

DON PEDRO RECREATION AGENCY
BOARD OF CONTROL - DON PEDRO PROJECT
MINUTES January 10, 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
Paul Campbell – Modesto Irrigation District

OTHERS PRESENT: Ron Macedo – Turlock Irrigation District
Roger VanHoy – Modesto Irrigation District
Tou Her – Turlock Irrigation District
Bob & Susie Lynar – Private Houseboat Owners
Ross Swett – Private Houseboat Owner
Keith Lynar – Private Houseboat Owner
Joe Farenhamm – Private Houseboat Owner
Steve Vilas – Private Houseboat Owner
John & Marcia Boer – Private Houseboat Owners
Larry & Ruthell Matteson – Private Houseboat Owners

Board Chairman Frantz introduced the new Board member Paul Campbell, representing Modesto Irrigation District (MID). He also introduced Ron Macedo who will be the Turlock Irrigation District (TID) alternate, Roger VanHoy, General Manager at MID, and Tou Her, Assistant General Manager Water Resources at TID.

MINUTES

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

MONTHLY FISCAL REPORT

Actual revenue for the month of November, 2013, was \$35,122. Projected revenue for November was of \$39,216. Compared to November, 2012, most categories of revenue were down with the exception of day use boat, annual vehicle permits, tent camping, houseboat fees, concessionaire fees, and WiFi fees. Year to date revenue through November, 2013 was \$2,250,833 compared to \$2,251,239 for the same time period in 2012. Actual expenses for November were \$166,527. The budgeted expense projection was \$169,932. November year to date expenses exceeded revenue by \$188,000. Capital expenses for the month of November were \$4,890 and were associated with restroom renovation work, roadwork, and water system upgrades.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There were 67 campsite reservations made in December, 2013. This amounts to 4 less than were made in December, 2012. The total reservations made in 2013 exceeds last years' total by 159. Discussion took place regarding whether the Rim Fire may have affected the totals. Director Russell explained that the Reservation Report tracks reservations made and not actual campers on site.

Only a few veterans took advantage of the Veteran's Day facility use incentives for the week of November 6-13th. DPRA was contacted by one camper who is very active with the VFW regarding the possibility of planning a barbecue for veterans in conjunction with a veterans week offer next year. Board of Control member Campbell suggested that flyers also be sent to the local military bases and National Guard units in the future to encourage more participation in the incentive.

DPRA Lake Operations staff has installed docks and the mooring cable system to assist with the powerhouse project work taking place on the upstream side of the dam.

A new Ranger I has been hired to replace Ranger Steve Fanucchi who retired in 2013. Jeremy Scharli, who began work on January 2nd, has been a seasonal employee for both the campground operations and lake operations divisions over the past three seasons. Ranger Scharli has also worked as a Cal-Fire firefighter/EMT and in the construction industry.

The transformer capital replacement project for 2013 was completed in December with the installation of transformers in the Fleming Meadows "A" area. The project began in 2005 with 37 transformers to replace due to end of life expectancy. There are now only 3 left to replace.

The houseboat mooring comparability study is continuing and should be completed by early March.

Houseboat permit renewals are underway. Currently 57 permits have completed the process. In 2013, 85 permits had completed the permit process by this time in January.

Items of concern expressed by houseboat owners at the November Board of Control meeting were reviewed by DPRA staff. The California Registration stickers for personal watercraft rentals owned by Moccasin Point Marina (MPM) were reported to have been received by MPM and applied in December. The Lake Don Pedro Marina's (LDPM) private houseboat dock deck and railing cleanliness is being addressed by LDPM staff. They reported that contact has been made with the dock manufacturer to find a resolution for repair of the discolored deck tiles. LDPM has also scheduled an employee to clean the dock and check its status weekly in addition to other times as needed.

MPM and LDPM have completed the refurbishment of their mooring buoys to comply with the California State Boating Law.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife has been planting catchable rainbow trout at Fleming Meadows and Blue Oaks since December. They are not planting at Moccasin due to the low lake level.

The 2014 Board of Control regular monthly meeting calendar has been posted on the DPRA website. With exception of the May meeting, all meetings are scheduled for the second Friday of the month at the DPRA Visitor Center. The May Board of Control meeting will be on the third Friday of the month and will be hosted by the CCSF at the Hetch Hetchy Water and Power administration building in Moccasin.

MATTERS TO THE GOOD

Several comments were made by audience members regarding the length of time it has taken for MPM to display proper registration on their rental personal watercraft.

Houseboat owner, Steve Vilas, asked the Board if Forever Resorts is leaving Don Pedro Lake. Chairman Frantz stated as a matter of public record that a letter requesting termination of the Concession Lease Agreement (CLA) was received by the Board but that letter has since been rescinded by Forever Resorts.

Houseboat owner, Keith Lynar, stated that cables, old marina debris and winch stands left in the lake and on the shoreline could be a safety issue at Moccasin. Chairman Frantz asked that those items be reported to Agency Director Carol Russell.

Several audience members stated that they are very happy with the way the Blue Oaks Houseboat Repair Yard is operated and that the staff working there is very professional.

Houseboat owner, Joe Farenkamm asked for a lake level projection. Chairman Frantz responded that the situation is currently very dire.

ADJOURNMENT

Due to no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Russell
Secretary to Board of Control

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