

**DON PEDRO RECREATION AGENCY  
BOARD OF CONTROL - DON PEDRO PROJECT  
MINUTES  
March 11, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 a.m. Don Pedro Recreation Agency

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Campbell – Modesto Irrigation District (MID)  
Charles Fernandes – Turlock Irrigation District (TID)  
Brent Hörger – City & County of San Francisco (CCSF)

OTHERS PRESENT: Tou Her – Turlock Irrigation District (TID)  
John Davids – Modesto Irrigation District (MID)  
Dave Jigour – DPRA Division Manager, Lake Operations  
Jim McCoy – DPRA, Chief Ranger  
Phil Hetz – Lake Don Pedro Marina Manager  
Keith Lynar – Private Houseboat Owner  
John & Marcia Boer – Private Houseboat Owners  
Bob & Susie Lynar – Private Houseboat Owners  
Ross Swett – Private Houseboat Owner  
Steve Vilas – Private Houseboat Owner  
Larry & Agatha Swanson – Private Houseboat Owners  
Terry Lewallen – Private Houseboat Owner  
Hiram & Chris Harlan – Private Houseboat Owners  
Phyllis & Joe Farenhamm – Private Houseboat Owners  
Dennis Lewis – Private Houseboat Owner  
Jim & Nora Wisler – Private Houseboat Owners  
Dave Vernon – Private Houseboat Owner

**MINUTES**

The Don Pedro Recreation Agency (DPRA) Board of Control approved the minutes of the December 11, 2015, Board of Control meeting, and the January 27, 2016, Board of Control special meeting, as written.

**MONTHLY FISCAL REPORT**

Compared to December, 2014, most categories of revenue were equal to or up for the month of December, 2015, with the exception of vehicle day use, boat day use, RV hookup camping, and WiFi fees. Projected revenue for the month of December was \$116,192 and actual revenue was \$65,550. December revenue combined with sponsor contributions totaled \$120,615. Projected expenses for the month of December were \$188,812 and actual expenses were \$122,376. Actual revenue, year-to-date, was \$1,477,967. Total revenue, including sponsor contributions, was \$2,854,586. Actual expenses, year-to-date, was \$2,478,102, leaving a balance of \$376,484 of revenue over expenses. Capital expenses for the month of December totaled \$17,916 and were associated with campsite renovation, signs, electronics, ADA restroom upgrades, and the Fleming Meadows launch ramp surface project. Year to date, \$132,542 in Capital funding has been spent.

**WATER SKI SLALOM COURSE PERMIT RENEWAL – Action Item**

Agency Director Collett presented a proposal to renew the Lake Don Pedro Water Ski Club's (LDPWSC) five-year permit for the water ski slalom course in Hatch Creek. Discussion took place regarding the cost of administering the permit, insurance requirements and clarification of DPRA's role in the maintenance and operation of the course. The Board of Control approved the renewal of the LDPWSC permit.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

There were 349 new reservations made in February 2016. This is 73 more than were made in February, 2015. Year to date, 705 reservations have been made in 2016 compared to 495 reservations that were made during the same period in 2015.

Agency Director Collett reviewed the possible impacts that the Rim Fire could have on the watershed. Mr. Collett stated that although debris management is an annual routine for the Lake Operations staff in maintaining the lake surface, TID/DPRA staff have developed the "Significant Storm Floatable Debris Incident Action Plan" (SSFDIAP) to address issues such as – containment of a large quantity of floatable debris to prevent impacts on recreationists, floating facilities and bridges; monitor

and quick response to any water quality issues; maintain effective communication with stakeholders. Lake Operations staff has been successful in corralling most of the debris and moving it upstream. They will continue to move the debris farther up the river channel as the lake elevation permits. The debris will then be boomed to the shoreline, beached, and then burned next fall.

DPRA has acquired 90 used Tuffboom boom sections from Lake Pardee/Lake Comanche and East Bay MUD at no cost. They will be utilized in the Tuolumne Canyon as a containment boom.

