

DON PEDRO RECREATION AGENCY
BOARD OF CONTROL - DON PEDRO PROJECT
MINUTES April 12, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: 10:05 a.m. Don Pedro Recreation Agency

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Sara Lima – DPRA Legal Counsel
Jim Smith – Lake Don Pedro Marina Manager
Randell Phillips – Lake Don Pedro Marina
Travis Flosi – Moccasin Point Marina Manager
See Attached List – Others in Attendance

MINUTES

The Don Pedro Board of Control moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 8, 2013 as written.

MONTHLY FISCAL REPORT

Actual revenue for the month of February, 2013, was \$144,944. The revenue for February was lower than the projected revenue of \$156,860. Compared to February, 2012, categories of revenue associated with Vehicle and PWC Day Use, Annual Vehicle and PWC Permits, Tent Camping, Reservation Fees and Miscellaneous Revenues were up. Actual expenses for February were \$177,844. The budgeted expense projection was \$169,932. Capital expenses for the month of February were \$16,733 and were associated with replacement garbage bins, lake regulatory lines and sign projects.

MATTERS TO THE GOOD

None

PROPOSED MOU BETWEEN DPRA, AND THE LDPM AND MPM

Agency Director, Carol Russell, reviewed a timeline of requests from LDPM and MPM for private houseboat mooring rate adjustments. Sara Lima, DPRA Legal Counsel, explained to those present that a Demand for Arbitration had been served to DPRA after the most recent private houseboat mooring fee adjustment request was denied by the Board at the December, 2012, Board of Control meeting. In an attempt to avoid costly arbitration, lack of control on the outcome, and a negative effect on the relationship between the Agency and the marinas, the Board has made a good faith effort to negotiate with the marinas. The proposed MOU is the result of those negotiations. The benefits of approving the MOU are; completion of a neutral 3rd party study that will compare LDPM and MPM with other marinas to arrive at an objective "Recommended Rate" for each mooring category, a resolution that is less costly than arbitration, and the Board's retention of control over the outcome, assuring consideration of houseboat owner comments.

Private houseboat owners in attendance asked many questions of the Board and legal counsel regarding the arbitration process and specifics pertaining to how the MOU was negotiated.

Board Member Walt Ward moved to approve the MOU as written, seconded by Board Member Mike Williams. The MOU was approved with a 3-0 vote.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There were 678 campsite reservations made in March, 2013. This amounts to 119 more than were made in March, 2012 and 182 more year to date than last year through the month of March.

The seasonal employee recruitment is complete for summer staffing.

Campsite areas at Fleming Meadows and Moccasin Point that were closed for the winter have been opened up to accommodate spring break use. We also anticipate increased interest in camping at Moccasin's "D" and "E" areas the last weekend of April for the opening of the trout stream fishing season at Moccasin Creek.

The Blue Oaks tent camping areas will reopen for use Memorial Day Weekend.

The Fleming Meadows swimming lagoon season preparation work has been completed and the lagoon is being filled for its opening next weekend.

The maintenance staff has begun the process of mowing the annual grasses in the developed facilities.

The Baseline inmate crews have begun to weed areas around the campsites where the mowers cannot maneuver.

The painting of all mooring buoys on the lake to add the required blue ring to the buoy is progressing, LDPM and MPM have committed to completing work on all of their 250 buoys by the end of 2013. DPRA will have its mooring buoys completed by June.

A PG&E contractor has contacted DPRA regarding work that they will be doing on the powerlines that cross the upper end of Moccasin Bay. The work will be done by helicopter as they add visibility balls to the lines. DPRA staff will be on the water during these operations. The work is scheduled to take place on the afternoon of April 26th.

The new DPRA website is operational now. Staff will be trained next week on how to update the material on the site.

The Osprey are once again attempting to nest on private houseboats. As long as no eggs are present in the nests they can be dismantled in an attempt to discourage the birds from returning, but if eggs are present, the nest cannot be disturbed. DPRA staff has already removed nesting materials twice from one private houseboat.

The survey seeking houseboat owner input regarding the request to allow wider houseboats on Don Pedro Lake has been closed. The data is currently being compiled and reviewed. Additional information regarding the impacts of wider vessels is being evaluated.

The winning team for the Anglers Choice Western Rookie League bass tournament that was held on March 23rd weighed in a 12.86 pound fish to push their limit's weight to over 20 lbs. The following week a bass weighing over 15 pounds was caught near Moccasin.

The Moccasin Creek State Fish Hatchery will be holding its Trout Fest on April 13th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event features family activities.

Agency Director Russell shared a photo of this year's remarkable display of lupine blooming along the shoreline.

The Blue Oaks Boat Launch Facility Grant application has been delivered to the California Department of Boating and Waterways for consideration in their 2013/2014 Grant cycle.

MOTIONS PASSED

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

2013-04-02 The Board voted unanimously to approve the Proposed MOU between DPRA, LDPM and MPM.

ADJOURNMENT

Due to no further business, the Board adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Russell
Secretary to Board of Control

Copies to: Mr. Williams
Messrs. Frantz, Hashimoto, Her
Messrs. Ward, Bakker, Byrd

Board of Control Meeting 04/12/13
Others in Attendance

John & Monica Cox – Private Houseboat Owners
Doug & Betty Gonzales – Private Houseboat Owners
Don Swatman – Private Houseboat Owner
Ross & Linda Swett – Private Houseboat Owners
Bob & Susie Lynar – Private Houseboat Owners
Larry & Agatha Swanson– Private Houseboat Owners
Joe & Phyllis Farenkamm – Private Houseboat Owners
Jim & Nora Wisler – Private Houseboat Owners
John & Marcia Boer– Private Houseboat Owners
Ben & Wendy Hudelson – Private Houseboat Owners
Randy Rose – Private Houseboat Owner
Marvin & Sandy Baldwin – Private Houseboat Owners
Chris Peterson – Houseboater
Laurie Muller – Private Houseboat Owner
Mary Miles – Private Houseboat Owner
Mary & Bryan Riley – Private Houseboat Owners
Tony & Susan Pavlakis – Private Houseboat Owners
Rick Papapietro – Private Houseboat Owner
Larry & Mary Combs – Private Houseboat Owners
Donny & Sabia Young – Private Houseboat Owners
Keith Lynar – Private Houseboat Owner
Richard & Dineen Sisson – Private Houseboat Owners
Paul Ichord – Private Houseboat Owner
Doug & Sandie Brewer – Private Houseboat Owners
Cindy Zumwalt – Private Houseboat Owner