

**MINUTES  
BOATING AND WATERWAYS COMMISSION MEETING  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA  
MARCH 13, 2003**

Pursuant to due and regular notice, the meeting of the Boating and Waterways Commission was called to order by Commissioner Michael Beatie, Chairman, on March 13, 2003, at 8:32 AM, in the Radisson Hotel, Sacramento, California.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present:           Michael L. Beatie, Chairman  
  Frederic A. Heim, Vice Chairman  
  Robert Y. Nagata  
  Warren E. Rupf  
  Joseph P. Sharpe

Department of Boating and  
Waterways Personnel Present:   David Johnson, Acting Deputy Director  
  Carlton Moore, Staff Counsel  
  Steve Watanabe, Acting Chief Boating Facilities  
  Dolores Farrell, Chief, Boating Operations Division  
  Harold Flood, Supervisor of Planning, Facilities Division  
  Mary Just, Associate Governmental Program Analyst  
  April Moses, Associate Governmental Program Analyst  
  Margarita Sanchez, Administrative Assistant  
  Bill Curry, Retired Annuitant

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:**   It was moved by Commissioner Sharpe and seconded by Commissioner Rupf that the minutes of January 9, 2003, meeting be approved as distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Beatie reported he attended an American with Disability Act (ADA) workshop given by Bill Curry on March 12, 2003. He indicated the workshop was very informative and that Mr. Curry is very knowledgeable on the subject. He encouraged anyone who needs information on ADA to contact Mr. Curry.

Chairman Beatie also commented that he is pleased the Department now has the Personal Watercraft Safety course online on the Department's web site.

In addition, Chairman Beatie commented on the proposed Department's merger with the Department of Parks and Recreation. He indicated as a Commissioner he supports the opposition to this merger. He indicated Mr. Moore would address this issue in the Director's Report.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Carlton Moore read the Director's report. He reported that Director Raynor Tsuneyoshi was in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, attending the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators Homeland Security meeting.

Mr. Moore reported on the Department's budget. He indicated that the Department's proposed budget for the FYI 2003/2004 includes \$92,217,000 in expenditures, which includes \$21 million for loans to public agencies, \$3.5 million for private marinas to construct and improve marinas, \$19.5 million for grants to public agencies to construct and improve boat launching facilities, \$13.6 million for capitol outlay projects, \$9 million to aid local agencies for boating law enforcement, \$1 million for beach erosion control and \$6 million for aquatic pest control programs.

Mr. Moore also reported on the proposed Department's merger with the Department of Parks and Recreation. He indicated a budget subcommittee hearing is scheduled for April 2 to address the proposed merger. He informed the Commission that he remembers three other attempts to merge the Department and that the boating community has always been opposed to any merger. He will report back to the Commission if this issue becomes part of the budget bill.

Mr. Moore indicated he and the Director met with the Executive Director and Deputy of the Coastal Commission to discuss a proposal to use polyethylene plastics in construction of docks in a large marina in southern California. The coastal commission had some concerns about plastics in the marine environment and it was agreed that the Department of Boating and Waterways would make a presentation to address the issues of polyethylene as it relates to use in docks, marine and harbors to the Coastal Commission at its April meeting. He indicated the Director would be giving an update to the Boating and Waterways Commission on this matter at the Commission meeting in May.

Mr. Moore reported that the Water Hyacinth and Egeria densa annual reports have been released and are now available to the public.

He reported that he has returned to the Department of Fish and Games' Office of Spill Prevention and Response, but will assist the Department of Boating and Waterways on issues such as Spud Point.

In addition, Mr. Moore reported that Mr. Steve Watanabe is now the Acting Chief of Boating Facilities and Mr. David Johnson is the Acting Deputy Director.

Commissioner Heim questioned Mr. Moore on whether the Department was created due to a legislative act or voted by the public. Mr. Moore responded that the Department was created by an act of the Legislature and any changes, such as a merger, would require legislative change, which could be done in the budget act or in a trailer bill.

Commissioner Heim informed Mr. Moore about the use of plastics in the Los Angeles Harbor. He recommended Mr. Moore contact the Los Angeles Harbor's environmental scientist for information on the use of plastics at that harbor.

## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Mr. Johnson reviewed the Legislative Report and gave the Commission an update of legislative matters concerning the Department. Copies of the Legislative Report were available to the public and Mr. Johnson was available to answer questions from the Commission Members.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mr. Flood introduced and explained to the Commission the Consent Calendar. He reported that the Commission has previously approved the project contracts listed and that they now require time extensions to complete construction.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Sharpe and seconded by Commissioner Heim to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

## **CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC GRANTS**

Mr. Flood presented to the Commission for its advice and consent the following request for public grants.

### **Black Point**

Request for a Phase I grant of \$80,000 to the County of Marin for improvements to the Black Point Boat Launching Facility. The total amount of grant is \$782,000. This is the first phase funding for project design and engineering. The Black Point Boat Launching Facility is located on the Petaluma River.

Mr. Flood reviewed the project and explained that the proposed project entails: (1) dredging, (2) demolishing the existing ramp, and constructing a new boat launching ramp, (3) installing a new boarding float, (4) repaving the parking area, (5) installing a new restroom, (6) adding a boat washdown area, (7) installing a new fish-cleaning station, (8) adding a power distribution system, (9) adding lighting and undergrounding powerlines, (10) constructing drainage, (11) constructing a stairway, (12) constructing a pay station, (13) constructing an information kiosk, (14) cobbling a median, (15) adding picnic tables and railroad tie retaining walls with steps, and (16) adding landscaping and signage.

Mr. Steve Petterle and Mr. Ed Herme of the County of Marin were available to answer questions from the Commission. Mr. Flood indicated that staff recommended that the Commission consent to the project.

Commissioner Beatie commented that he had visited all the project sites and recommends approval.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Sharpe and seconded by Commissioner Nagata that the Commission consent to the Phase I grant of \$80,000 to the County of Marin for improvements to the Black Point Boat Launching Facility. Commissioners Beatie, Heim, Nagata, and Sharpe voted “Yes.” Commissioner Rupf voted “No.” The motion passed.

### **Crescent City**

Request for a Phase I grant of \$85,000 to the Crescent City Harbor District to make improvements to the Crescent City Harbor Boat Launching Facility. The total amount of grant is \$825,000. This is the first phase funding for project design and engineering. The Crescent City Harbor Boat Launching Facility is located within Crescent City Harbor on the northern California coast.

Mr. Flood reviewed the project and explained that the proposed project entails: (1) demolishing the existing ramp and constructing a new two-lane ramp, (2) replacing the existing boarding floats with new boarding floats and a new gangway, (3) constructing a new barrier-free access restroom, (4) constructing a barrier-free access sidewalk, (5) repairing the east side entrance breakwater, (6) constructing a new barrier-free access fish-cleaning station, (7) extending water and electrical service, and (8) installing new lighting in the parking area.

Mr. Richard Taylor representative for the Crescent City Harbor District was not available to answer questions from the Commissioner. A copy of his E-mail explaining his absence and requesting approval for the grant was given to the Commission. Mr. Flood indicated that staff recommended that the Commission consent to the project.

Chairman Beatie informed the Commission that he had given Mr. Taylor permission not to attend the meeting. Commissioner Nagata commented that a representative for all proposed projects should be present at the Commission meetings. The Commission agreed with Commissioner Nagata's comment.

After discussion, a motion was made.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Sharpe and seconded by Commissioner Nagata that the Commission consent to the Phase I grant of \$85,000 to the Crescent City Harbor District to make improvements to the Crescent City Harbor Boat Launching Facility. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Cuttings Wharf**

Request for a Phase I grant of \$80,000 to the County of Napa to make improvements to the Cuttings Wharf Boat Launching Facility. The total amount of grant is \$985,000. This is the first

phase funding for project design and engineering. The Cuttings Wharf Boat Launching Facility is located on the Napa River within Napa County.

