

DON PEDRO RECREATION AGENCY
BOARD OF CONTROL - DON PEDRO PROJECT
MINUTES February 8, 2013

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
Larry Byrd – Modesto Irrigation District

OTHERS PRESENT: Walt Ward – Modesto Irrigation District
Sara Lima – DPRA Legal Counsel
Chris Collett – DPRA, Campground Division Manager
Jim Smith – Lake Don Pedro Marina Manager
Larry & Agatha Swanson – Private Houseboat Owners
Ross Swett – Private Houseboat Owner
Bob Lynar – Private Houseboat Owner
Keith Lynar – Private Houseboat Owner
Joe & Phyllis Farenkamm – Private Houseboat Owners
Cheryl Byrd – Private Houseboat Owner

Moved by Byrd, seconded by Williams, the Board of Control approved the addition of one item to the end of the meeting's Agenda. Closed Session. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(b)(3)(B): 1 case.

MINUTES

The Don Pedro Board of Control moved to approve the meeting minutes of January 11, 2013 as written.

MONTHLY FISCAL REPORT

Actual revenue for the month of December, 2012, was \$63,954. Compared to December, 2011, all categories of revenue were down with the exception of day use personal watercraft, annual permit sales for vehicles, boats and personal watercraft, tent campsites, and houseboat fees. Year to date revenue for 2012, at \$2,315,192 exceeds 2011 year to date revenue of \$2,210,775. Final 2012 benefits expenses are still being determined but the expense information to date indicates that the actual expenses for December were \$154,393 which is lower than the projection of \$155,037. The year to date revenue is lower than the year to date expenses by \$206,080. The capital expenses of \$14,739 for the month of December were associated with transformer replacement, point of sale and surveillance hardware and the sign projects.

MATTERS TO THE GOOD

Private houseboat owners spoke regarding the concessionaire's maintenance of mooring buoys and docks, and questioned the Concession Lease Agreement (CLA) enforcement.

BLUE OAKS BOAT LAUNCH FACILITY GRANT

DPRA staff met with California Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) staff last year to discuss the potential for grant funding to improve boating facilities at Don Pedro Lake. Discussion and a site visit included the potential for launch ramp facility improvements at the Blue Oaks Recreation Area. A two phase project would include improvement of the lower ramp edges to reduce the recurring erosion, add surface and stripe to expand lower ramp parking area, add lighting for safety and security, and add a restroom and parking area above the high water mark adjacent to the upper launch ramp.

After much discussion and clarification, the Board approved DPRA's request to apply for DBW grant funding for phase one of the Blue Oaks Launch Ramp Facility project.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There were 431 campsite reservations made in January, 2013. This amounts to 33 more than were made in January, 2012. Some of the increase may be due to the addition of the Moccasin Point "D" & "E" areas into the reservation system.

DPRA staff began a Canada Goose hazing program to rid the swimming lagoon of the flock of geese that took up residency there since last Fall. A “zon gun” was rented to scare the geese away with sounds similar to the sound of a shotgun. After the first day of use, the flock left and has not returned. Staff will continue reducing the number of booms per day until it is eventually stopped.

DPRA staff has been reviewing the request to allow wider houseboats on Don Pedro Lake. A survey is now being prepared to send to all houseboat owners to seek their input.

There are currently 14 private houseboat permits that have not renewed with DPRA before the end of the early purchase discount period that expired January 31st. The remaining 14 permits have until the end of February to complete the process.

Staff is reviewing seasonal hiring announcements and advertising in preparation for seasonal employee recruitment which is set to begin next month.

Maintenance staff has been working on the restroom roof replacement capital project.

Campground operations staff has been completing the campsite pad and road edge herbicide spray program.

Lake operations staff has been busy with houseboat and small boat permit renewals.

Several bass tournaments have been utilizing the facilities on the weekends.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCGA) has contacted DPRA for permission to conduct vessel safety checks at the Fleming Meadows boat launch in 2013. They plan to be on site on the second Saturday of the month from April through September. These safety checks have been available at Don Pedro Lake in previous years and are offered to interested boaters as a courtesy.

DPRA has met with TID Human Resources staff to review possible changes as a result of the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. We are currently determining if we must provide health insurance coverage to DPRA seasonal staff, if so, which seasonal staff would be subject to the requirement, the cost associated with provision of benefits, and the impact on the DPRA budget for 2014.

MOTIONS PASSED

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

2013-02-01 The Board voted unanimously to approve the Don Pedro Recreation Agency request to move forward with the application for the Blue Oaks Boat Launch Facility Grant.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Williams, seconded by Byrd, that the Board of Directors adjourn to closed session

ADJOURNMENT

Due to no further business, the Board adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Russell
Secretary to Board of Control

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