiewicz motioned to approve the 2027 budget and sponsorship contributions as proposed. Director Keating seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Staff confirmed the capital budget is scheduled for consideration on September 22, followed by the O&M budget in mid-October, with TID anticipated to complete its budget approval by mid-November.

FISCAL REPORT

Brannon Gomes presented the fiscal report, noting the July figures presented are projections only. The projected July 2026 revenue is $720,000 compared to actuals of $677,473 in July 2025. The projected July 2026 concessions and utilities revenue is $55,000 compared to actuals of $48,752 in July 2025. The projected interest for July 2026 is $50,000 compared to actuals of $51,709 in July 2025. The projected operations expenses for July 2026 are $573,000 compared to actuals of $670,552 spent in July 2025. The projected capital expenses for year-to-date 2026 are $815,000 compared to actuals of $252,298 spent during the same time in 2025. There was discussion regarding the weather and monthly campers in the off-season.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Reis reviewed reservation activity, cancellations, and occupancy, comparing July 2026 to July 2025, noting that July activity was higher than the previous year.

Director Reis provided an overview of the Fourth of July holiday weekend, noting year-over-year increases from 2022 through 2026. The Board discussed fireworks shows offered by other agencies and restrictions in place at other lakes.

Director Reis presented the Don Pedro storage from the June 9, 2027, noting that to-date the lake level is at approximately 797.

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Director Macedo opened Matters for the Good of the Agency.

Public Member Bob Lynar inquired about oversight of Suntex's performance, and Director Reis confirmed that he is responsible for monitoring the concessionaire. Mr. Lynar raised concerns regarding ongoing facility issues at Moccasin Point Marina, particularly the condition of the headwalk. He noted that the issue has been raised at previous meetings and that additional bracing and repairs have continued since the marina was relocated. He stated that during the summer a backhoe and chain had been used to support the headwalk and expressed concern that portions of the walkway have excessive slope and raised tiles. He questioned whether DPRA regularly inspects the facility and whether the headwalk meets industry standards.

Mr. Lynar also expressed concern that Suntex has not adequately invested in or maintained Moccasin Point Marina, particularly while the facility remains for sale. He noted that offers have reportedly been received and declined and stated that the potential sale should not affect the level of maintenance or investment in the facility. Director Keating noted that the condition of the headwalk is a safety concern. Director Macedo stated that Director Reis would look into the matter.

Public member, Susie Lynar, discussed concerns regarding the location and accessibility of Moccasin Point Marina. She noted that when the marina was relocated, there had been plans to redesign the facility and provide additional amenities, including a café or snack bar; however, those improvements have not occurred. She stated that the marina was left on the point rather than returned to its previous location, resulting in a long, narrow access road with approximately five parking spaces and limited turnaround space. She suggested that DPRA consider widening the road as part of future roadwork or Recreation Facility Improvements, noting that she believes responsibility for improving the access road rests with the Agency. Director Macedo stated that staff would review the matter.

Mr. Lynar clarified that his concerns were not directed toward the Suntex employees at Moccasin Point, whom he commended. He noted that the facility operates with three employees covering seven days per week, including two days when only one employee is working, and expressed concern regarding the level of support provided by Suntex corporate management.

Public member, Ross Swett, raised concerns regarding the buoy lines at Moccasin Point, noting that there have been two issues since the stainless components were installed. He stated that the buoy lines may not have been installed or assembled to code and expressed concern that they could shift during winter storms. Mr. Swett recommended that the installation be inspected by a qualified professional. Director Macedo stated that staff would look into the matter.

Mr. Swett also raised water safety concerns following a recent child drowning, including questions regarding lifeguard coverage and whether safety signage is provided in languages other than English. Staff noted that there are no lifeguards on duty and he believes the current signage is in English only.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Mazurkiewicz motioned to adjourn, Director Keating seconded and due to no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:58a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ryan Reis
Secretary to Board of Control

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