

DON PEDRO RECREATION AGENCY
BOARD OF CONTROL - DON PEDRO PROJECT
MINUTES December 12, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 a.m. Don Pedro Recreation Agency

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Frantz – Turlock Irrigation District
Mike Williams – City & County of San Francisco
Roger Van Hoy – Modesto Irrigation District

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob & Susie Lynar – Private Houseboat Owners
Ross & Linda Swett – Private Houseboat Owners
Joe Farenkamm – Private Houseboat Owner

MINUTES

The Don Pedro Board of Control approved the meeting minutes of the November 14, 2014, Board of Control meeting as written.

MONTHLY FISCAL REPORT

Actual revenue for the month of October, 2014, was \$40,366. Compared to October, 2013, all categories of revenue were down for the month of October with the exception of annual vehicle permits, houseboat fees, and WiFi fees. The WiFi fees were an accumulation of September and October. Projected revenue for October was \$110,906. Actual revenue including sponsor contributions, plus one third of the supplemental contributions that were approved at the October Board of Control meeting, totaled \$175,252. The balance of the supplemental contributions will be added to the November and December revenue. Actual expenses for October were \$163,539 and the projected October expense was \$180,223. Actual revenue year to date was \$1,579,382 and actual revenue year to date including sponsor contributions was \$2,093,461. Year to date expenses were \$2,315,630, leaving a balance of \$222,169 of expenses over revenue through October. Capital expenses for the month of October totaled \$9,964 and were associated with restroom roof and interior renovation work, vehicle replacement, signs, and electronics/communications projects. The year to date capital expenses were \$92,882.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The campsite reservation total for November, 2014 was 47, which is 5 less than total reservations made in November of 2013. Year to date, 2,410 fewer reservations have been made compared to the end of November, 2013. This amounts to approximately 31% less than last year through the end of November.

DPRA staff is nearing completion of the first restroom wall/partition renovation. Photos were presented showing the work that includes removal and replacement of the deteriorated wood interior walls, replacement of wood partitions with plastic partitions, painting, replacement of incandescent lighting with LED lighting, and replacement of flush urinals with water less urinals.

The civil engineering feasibility study regarding a low water launch at the Moccasin end of the lake should be available in January.

The Ranger I recruitment is progressing with 66 applicants invited to take the test scheduled for December 19th.

Several bass tournaments that were scheduled for Lake McClure in January have transferred their events to Don Pedro Lake due to low water levels at McClure. There are currently 32 tournaments scheduled for Don Pedro Lake in 2015 and more are expected to be added to the schedule as the year progresses. The tournament schedule is periodically updated on DPRA's website at donpedrolake.com.

The Significant Storm/Floatable Debris Emergency Response Plan has been activated since last week as a result of the National Weather Service flash flood warnings. Both booms were deployed just upstream of Moccasin Bay by DPRA staff on December 2nd, and will remain in place until further notice.

The current storm had steady winds averaging 25–30 mph yesterday, with a top gust of 53 mph recorded at the visitor center. No damage has been reported at the time of the meeting.

The power tunnel project for the dam is requiring a temporary closure today of the Fleming Meadows launch ramp and another closure is anticipated next week.

The 2015 DPRA Board of Control regular meeting dates were reviewed and will be posted on the DPRA website.

Board Chairman Frantz pointed out that DPRA has operated without at least one of the of the two Ranger I positions for several years and asked DPRA Director Russell what the impact would be if DPRA held off on filling one, if not both vacant Ranger I positions. Ms. Russell responded that in the past DPRA was able to work seasonal employees up to eleven months a year, but due to the Affordable Care Act DPRA is now limited to working seasonal workers only six months per year. She explained that without filling the two vacant positions DPRA will have difficulty completing projects and training seasonal staff before the summer season begins. She added with the need for specific skill sets for many of the jobs, short term employees would not have the needed training and necessary experience.

MATTERS TO THE GOOD

Private houseboat owner, Bob Lynar handed out pictures of the Moccasin shoreline showing debris in the area. Mr. Lynar stated that when the water comes up that debris will be a hazard to people swimming and boating in the area.

Private houseboat owner, Ross Swett asked the Board if they had received a copy of the annual permit renewal letter sent to the houseboaters. Mr. Swett stated that the debris that was discussed in the letter is not from the private houseboat owners and believes that a major contributor of the debris is the concessionaire.

Private houseboat owner, Susie Lynar stated that the former marina management used to participate in an annual state organized Marina Clean-up Day. Board Chairman Frantz stated that if Bob & Susie Lynar would agree to head up a clean-up day by getting the word out to others, he would be happy to participate in the event. Discussion took place regarding some of the high traffic areas.

ADJOURNMENT

Due to no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Russell
Secretary to Board of Control

Copies to: Mr. Williams
Messrs. Frantz, Hashimoto, Macedo, Her
Messrs. Campbell, Davids, VanHoy