Mr. Flood reviewed the project and explained that the proposed project entails: (1) demolition of existing site facilities, (2) construction of a new boat launching ramp, (3) construction of a concrete ramp apron, (4) dewatering of the site, (5) construction of two new boarding floats, (6) overlay and striping of the existing parking area, (7) installation of a new restroom, (8) installation of new lighting, (9) installation of drainage, (10) construction of a new sidewalk, (11) installation of rock slope protection, (12) addition of two shade ramadas, with picnic tables, and (13) a project sign.

Ms. Martha Burdick, Administrative Manager, and Ms. Erica Ahmann, Assistant Engineer, for Napa County, were available to answer questions from the Commission. Mr. Flood indicated that staff recommended that the Commission consent to the project.

Chairman Beatie reported he visited the project site and recommends approval.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Sharpe and seconded by Commissioner Nagata that the Commission consent to the Phase I grant of \$80,000 to the County of Napa to make improvements to the Cuttings Wharf Boat Launching Facility. The motion carried unanimously.

### **West Park/Riverbend**

Request for a grant of \$917,000 to the Feather River Recreation and Park District to make improvements to the West Park/Riverbend Boat Launching Facility. The West Park/Riverbend Boat Launching Facility is located on the Feather River.

Mr. Flood reviewed the project and explained that the proposed project entails: (1) demolition/disposal of the existing ramp and apron, (2) construction of a new two-lane concrete boat launching ramp and ramp apron, (3) dewatering of the site in order to construct the boat ramp, (4) installation of two boarding floats, (5) construction of a new paved access road, and a new paved parking area, (6) construction of a restroom, (7) construction of a concrete sidewalk, (8) installation of a fish-cleaning station, (9) upgrading of sewer and electrical seals, (10) installation of irrigation pipes, (11) landscaping, (12) installation of shade ramadas, (13) addition of concrete picnic tables, and (14) installation of a project sign.

Messrs. Sonny Brandt, Chairman, Feather River Recreation Board, Bob Sharkey, Parks Superintendent, Scott Lawrence, District Manager, Greg Melton, Architect, and Ms. Colleen Wycoff were available to answer questions from the Commission. Mr. Flood indicated that staff recommended that the Commission consent to the project.

Chairman Beatie reported he visited the proposed project site and recommends approval. He thanked Mr. Sharkey for the tour of the project site.

After discussion a motion was made.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Sharpe and seconded by Commissioner Heim that the Commission consent to the grant of \$917,000 to the Feather River Recreation and Park District to make improvements to the West Park/Riverbend Boat Launching Facility. Commissioners Beatie, Heim, Nagata, and Sharpe voted "Yes." Commissioner Rupf voted "No." The motion passed

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Heim introduced his wife, Ms. Gail Heim to everyone.

Mr. Moore discussed the meeting he and Raynor Tsuneyoshi attended with Spud Point representatives on February 28, 2003, in Santa Rosa. He indicated Commissioners Rupf and Heim were also present at the meeting. Mr. Moore reported that the meeting went well and that the Department will be looking at the possibility of a Tolling Agreement with Sonoma County.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Moore and Mr. Curry provided information on the ADA law and requirements for small craft harbors. Mr. Moore reported that there might be an increase in organizations asking the Department for funding so that they can bring their boat ramps into ADA compliance.

Mr. Moore commented on continuing the project site visitations by Commission members. Chairman Beatie indicated he would like to continue to have Commissioners visit proposed project sites. The Commissioner agreed.

In addition, Mr. Moore reported to the Commission on the visit he and the Director had to the Ventura Maritime Museum. He reported that on behalf of the Commission and the Department, Mrs. Nelson was presented with a plaque honoring the late Commissioner Nelson.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Ted Warburton, President of Harbor Masters & Port Captains, spoke on the proposed merger. He indicated that they are having a letter writing campaign against the merger and he informed the Commission that he would attend the April 2, 2003, hearing. He stated that the Harbor Masters & Port Captains are behind the Department.

Commissioner Beatie thanked Mr. Warburton for his comments and for all his help.

## **COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

After discussion, it was decided that the next Commission Meeting will be May 29, 2003, in Sacramento.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

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Raynor Tsuneyoshi, Secretary

Attachment