All three launch ramps are open for boat launching. The Fleming Meadows boat launch ramp is currently five lanes wide. The Moccasin ramp is now open for the first time since July 2014, and the Blue Oaks boat launch ramp is open for the first time since June 2014.

There are currently 43 fishing tournaments scheduled for Don Pedro in 2016.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) has performed five separate trout plants at Don Pedro Lake and DPRA recently took delivery of 299, 4 ½"- 6" Florida Bass fingerlings. This was the first Florida Bass plant since 2012. Additional fingerlings are expected to be delivered in late July.

Ospreys have been observed landing on private houseboats. Houseboat owners are advised to check their houseboats regularly for any signs of nesting. Nesting materials may be removed as long as there are no eggs or young in the nest.

Annual maintenance of the Fleming Meadows swimming lagoon is underway to prepare for the April 15<sup>th</sup> opening. Maintenance staff will scrape and remove the sand, reline it with fresh sand, and then fill it with water for summer use.

Herbicide spraying is underway along with mowing and weedeating.

Seasonal employee hiring begins in March.

DPRA staff has installed a 60' x 24" culvert at the Fleming Meadows launch ramp parking access road.

DPRA staff has completed their re-certification for Medical First Responder. Re-certification for the Law Enforcement refresher course is in progress. Two staff members have become certified Dive Equipment Specialists in order to be able to inspect and maintain DPRA's dive equipment.

Houseboat permit renewals have been completed. One houseboat has been red-tagged and the owner has been assessed a \$250 non-compliance fine. The owner has until March 31<sup>st</sup> to comply or the permit will begin the revocation process.

There have been two reports of vandalism and break-ins this week at the private houseboat marina. DPRA has alerted all owners of the situation via email, and asked them to check their moored vessels and contact DPRA and the Tuolumne County Sheriff's office if they notice anything similar.

Agency Director, Chris Collett, presented a preliminary lake level graph submitted by the TID Strategic Planning Department. Mr. Collett and Mr. Her explained to those in the audience what the terminology used on the graph means when it refers to Excedence (Dry or Average) Scenario. Board Chairman, Paul Campbell added that the information presented on the graph shows that we are not yet in a position to explore moving boats and services back to the Moccasin end. Board Member, Charles Fernandes added that the irrigation season has not yet been determined, but we should know more in the next 2 or 3 weeks.

Mr. Collett asked the Board for any suggestions for improvement or refinement in the format of the quarterly Board of Control meetings or the monthly report. Board Member, Charles Fernandes, responded that the information presented is the kind of information that they are looking for, but there may be specific requests later.

## **MATTERS TO THE GOOD**

Private houseboat owner, Ross Swett, asked what elevation will the marina be moved back to Moccasin and when will that decision be made. Agency Director Collett, answered that when the district can guarantee that the lake level will not drop below 750' at the end of season. Discussion took place regarding the districts weekly monitoring of water inflow and outflow at Don Pedro Lake, irrigation season allocations, cloud seeding, and where lake level information can be found. Mr. Her stated

that based on the current analysis, he would not recommend moving back to Moccasin at this time, but added that they will have more information in 2 to 3 weeks.

Private houseboat owner, Ross Sweet, stated that he had not received an Agenda for this Board meeting and wanted to know if something had changed. Mr. Swett was advised that an email had been sent out in January asking for those who wished to continue receiving the Agenda to respond in writing.

Private houseboat owner, Keith Lynar stated that he was glad to see LDPM manager, Phil Hetz, here at the meeting.

Private houseboat owner, Steve Vilas, stated that DPRA is doing a fantastic job taking care of the debris.

Several houseboat owners asked for any information on the status of Forever Resorts. Chairman Campbell stated that he cannot comment.

### **MOTIONS PASSED**

On motion of Fernandes, seconded by Hörger, the following motion was adopted:

2016-03-01      The Board voted unanimously to approve the renewal of the Lake Don Pedro Water Ski Club's Slalom Course Permit.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Due to no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher C. Collett  
Secretary to Board of Control

Copies to:      Messrs. Hörger, Williams  
                         Messrs. Fernandes, Hashimoto, Macedo, Her  
                         Messrs. Campbell, Davids, VanHoy, Salyer