

DON PEDRO RECREATION AGENCY  
BOARD OF CONTROL - DON PEDRO PROJECT  
MINUTES March 14, 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: Jimi Netniss – Modesto Irrigation District  
Tou Her – Turlock Irrigation District  
Sara Lima – DPRA Legal Counsel  
See attached list

**MINUTES**

The Don Pedro Board of Control moved to approve the meeting minutes of January 10, 2014 as written.

The Don Pedro Board of Control moved to approve the meeting minutes of the Special Board of Control Meeting of February 27, 2014 as written.

**MONTHLY FISCAL REPORT**

Actual revenue for the month of January, 2014, is \$168,421 and actual revenue including sponsor contributions was \$194,380. Projected revenue for January was \$194,087. Compared to January, 2013, all revenue categories were up with the exception RV and tent camping, reservation fees, WiFi and miscellaneous fees. Actual expenses for January were \$158,295. Capital expenses for the month of January were \$2,830 and were associated with the replacement of commercial weed eaters for vegetation management.

**MATTERS TO THE GOOD**

Houseboat owner, Susie Lynar, explained that there were concerns from several houseboaters regarding the unsafe and inappropriate location that the houseboats were moved to in 2008. Mrs. Lynar questioned the ability of the Lake Don Pedro Marina (LDPM) pump-out system to accommodate the additional Moccasin Point houseboats and she would like the Board to require LDPM to install a second system. She also requested that Forever Resorts be required to develop a low water plan.

Houseboat owner, Ross Swett, questioned when the lake level projection was completed and if that information was shared with the marina.

Houseboat owner, Heather Victoria, asked if there was going to be any financial relief for Moccasin Point houseboat owners in regards to dry storage on the west shore.

Houseboat owner, Joe Vojvoda, asked if there was a low water plan for emergency vehicles to access the private houseboat marina.

**LAKE DON PEDRO – HOUSEBOAT SLIP AND BUOY RATE COMPARABILITY STUDY – Information Item**  
Board Chairman Frantz gave a brief outline of events that led to the comparability study being done.

Mr. Dornbusch of Dornbusch Associates began the presentation explaining the purpose of the study, the specific areas of focus, the evaluation of Lake Don Pedro marinas and the selection of eight comparable marina operations. The various parameters including services, amenities, and features and their subsequent ratings were also explained. Mr. Dornbusch presented an in-depth analysis based on the parameters of each of the eight marinas and then reviewed the recommended rates for houseboat slips and buoys.

Upon completion of the presentation, numerous private houseboat owners commented regarding the recommended rates. They felt that the parameters used were not true comparisons and that the information provided to the consultant was inaccurate.

Attorney Joseph Nolan, Esq. requested that the Board grant a 90 day delay before the fee increases are approved and of that 90 day delay, 60 days would be allowed for the houseboat owner community to make response to the rate increase plan.

Questions were also asked as to how the increase was to be implemented. The houseboat owners asked for the opportunity to provide further information to Dornbusch Associates and to have the study re-analyzed. Board Chairman Frantz stated that it would be up to Mr. Dornbusch if he felt that something discussed today would require further consideration. Mr. Dornbusch stated that he would be willing to accept further information prior to completing his study. Houseboat owners were instructed that information must be received in the next 30 days and it should be sent to the DPRA email where it would then be forwarded to Dornbusch Associates.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There were 272 campsite reservations made in February, 2014. This amounts to 228 less than were made in February, 2013. The total reservations year to date is less than last years' total through the month of February by 343.

DPRA staff has been preparing plans for the projected low water level and its anticipated impact on operations at DPRA. Staff will present its operations plan for the 2014 season at the April Board of Control meeting.

DPRA staff continues to meet with Lake Don Pedro Marina (LDPM) and Moccasin Point Marina (MPM) managers to prepare for the low water moves. Final plans and time frames are to be determined based on updated water level projections.

Wildlife interaction with recreation use continues to be addressed by staff this year. Houseboaters are reminded to keep an eye on their houseboats and to try to deter any Osprey that might be attempting to set up a nesting site on their boat. Lake Operations staff recently placed the inoperable floating restroom turned Osprey nursery back into position. Within one hour the Osprey pair had already taken up residence. DPRA was contracted by a private houseboat owner that there was a fox on a neighboring houseboat. Marina staff attempted to chase the fox from the houseboat without success. Fish and Wildlife warden responded with DPRA staff and the fox was captured and transported to the shore where it was set free.

The second vacant Ranger I position has been filled by Sarah Specht. Sarah began work on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and comes to DPRA with three previous years' experience at New Melones Lake as a seasonal Park Ranger.

Ranger I Denton Sturdivan has been promoted to fill the vacant Chief Ranger position. Denton has worked at DPRA/TID since 2007 in the Campground Operations Division and more recently the Lake Operations Division. DPRA will be utilizing the existing Ranger I recruitment list to backfill the position that has been left vacant by Denton's promotion.

The annual maintenance of the Fleming Meadows swimming lagoon is underway to prepare for its April 15<sup>th</sup> opening.

The campsite pad herbicide spraying is underway.

The maintenance of restroom facilities is underway in areas that have been closed during the off-season.

Seasonal employee interviews will begin in April.

DPRA staff is continuing to monitor debris and is assisting with the water quality monitoring that is underway in the Rim Fire aftermath.

Staff has been renewing various certifications including first responder, law enforcement, and drinking water treatment.

All but two houseboat permit renewals have been completed. The two houseboats with incomplete renewals have been red-tagged and the owners have until the end of March to complete the renewal process or be subject to permit revocation.

#### MATTERS TO THE GOOD

Several houseboat owners asked about updated lake level predictions. Chairman Frantz responded that nothing had changed since the lake level projections that were discussed at the February meeting.

Houseboat owner, Phyllis Farenkamm, asked if there has been any progress on ADA access at the Marina. DPRA Director Russell stated that a contractor will be coming in to do a review of the facilities.

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ADJOURNMENT

Due to no further business, the Board adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Russell

Secretary to Board of Control

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

DPR Board of Control Meeting  
03/14/2014  
Attendance Sheet

Bob & Susie Lynar – Private Houseboat Owners  
Ross & Linda Swett – Private Houseboat Owners  
Keith Lynar – Private Houseboat Owner  
Phyllis Farenhamm – Private Houseboat Owner  
Heather Victoria – Private Houseboat Owner  
John & Marcia Boer – Private Houseboat Owners  
Larry & Ruthell Matteson – Private Houseboat Owners  
John & Monica Cox – Private Houseboat Owners  
George Shimel – Private Houseboat Owner  
Jim & Nora Wisler – Private Houseboat Owners  
Joseph Nolan, Esq. – Challenge Rate Increase  
Agatha & Larry Swanson – Private Houseboat Owners  
Steve Canova – Private Houseboat Owner  
Jerry Ramar – Private Houseboat Owner  
Hiram & Kris Harlan – Private Houseboat Owners  
Jim & Linda Haley – Private Houseboat Owners  
Jeff & Laurie Muller – Private Houseboat Owners  
Dexter Long – Private Houseboat Owner  
Martin Pohl – Private Houseboat Owner  
Don Swatman – Private Houseboat Owner  
Sally Meyer – Private Houseboat Owner  
Emanuel Silva Jr. – Private Houseboat Owner  
Ray Yamakawa – Private Houseboat Owner  
David Vernon – Private Houseboat Owner