

DON PEDRO RECREATION AGENCY  
BOARD OF CONTROL - DON PEDRO PROJECT  
MINUTES June 13, 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: Roger VanHoy – Modesto Irrigation District  
John & Monica Cox– Private Houseboat Owners  
Ross & Linda Swett – Private Houseboat Owners  
Jeff & Laurie Muller – Private Houseboat Owners  
Barbara Peck – Private Houseboat Owner  
Jim & Nora Wisler – Private Houseboat Owners  
Steven Canova – Private Houseboat Owner  
Marie Kramar – Private Houseboat Owner  
Larry & Mary Lou Combs – Private Houseboat Owners  
Russell Donelson – Private Houseboat Owner  
Jim & Linda Haley – Private Houseboat Owners  
Keith Lynar – Private Houseboat Owner  
Joe & Phyllis Farenkamm – Private Houseboat Owners  
Agatha & Larry Swanson – Private Houseboat Owners  
Kris & Hiram Harlan – Private Houseboat Owners  
Joe Vojvoda – Private Houseboat Owner

**MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Board Member Campbell, seconded by Board Member Williams, that the Board of Control adjourn to closed session.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d): 1 case

**REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

Board Chairman Frantz reported that no action was taken.

**MINUTES**

The Don Pedro Board of Control moved to approve the Special Meeting minutes and the regular meeting minutes of May 16, 2014, as written.

**MONTHLY FISCAL REPORT**

Actual revenue for the month of April, 2014, was \$135,286 and actual revenue including sponsor contributions was \$163,100. Projected revenue for April was \$207,950. The total revenue year to date is \$506,324. Compared to April, 2013, all revenue categories were down with the exception of personal watercraft annual permits, lakeshore camping, concession fees, and miscellaneous revenue. Actual expenses for April were \$221,419 and the projected April expense was \$249,540. There were no capital expenses for the month of April.

**DPRA CUSTOMER USE INCENTIVES**

The Don Pedro Recreation Agency (DPRA) proposed to continue offering, on an annual basis, free vehicle day use for anglers in conjunction with the Department of Fish and Wildlife's "Free Fishing" day that occurs in September of each year, and free camping or day use for active duty US Military personnel and US Military veterans during the week surrounding Veteran's Day. Board Member Paul Campbell made suggestions of various military groups to contact in order to get the word out.

Board Member, Mike Williams, moved to approve the Customer Use Incentives as written, seconded by Board Member Paul Campbell.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The updated lake elevation projections were reviewed. The new projections show that the Blue Oaks launch ramp will need to be closed at the end of June, the Moccasin launch ramp will need to be closed around July 10<sup>th</sup>, and the Fleming Meadows launch ramp will reduce from 5 lanes of launching to 2 lanes at the end of July.

There were 903 campsite reservations made in May, 2014. This was 302 less than were made in May, 2013. The total reservations, year to date, is less than last years' total through the month of May by 1,109.

Director Russell reviewed the Memorial Day Weekend Facility Use Comparison. Fleming Meadows was the only facility that showed more revenue and vehicle day use compared to 2013. Combined revenue for all three campgrounds was down from 2013 by approximately 5%, vehicle day use down by 3%, boat day use down by 17%, personal watercraft day use was down by 25% and lakeshore camping was down by 35%. Campground occupancy at Fleming Meadows was at 100%, Blue Oaks was 77% full, and Moccasin Point campsites were 81% full. The lagoon was well used over the holiday weekend. Sunday's use required staff to direct vehicles to overflow parking. Due to the lower lake level, there was an abundance of parking below the high water mark at the launch ramps. DPRA staff responded to two fires, three medical assists and one large group eviction. The eviction involved 150-200 young adults and included multiple offenses such as underage drinking, noise, litter and serious conduct related issues.

Four fires burned along J-59 north of Bonds Flat Road within a two day period last week. All burned toward the lake but none of the fires reached project boundary. Another fire occurred near Moccasin Bay by the fish hatchery on Highway 49. The Cal-Fire helicopter dipped water from the lake to fight that fire.

