

**DON PEDRO RECREATION AGENCY  
BOARD OF CONTROL - DON PEDRO PROJECT  
MINUTES  
December 8, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 a.m. CCSF, Hetch Hetchy Old School House/Training Center, Moccasin

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Macedo – Turlock Irrigation District (TID)  
Brent Hörger – City & County of San Francisco (CCSF)  
Paul Campbell – Modesto Irrigation District (MID)

OTHERS PRESENT: Tou Her – Turlock Irrigation District (TID)  
Chad Tienken – Modesto Irrigation District (MID)  
Brannon Gomes – DPRA, Chief Ranger  
Denton Sturdivan – DPRA, Chief Ranger  
Nick Thiessen – DPRA, Park Maintenance Worker  
Claude Haugen – DPRA, Sewer and Water Treatment Technician  
Dave Jigour – DPRA, Division Manager  
Phil Hetz – Lake Don Pedro Marina, SMI, Manager  
Tom Delotto – Suntex Marinas, Regional Manager  
Mike McCulloch – Moccasin Point Marina, SMI, Manager  
Keith Lynar – Private Houseboat Owner  
Ross Swett – Private Houseboat Owner  
Mike Johnson – Interested Party

**MINUTES**

The Don Pedro Recreation Agency (DPRA) Board of Control approved the minutes of the September 8, 2017, Board of Control meeting as written.

**MONTHLY FISCAL REPORT**

Compared to October 2016, revenue was up for the month of October 2017. Projected revenue for the month of October was \$96,478 and actual revenue was \$118,077. October revenue combined with sponsor contributions totaled \$160,755. Projected expenses for the month of October were \$225,152 and actual expenses were \$190,198. Actual revenue, year-to-date, was \$2,509,994. Total revenue, including sponsor contributions, was \$3,764,749. Actual expenses, year-to-date, was \$2,543,128, leaving a balance of \$1,221,621 of revenue over expenses. Capital expenses for the month of October totaled \$4,361, and were associated with ADA Upgrades, and Vehicle Replacement. Year-to-date, Capital expenditures for 2017 total \$357,423

**DISTRICT PROPERTY UPDATE**

Chris Collett stated that this information item has been cancelled due to the presenter having a schedule conflict.

**AMENDMENT TO DPRA REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCES AND APPENDIX A OF THE DPRA  
HOUSEBOAT RULES – BOAT WIDTH**

Denton Sturdivan, Chief Ranger, presented a proposal to amend the DPRA Regulations and Ordinances to allow vessels greater than 10 feet wide, but less than 12 feet wide to operate and/or moor at Don Pedro Lake. Mr. Sturdivan stated that the current regulations prohibit vessels 10 feet or greater in width without a Houseboat Permit. The amendment would also raise the minimum dimensions for permitted houseboats from 10 feet wide by 20 in length to 12 feet wide by 30 feet in length. Mr. Sturdivan added that currently the smallest permitted houseboat on

Don Pedro Lake is 12 feet wide and that 98% of the houseboats are over 14 feet in width. The proposal also includes the clause “existing Houseboats constructed prior to December 8, 2017 that are less than 12’ in width and 30’ long will be exempt from this rule. Over the years, DPRA has seen a trend of larger houseboats and larger tow in vessels.

Director Hörger asked if DPRA has done any type of study to anticipate the impact on operations at the launch ramps and campgrounds. Mr. Sturdivan stated that as a trial, DPRA issued a Special Use Permit last summer to a customer who has a boat that is 10 ½ feet in width and DPRA has not received any complaints due to the operation of this vessel. Discussion took place regarding the current regulation, and clarification on how the amendment presented would affect customer usage and permitted houseboats. Director Macedo asked who made the request. Mr. Sturdivan stated that this proposal is in response to several requests from customers to change the regulation to allow for larger tow in watercraft. He also introduced Mike Johnson, who is the customer that was granted the Special Use Permit in 2017. It was agreed that the proposal would not affect current permitted houseboats since the clause will allow for those that may be under length to be exempt.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the amendment to the DPRA Regulations and Ordinances and Appendix A of the DPRA Houseboat Rules as requested.

### **SECURITY INFORMATION**

Chris Collett stated that this item is a follow up to discussion that took place during the Matters to the Good at the September Board of Control meeting regarding security at Don Pedro Lake.

Brannon Gomes, Chief Ranger, stated that staff made nearly 3,400 contacts with customers to date in 2017. Those contacts included quiet time compliance, vehicle and vessel operation, lake compliance checks, and public service assists. Ranger staff also documented over 300 incidents involving medical aids, thefts, burglary, traffic collisions, conduct, and two fatalities. Mr. Gomes reviewed the DPRA Text System, which allows campers to report any issues or complaints to staff via a text and stated that some campers prefer this system because it allows for anonymity. Mr. Gomes added that in 2017, DPRA contracted armed security patrol services for the summer season, which resulted in almost 300 additional customer contacts, such as general conduct, visitor assists, and 3 arrests. DPRA will be expanding the contracted coverage to 7 days per week during the 2018 summer season. Mr. Gomes added that the Tuolumne County Sheriff’s Department also logged approximately 286 calls for service in and around the project.

