

DON PEDRO RECREATION AGENCY
BOARD OF CONTROL - DON PEDRO PROJECT
MINUTES May 17, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: 10:05 a.m. CCSF, Hetch Hetchy Moccasin

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Frantz – Turlock Irrigation District
Mike Williams – City & County of San Francisco
Absent – Modesto Irrigation District

OTHERS PRESENT: Tou Her – Turlock Irrigation District
Chris Brown – City & County of San Francisco
Dave Jigour – DPRA, Lake Operations Division Manager
Jim Smith – Lake Don Pedro Marina Manager
Randell Phillips – Lake Don Pedro Marina
Travis Flosi – Moccasin Point Marina Manager
Bob & Susie Lynar – Private Houseboat Owners
Keith Lynar – Private Houseboat Owner
Ross & Linda Swett – Private Houseboat Owners
Ruthell & Larry Matteson – Private Houseboat Owners

MINUTES

The Don Pedro Board of Control moved to approve the meeting minutes of April 12, 2013 as written.

MONTHLY FISCAL REPORT

Actual revenue for the month of March, 2013, was \$146,932. The revenue for March was lower than the projected revenue of \$156,860. Compared to March, 2012, all categories of revenue were up with the exception of Annual Vessel and PWC Permits, Concessionaire, WiFi fees and Miscellaneous Revenues. Actual expenses for March were \$197,375. The budgeted expense projection was \$196,075. Capital expenses for the month of March were \$43,228 and were associated with the lift station replacement, the warehouse door, and the roadwork projects.

MATTERS TO THE GOOD

Private houseboat owner, Larry Matteson inquired as to the projected lake elevation. Board Chairman Frantz answered that projections indicate low water would be somewhere between 700' and 710'. Private houseboat owner, Bob Lynar then asked at what point does the MPM have to move out of Moccasin Bay to Harney Lane. DPRA Director, Carol Russell said that the Marina would probably have to move out of Moccasin Bay at 720' elevation.

On behalf of the MPM Houseboat Owners Association, Bob Lynar formally submitted input regarding the Marina mooring rate comparability survey.

Private houseboat owner, Ross Swett spoke regarding the number of private houseboats for sale at Moccasin.

DPRA CUSTOMER USE INCENTIVES

Don Pedro Recreation Agency is proposing to continue offering mid-week camping coupons, free day use in conjunction with the Department of Fish and Wildlife's "Free Fishing" day on September 7, 2013, 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 Mike Williams moved to approve the Customer Use Incentives as written, seconded by Board Member Michael Frantz.

ANNUAL DAVIS-GRUNSKY REPORT – Information Item

Director Russell reviewed with the Board the Don Pedro Recreation Area use statistics as compiled for the 2012 Davis-Grunsky annual report. Visitor day usage was summarized in various ways and in comparison with previous years. Revenue and expenses for 2012 were also reviewed and summarized with how they related to visitor days.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There were 807 campsite reservations made in April, 2013. This amounts to 113 more than were made in April, 2012 and 295 more year to date than last year through the month of April. Camping reservations for Memorial Day weekend have Fleming Meadows full, Moccasin Point has 2 campsites available and Blue Oaks currently has 59 sites available. Campsites in Moccasin "D" and "E" areas are on the reservation system so there are no "overflow" campsites anymore.

The DPRA Maintenance staff has been finishing up the mowing of developed facilities.

The Campground staff has been training the new seasonal employees and holding refresher training for the returning seasonal employees. Staff has also been working on repairing and replacing partitions and painting restrooms.

The PG&E contract work that was scheduled to add marker balls to the powerlines over Moccasin Bay on April 26th was postponed. A new date for the work has not yet been scheduled.

The Fourth of July fireworks show preparations are underway. The annual interagency meeting including representatives from DPRA, Cal Fire, CHP, Tuolumne County Sheriff's Dept., Community Services Unit and Boat Patrol, US Coast Guard Auxiliary, and Tuolumne County Public Works will take place in June. The Fireworks Show Special Use Permit application has been submitted and advertising is being scheduled.

The Maintenance staff has completed installation of the wastewater lift station near the spillway. This completes the multi-year infrastructure replacement of the facilities' lift stations.

Despite efforts to discourage osprey from building nests on private houseboats, one has succeeded in not only building a nest but has laid an egg in the nest. The houseboat owner is unable to move the vessel until the young have left the nest. DPRA will send out information to houseboat owners in preparation for next year's nesting season with suggestions on how to discourage the birds from nesting on their boats.

In January, DPRA received a request to consider a change to the Houseboat Rules with reference to the maximum width and height allowed. DPRA has reviewed the request, discussed the potential impacts with the concessionaire, requested input from houseboat owners in the form of a survey, discussed potential impacts with DPRA staff and reviewed CHP and Cal Trans transportation requirements. The findings from the review were shared with the Board.

Private houseboat owner, Randy Buckley, spoke in favor of the proposal, saying that if the increased size were allowed that it would be a slow process for boats that would increase in size and that the owners would have to arrange mooring with the concessionaire prior to modifying their boat. Board Chairperson Frantz, stated that he will look into the proposal further and that it will be an action item for the June Board of Control meeting.

A request has been sent out to all houseboat owners asking for input regarding factors to be considered in the Marina Rate Comparability Study. In coordination with TID Materials Management Department, a request for proposals is being drafted.

MOTIONS PASSED

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

2013-05-03 The Board voted unanimously to approve the Proposed DPRA Customer Use Incentives.

ADJOURNMENT

Due to no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Russell
Secretary to Board of Control

Copies to: Mr. Williams
Messrs. Frantz, Hashimoto, Her
Messrs. Ward, Bakker, Byrd