

**DON PEDRO RECREATION AGENCY
BOARD OF CONTROL - DON PEDRO PROJECT
MINUTES May 15, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER: 10:03 a.m. Hetch Hetchy Water and Power Administrative Building, Moccasin

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Frantz – Turlock Irrigation District (TID)
Mike Williams – City & County of San Francisco (CCSF)
Roger VanHoy – Modesto Irrigation District (MID)

OTHERS PRESENT: John Davids – Modesto Irrigation District
Chris Graham – City & County of San Francisco (CCSF)
Hans Bayer – City & County of San Francisco (CCSF)
John & Marcia Boer – Private Houseboat Owners
Larry & Ruthell Matteson – Private Houseboat Owners
Keith Lynar – Private Houseboat Owner
Joe & Phyllis Farenkamm – Private Houseboat Owners
Bob & Susie Lynar – Private Houseboat Owners
Ross & Linda Swett – Private Houseboat Owners

MINUTES

The Don Pedro Recreation Agency (DPRA) Board of Control approved the minutes of the April 10, 2015, Board of Control meeting as written.

MONTHLY FISCAL REPORT

Compared to March, 2014, all categories of revenue were up for the month of March with the exception of annual personal watercraft permits, concessionaire revenue, and miscellaneous revenues. Projected revenue for the month of March was \$203,479 and actual revenue was \$125,936. March's revenue combined with sponsor contributions totaled \$222,301. Projected expenses for the month of March were \$203,336 and actual expenses were \$197,114. In response to a question that was asked at the April Board of Control meeting regarding payroll costs, Director Russell stated that approximately 85% of March expenses were tied to labor. There was also \$16,591 in General & Administrative (G & A) costs tied to labor dollars. Together they amounted to 92% of expenses in March. Actual revenue, year to date, totaled \$371,031, and actual revenue year to date including sponsor contributions totaled \$680,764. Actual expenses, year to date, totaled \$545,339 leaving a balance of \$135,425. Capital expenses for the month of March totaled \$3,107 and were associated with the sign replacement project and ADA upgrades. Year to date capital expenses totaled \$13,559.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There were 476 new reservations made in April, 2015, which is 137 less than were made in April, 2014. Year to date, 1,472 new reservations have been made compared to 1,609 for the same time period in 2014. This is 9% less reservations than were made through April of last year.

Agency Director Russell reviewed water level projections as of May 11, 2015. The current projection shows Don Pedro Lake reaching a low of 641' above sea level at the end of October.

The Moccasin Point alternate low water ramp may be usable through Memorial Day weekend.

Currently reservations for Memorial Day weekend show Fleming Meadows campground 100% reserved, Blue Oaks campground is 4% reserved, and Moccasin Point campground is 33% reserved.

DPRA staff is completing traffic flow and parking plans for the Fleming Meadows launch ramp.

DPRA staff will be meeting with outside agencies early next week to coordinate emergency response at the lake in accordance with the latest water level projections.

Materials are being secured in order to provide lighting at the launch ramp. DPRA staff is also acquiring supplies needed to provide shuttle service on peak weekends. A 60' section of dock has already been added to the courtesy dock at the Fleming Meadows launch ramp to assist boaters when launching or retrieving their boats.

The houseboat permit that was revoked late last year was reassigned in April. The new permittee has two years to place a houseboat on the lake. At this time, the new permittee has provided DPRA with a plan to purchase a houseboat.

DPRA staff is re-mowing areas where grass has sprouted again due to late season moisture. Weed-eating also continues in areas where the mower cannot maneuver.

Trail maintenance work has been completed at Wards Ferry. The trail has been smoothed out in order to assist rafters and others who use that area.

National Marina Day is June 13th. The nationwide boating event is dedicated to grow boating participation across North America. Marine businesses collaborate to hold events to introduce the public to boating through on-water and landside activities at marinas throughout the country. Lake Don Pedro Marina (LDPM) has registered to participate in the event and will offer ½ off small boat rentals, houseboat open house, raffle prizes, various informational booths, and they have coordinated with Coast Guard Auxiliary to provide vessel checks. DPRA will also participate with information and prize giveaways.

MATTERS TO THE GOOD

Houseboat owner, Susie Lynar, asked if and when the DPRA website will be updated.

Houseboat owner, Ross Swett, spoke about the long lines he experienced at the boat launch ramp last year. Mr. Swett asked that more DPRA staff be on the launch ramp this year to provide traffic control and to make sure that boaters are ready to launch by the time they reach the launch area. Additional discussion took place regarding lake levels and their impact on marina location, marina services, private houseboat marina location, and mooring lines. Several houseboat owners stated that they have not received any information from marina staff regarding low water adjustments or operation plans for the low water year.

Private houseboat owner, Keith Lynar reminded the Board that he had asked in the past about opening up a camp area that would allow dogs. Board Chairman Frantz stated that he does remember it being brought up a year ago and that there were just as many people that want pets in the campground as don't want pets in the campground. Mr. Frantz added that the Board did not act on it at the time but he does realize that the Board does need to act on this issue. Some discussion took place regarding allowing pets in the campground.

Houseboat owner, Bob Lynar, spoke about the marina hours not accommodating the bass tournaments. Mr. Lynar believes the marina opens too late and closes too early.

Private houseboat owner, Phyllis Farenkamm asked the Board if it is in the plans to add gravel at the launch ramp as the lake goes down. Board Chairman Frantz responded that it is not the plan now due to erosion, but plans will be reassessed as the lake does go down.

The City & County of San Francisco Hydrologist Chris Graham gave a presentation on the development of the Hetch Hetchy system and how it works. Mr. Graham also presented some drought related information.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Board member Roger VanHoy motioned to adjourn to closed session at 11:21 a.m., seconded by Mike Williams.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSSION

The Board reports no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Due to no further business, the Board adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Russell
Secretary to Board of Control

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