Fleming Meadows is currently 100% reserved for the Fourth of July weekend. Moccasin Point is 85% reserved and Blue Oaks is currently 70% reserved.

The DPRA staff is busy grooming parking areas that are closer to the water at the launch ramps.

The Lake Operations staff has moved the docks normally staged at Blue Oaks to Fleming Meadows for summer group use and installed a 5 MPH buoy line between Fleming Point and Schoolhouse Point. Information has been posted at the launch ramps, marinas and entrance stations, Facebook, and the DPRA website regarding the change in the 5 MPH zone. Staff will also inform boaters launching at Blue Oaks that it will take 20 plus minutes to travel the 1.7 miles through the 5 MPH zone.

Moccasin Point Marina (MPM) is now closed and most of the houseboats have been relocated to the Marina's westshore mooring field. The MPM land based store located across from the dry storage units will be in operation beginning this weekend. Fuel will not be available for boaters at the east end of the lake although emergency fuel will be available. The new pump-out station barge is scheduled to be in operation beginning this weekend at the Lake Don Pedro Marina (LDPM).

DPRA Staff is posting frequent messages to Facebook and on the website to provide updates on water level and facility status.

## MATTERS TO THE GOOD

Private houseboat owner, Keith Lynar, asked what the last date for launching houseboats at Blue Oaks will be. DPRA Director Russell stated that it is very difficult to determine an exact date due to fluctuating inflow from Hetch Hetchy. Board Chairman Frantz added that lake level projections are based on the operations of the City and County of San Francisco (CCSF) and due to this unusual water year, CCSF operations have changed from the normal pattern making lake level projections more difficult.

Board Member Paul Campbell stated that the camping numbers cause him great concern. Mr. Campbell would like to make sure that customers are contacted and informed of current lake elevation information and recreation opportunities.

An audience member asked why the LDPM vehicle used to launch houseboats at Blue Oaks cannot launch at Fleming Meadows. DPRA Director Russell responded that the vehicle in question is not permitted to operate on county roads but the Marina has contact information for trucks that will be able to provide that service.

Private houseboat owner, Ross Swett, asked when the LDPM pump-out barge was launched and if it is licensed to be on Don Pedro Lake. Mr. Swett also asked if there is any talk from Forever Resorts regarding selling MPM. Mr. Swett explained that due to houseboat owner mistrust of Forever Resorts, rumors have spread that the MPM will not be going back to their normal location. Board Chairman Frantz reiterated that the resolution approved at the February Board of Control meeting clearly states that the MPM will return to its normal location when TID water planning staff determine that lake levels have been

restored.

Private houseboat owner, Hiram Harlan, stated that the parking lot above the private houseboat marina needs to be groomed to fill in some of the ruts. Mr. Harlan also complained about the private houseboat marina needing to be kept cleaner. Board Chairman Frantz suggested that Mr. Harlan contact the LDPM manager, Jim Smith.

A question was raised regarding whether or not there are two separate rate categories for each of the marinas. Private houseboat owner, Jeff Ashton, asked the Board if the MOU allows for one fee for buoys regardless of the location or if the MOU allows for separate buoy fees for each of the marinas. Director Frantz stated that he would look into it and return with an answer.

Private houseboat owner, Joe Vojvoda, questioned enforcement of mussel self-inspections at Don Pedro Lake. Mr. Vojvoda would like to see something more stringent put into place such as actual inspections by staff. DPRA Director stated that periodic inspections are done and DPRA staff is enforcing compliance with the self-inspection forms.

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Control adjourned to closed session.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

Pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.9 (d) (1).

Gabriel Terry and Michelle Terry vs Turlock Irrigation District, Don Pedro Recreation Agency, Modesto Irrigation District, City and County of San Francisco and Does 1 through 20.

#### REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Board Chairman Frantz reported that no action was taken.

#### MOTIONS PASSED

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

2014-06-03      The Board voted unanimously to approve the Proposed DPRA Customer Use Incentives to be offered annually.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Due to no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Russell  
Secretary to Board of Control

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