

DON PEDRO RECREATION AGENCY  
BOARD OF CONTROL - DON PEDRO PROJECT  
MINUTES January 9, 2015

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: Tou Her – Turlock Irrigation District  
John Davids – Modesto Irrigation District  
Bob & Susie Lynar – Private Houseboat Owners  
Ross Swett – Private Houseboat Owner  
Keith Lynar – Private Houseboat Owner

#### MINUTES

The Don Pedro Board of Control approved the meeting minutes of the December 12, 2014, Board of Control meeting as written.

#### MONTHLY FISCAL REPORT

Actual revenue for the month of November, 2014, was \$25,412. Compared to November, 2013, all categories of revenue were down for the month of November with the exception of vehicle day use, boat day use, and annual vessel permits. Projected revenue for November was \$41,590. Actual revenue including sponsor contributions, plus two thirds of the supplemental contributions that were approved at the October Board of Control meeting, totaled \$191,393. The balance of the supplemental contributions will be added to the December revenue. Actual expenses for November were \$169,302 and the projected November expense was \$180,223. Actual revenue year to date was \$1,604,795 and actual revenue year to date including sponsor contributions was \$2,284,854. Year to date expenses were \$2,484,932, leaving a balance of \$200,078 of expenses over revenue through November. Capital expenses for the month of November totaled \$6,719 and were associated with restroom interior renovation work, vehicle replacement, signs, and electronics/communications projects. The year to date capital expenses were \$99,601.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The campsite reservation total for December, 2014 was 72, which is 5 more than total reservations made in December of 2013. 2,405 fewer reservations were made in 2014 compared to 2013. This amounts to approximately 31% fewer reservations than last year.

There are 11 candidates that will be interviewed for the two Ranger I vacancies on January 15<sup>th</sup>. There were 83 applicants invited to take the exam, 40 applicants completed the exam, and 23 passed the exam.

The powerhouse project work on the dam has been completed for this winter and more work is being scheduled for next fall.

DPRA staff has been processing annual houseboat and small boat permits for vessels moored on the lake or stored in the recreation area. At this time 67 of the 257 houseboat permits have completed the renewal process. The Lake Operations staff has reorganized their process for applying the permits due to the different low lake level houseboat mooring locations.

The slowly rising lake level will soon be of sufficient elevation to open the low water unimproved launch access at Moccasin Point Recreation Area for shallow draft boats. This area will be accessed from the regular launch ramp along old highway 49. DPRA staff will be removing a layer of silt from the top of old highway 49 next week to create better access to the unimproved launch area.

The marina staff is continuing their clean-up project in the Moccasin Bay area.

DPRA staff will begin working on the first Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) restroom renovation at Fleming Meadows.

DPRA staff is doing some upgrade work in the Fleming Meadows entrance station. They have installed new flooring and shelving and will also be painting and doing some landscaping improvements.

Board member Paul Campbell asked if it is reasonable to put together a proposal to garner a fresh advertising program in order to attract more customers and possibly cut our losses since the 2015 water year will be similar to last year. Board member Mike Williams added that we may have picked up some customers due to other lakes that have been hit harder than Don Pedro Lake. Some discussion took place regarding types of use that may appeal to a broader audience and draw more customers. Mr. Tou Her, Turlock Irrigation District, added that there have been many good ideas suggested but due to DPRA being a public entity there would be a lot of red tape and additional costs associated with many of the suggestions.

#### MATTERS TO THE GOOD

Private houseboat owner, Ross Swett stated that he was not happy with the progress of the shoreline clean-up. Mr. Swett added that he contacted a local company, R & S Metals, who will pick up the metal debris for free and he would like to see the clean-up work progress in the high use areas. Mr. Swett also added that since customer use is down the Agency could cut costs by cutting staff hours therefore saving on salary and benefit costs.

Private houseboat owner, Bob Lynar asked about the Low Water Study. DPRA Director responded that the study has not been completed yet but it should be available for the next Board of Control meeting in February.

Private houseboat owner, Keith Lynar asked why the gate leading to the Moccasin storage area is locked. Agency Director Russell replied that there had been some thefts recently and the marina has notified their dry storage customers that the gate will be locked.

Private houseboat owner, Ross Swett asked about possibly closing some of the campgrounds to reduce costs. Director Russell replied that certain areas are closed during the off season but we are obligated to keep them operational due to the Davis-Grunsky agreement.

Private houseboat owner, Bob Lynar suggested that DPRA open a low water ramp and charge a surcharge to cover the extra costs.

Private houseboat owner, Keith Lynar suggested that pets be allowed in the campgrounds. Mr. Lynar believes that more campers will come if they can bring their pets. Some discussion took place regarding the possibility of allowing pets in the campground.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Due to no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Russell  
Secretary to Board of Control

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