Ranger Gomes stated that DPRA has received quotes for additional security cameras and license plate readers for the kiosk entrances. Those quotes ran approximately \$39,000 per kiosk for equipment and installation plus an additional \$10,000 per kiosk for in house site prep. DPRA will be installing signage stating that premises are under audio and video surveillance. Director Hörger asked if their plans have included any possible architectural points of the Visitor Center Rebuild Project. DPRA Director Collett, answered that the capabilities have been included as far as infrastructure.

Director Hörger stated that he likes the direction that DPRA is going in addressing concerns of the public and he thinks the long-term strategy plan is right on target.

### **DPRA SOURCE WATER QUALITY**

Nick Thiessen, DPRA Park Maintenance Worker, presented information regarding what DPRA does in regards to drinking water reporting, and recreational water monitoring. Mr. Thiessen stated that DPRA sends water quality reports to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) monthly, conducts raw water sampling twice a month, tests raw water for Coliform and E Coli, sends out a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) annually, and conducts a comprehensive Watershed Sanitary Survey & Source Water Assessment every 5 years. Mr. Thiessen added that DPRA also participates in a voluntary monitoring program for Tuolumne County of fresh water beaches by sampling the swimming lagoon monthly.

Director Hörger stated that it was a well-targeted presentation in response to public concern of dog feces on the shoreline near the houseboat marina. Ross Swett, Private Houseboat Owner, asked if it was feasible that the sampling results could be different if you tested different areas of the lake. Director Hörger responded that generally speaking, we are guided by California laws, which are fairly extreme and that more testing could result in higher fees. Mr. Thiessen added that anything that happens upstream is eventually going to be found in the current sampling location.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

There were 110 new reservations made in November, 2017. This is 24 more than were made in November, 2016. Year to date, 9,157 reservations have been made in 2017 compared to 7,090 reservations that were made during the same period in 2016.

Campground visitation for 2017 has been exceptional. There has been a total 221,168 campground visitors year to date in 2017. 2012 had the highest visitation of the previous 5 years at 261,265 and 2015 was the lowest at 126,799 visitors.

The annual Houseboat Permit renewal letter was mailed to houseboat owners. The letter identifies the 2018 fees, renewal dates, and the PDF-filler online application option. DPRA is also researching the possibility of obtaining electronic DMV registrations and Evidence of Insurance.

Collett reviewed the status of the Lower Blue Oaks Launch Facility Grant. In 2013 - DPRA applied for planning and construction. 2014 - DPRA appeared before the Commission, and signed the planning only agreement. 2015 – DPRA completed CEQA. 2016 – Engineering firm was contracted for design and specs, and filed amended completion date to 2018. 2017 – Amended completion date to 2019, design, cost estimates, and specifications at 60% completion. 2019 – Application for construction grant scheduled for the fall.

Park Maintenance Supervisor position to be filled 1/2/2018.

Construction continues as DPRA staff work on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) transition plan.

The water treatment plant is experiencing low alkalinity causing issues with coagulation and corrosion. Claude Haugen, DPRA, Sewer and Water Treatment Technician stated that it is likely due to excessive runoff and added that the water plant needs upgrading.

Staff will be introducing Triploid Grass carp into the wastewater treatment plant for vegetation control.

DPRA staff continues to meet with Suntex management to jointly evaluate Moccasin Point Marina (MPM) and Lake Don Pedro Marina (LDPM) operations.

Dave Jigour, DPRA, Division Manager, reviewed the status of the Tuolumne River Woody Debris Burn. Mr. Jigour stated that DPRA was notified by Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in May of Prescribed Burn Plan requirement. DPRA received requirements in August and in September met with BLM and Cal Fire. A preliminary draft Prescribed Burn Plan was filed with BLM. In October, DPRA staff and Tuolumne County Inmate crews began construction of a fuel break and a filed NEPA document with BLM. In November, staff from BLM and Tuolumne County Air Pollution Control Division (APCD) visited the burn locations, letters were sent to residents in the Smoke Sensitive Area, APCD issued a burn permit, fuel break construction completed, Cal Fire LE-7 burn permit issued, BLM Prescribed Burn Plan completed but awaiting approval.

The 2018 DPRA Board of Control meeting dates were reviewed and Board members were told that if there is any reason to reschedule a meeting date, it could be done at our next Board of Control meeting.

## **MATTERS TO THE GOOD**

Private Houseboat Owner, Ross Swett, asked the status of MPM facility store which was stored at the west shore during the drought. He stated that he believed that it was a temporary move. Chris Collett answered that the revised MPM configuration presented in April did not include bringing the large store/snack bar building back.

Tom DeLotto, Suntex Marinas, stated that MPM staff is currently focusing on 4 areas of improvement: retail operation, parking plan, boat storage, and pump-out access. Mr. DeLotto added that the former MPM store has been incorporated into the Lake Don Pedro Marina operation.

**MOTIONS PASSED**

On motion of Macedo, seconded by Campbell, the following motion was adopted:

2017-12-05 The Board voted unanimously to approve the Amendment to the DPRA Regulations and Ordinances and Appendix A of the DPRA Houseboat Rules – Boat Width.

Upon roll call the following vote was had:

Ayes: Directors Macedo, Hörger, Campbell  
Noes: none

**ADJOURNMENT**

Due to no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher C. Collett  
Secretary to Board of Control

Copies to: Messrs. Hörger, Williams  
Messrs. Fernandes, Hashimoto, Macedo, Her  
Messrs. Davids, Furgerson