

**DON PEDRO RECREATION AGENCY
BOARD OF CONTROL - DON PEDRO PROJECT
APPROVED MINUTES
May 29, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER: 10:03a.m. CCSF, Hetch Hetchy Administrative Building, Moccasin

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Macedo – Turlock Irrigation District (TID)
Margaret Hannaford – City & County of San Francisco (CCSF) (via Zoom)
Stu Gilman – Modesto Irrigation District (MID) (via Zoom)

OTHERS PRESENT: Chad Tienken- Modesto Irrigation District (MID) (via Zoom)
Tou Her – Turlock Irrigation District (TID)
Ryan Reis – DPRA, Department Manager
Brannon Gomes – DPRA, Division Manager (via Zoom)
Jim McCoy – DPRA, Division Manager (via Zoom)
Rebecca Dack – DPRA, Administrative Assistant
Michael Warntjes – Suntex, Regional Vice President (via Zoom)
Katie Linton – Suntex, General Manager
Hiram Harlan – Private Houseboat Owner (via Zoom)
Don Swatman – Private Houseboat Owner (via Zoom)
Justin Kenyon – Private Houseboat Owner (via Zoom)
**others were present via zoom but did not speak.

CALL TO ORDER

This meeting is being conducted via webinar, pursuant to Executive Orders signed by Governor Gavin Newsom related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, including provisions regarding the Brown Act. Members of the Board of Directors and the public will participate in the meetings by utilizing Zoom’s webinar feature or through a phone number, both of which are provided in the meeting agenda. Instruction sheet for Zoom log in was provided to the Board of Control and the public prior to the meeting. Director Macedo notified the public there would be opportunities for the public to comment on each agenda item immediately following each agenda item.

SUNTEX HOUSEBOAT AGREEMENT

Director Reis provided an overview of the Houseboat Agreement process. He noted that DPRA has been working with General Counsel Sara Lima and Suntex on revisions to protect the customers of DPRA to be reflective of DPRA’s protection of those customers. Director Macedo confirmed nothing has been signed or approved for the Houseboat Agreement. Director Macedo opened the Houseboat Agreement for public comment. Customers Justin Kenyon, Don Swatman and Hiram Harlan voiced concerns regarding liability and distinction of authority for various items. There was also some discussion regarding means for mediation not just arbitration. It was also requested that Suntex improve the size of the print on the agreement so everyone could read more easily with at least a 12-point font. Listing out protocols for safety and maintenance were also mentioned. There were concerns regarding the fire suppression system and Mr. Harlan inquired as to whether or not there is documentation showing proof of testing of the fire suppression system. He also voiced concerns about the size restrictions of a houseboat behind his houseboat. Director Reis confirmed DPRA will address the issue before the next meeting Director Macedo confirmed with Sara Lima and Michael Warntjes they are taking all concerns into consideration. The Board of Control would like to see Suntex work with Director Reis to come up with a mutually beneficial agreement. Tou Her confirmed the next board meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2020 and requested direction from the Board when they would like to see something like this in advance of the meeting. The Board was in agreement that three to four day days ahead of the next meeting to provide them and the public sufficient time to review. Director Reis confirmed the Houseboat Agreement will be presented at the June 12th meeting for Board action. Director Macedo confirmed no additional public comments on the Houseboat Agreement.

SUNTEX THIRD PARTY LEASE PROPOSAL FOR TRADING POST

Director Reis provided an overview regarding Suntex's desire to lease out the trading post and noted DPRA is currently reviewing Concession Lease Agreement (CLA) with General Counsel Sara Lima. He confirmed the Concessionaire is allowed to lease the Trading Post to a third-party. The local group runs a number of other restaurants and with logistics should be able to run the restaurant successfully. There was confirmation that the third party would be under the current CLA, but would be a sublease of current CLA. Director Reis confirmed the Third Party Lease Proposal will be presented at the June 12th meeting for Board action. Director Macedo opened for public comments, no comments were made.

SUNTEX AT&T FIBER PROJECT PROPOSAL

Director Reis announced that Suntex is proposing a new project to allow faster internet for internal purposes at this time. The plan was provided to MID and TID and neither district provided concerns. Director Reis confirmed the proposal will be presented at the June meeting for Board action. Suntex provided an overview of the project noting that currently the fiber optics installed by AT&T will be for Suntex use and will not to raise rates. There was some discussion about future uses of the fiber for customers and DPRA staff. Suntex confirmed it is currently for Suntex to run business more efficiently, but there are definitely options for future use. They also confirmed that AT&T will install and own the fiber and Suntex is paying for the construction cost for trenching and the pad where the services will be for Wi-Fi. The Board requested Director Reis to participate in discussions to see what would be mutually beneficial. Director Macedo confirmed no additional public comments on the AT&T Fiber Project.

FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS EVENT

Director Reis informed the Board that a decision needs to be made regarding the upcoming Fireworks Show scheduled for July 4th. He noted that Tuolumne County still has restrictions on public gatherings and events. He explained that June 5th, 2020 is the drop dead date for staff to have sufficient time to complete the pending thirty items that still need to be implemented. There was discussion regarding alternative show options. Tou Her confirmed the preparation process includes many outside support groups, some of which are currently closed. The Board directed Director Reis to research those outside groups by June 5th to see if they can be available for the 4th of July. There was discussion about a show postponement as an "End of COVID Celebration". (10:47am Director Hannaford lost internet connection and dropped off the call). Director Gilman inquired if the Board will need to vote at the June 12th meeting to change the date. Director Macedo confirmed that Board does not need to take action then, but will need to approve the date once the date is confirmed. (10:48am Hannaford returned with internet connection). There was some discussion about the potential lack of interest after mid-August when and if school will be back in session. There were also questions as to what will happen to those who already have camping reservations for July 4th. Director Reis noted that until Tuolumne County allows it, camping will not be opened. Customers can email DPRC@tid.org for refunds. Director Macedo confirmed no additional public comments on the Fourth of July Fireworks Show.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS

Director Macedo confirmed no other public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Due to no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:56am

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Reis
Secretary to Board of Control

Copies to: Messrs. Hannaford, Mazurkiewicz, Williams, Edwards
Messrs. Fernandes, Hashimoto, Macedo, Her
Messrs. Gilman, Tienken, Wenger

