

MINUTES
BOATING AND WATERWAYS COMMISSION MEETING
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
March 3, 2010

Pursuant to due and regular notice, the meeting of the Boating and Waterways Commission was called to order by Chairman Metz on March 3, 2010, at 8:32 A.M. at the Courtyard Sacramento Cal Expo, 1782 Tribute Road, Sacramento, California.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Douglas W. Metz, Chairman; Lenora S. Clark, Vice Chairman; Brendan Huffman; Robert Y. Nagata; H.P. "Sandy" Purdon, and Matthew Webb

Commissioner Absent: Stephan Moore

Dept. of Boating and Waterways

Personnel Present: Raynor Tsuneyoshi, Director; Lucia Becerra, Chief Deputy Director, Penny Schulz, Staff Counsel; Steve Watanabe, Division Chief; Sylvia Hunter, SSM II; Denise Peterson, SSM I, Keren Dill, AGPA; Margarita Sanchez, Administrative Assistant, and Tom Heuer, Retired Annuitant

CONVENE

Chairman Metz convened the meeting and announced commencement of the Closed Session. Following completion of the Closed Session, Chairman Metz continued with the public portion of the meeting.

OPEN SESSION

Chairman Metz welcomed everyone to the meeting. He stated that the Commission met in Closed Session and discussed facts that suggest possible litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(e) and no action was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

***MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Purdon and seconded by Commissioner Huffman that the Boating and Waterways Commission minutes of the October 6, 2009, meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.*

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Metz welcomed everyone and introduced the new Boating and Waterways Commissioners. He noted this was Commissioner Nagata's last meeting due to his term ending.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Tsuneyoshi announced the reappointment of Commissioner Purdon and welcomed new Commissioners, Brendan Huffman, San Joaquin Sheriff Steve Moore and Matthew Webb. He also mentioned the Governor's appointment of Lester Snow as Secretary of Natural Resources Agency. Mr. Tsuneyoshi spoke briefly on the Department's budget and the life jacket wear rate study. He welcomed aboard new employee, Sylvia Hunter, Manager, for the Boating Loans, Information and Planning Unit.

Mr. Tsuneyoshi presented Commissioner Nagata with a Public Service Award for his dedication to the boating community as a member of the Boating and Waterways Commission. Mr. Nagata's term will end as of March 15, 2010. He will be missed.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Ms. Becerra updated the Commission on AB 166, SB 717 and SB 457. Copies of the Legislative Report were available to the public.

Ms. Hunter introduced herself to the Commission and gave a brief history on her work with the State of California.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Diepenbrock, San Francisco Marina Association, spoke on his support for the San Francisco Marina-East Harbor project.

Bright Winn, boat owner, also spoke on his support for the San Francisco Marina-East Harbor project.

Brad Gross, Director, Dana Point Harbor, gave the Commissioners an update on Dana Point. He gave the Commission a copy of the OC Dana Point Harbor Boater Focus Group Meeting, a draft copy of the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report and the flyer "*Dana Point Harbor Guidelines for Human Powered Craft.*" Mr. Gross would like the Commission, when setting its meetings, not to meet on the 2nd week of the month which is when the Coastal Commission holds its meetings.

Mark Sandoval, Vice President, CA Harbormasters and Port Captains, introduced himself to the new Commissioners.

Mary Hobson, Project Manager, San Francisco Marina, gave an update on the East Harbor project. She said she will come again before the Commission for an additional loan at the next meeting.

Larry White, Harbormaster, San Francisco Marina, added more updated information on the East Harbor project. He stated the Marina will be hosting the American Cup.

Chairman Metz called for a break at 10:18 A.M.; meeting resumed at 10:30 A.M.

CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC LOAN

Ms. Dill presented to the Commission for its advice and consent the following request for a public loan.

Coyote Point Marina

Gary Lockman, Superintendent of Parks and Cecily Harris, Financial Services Manager, were present to answer any questions from the Commission. Commissioner Metz visited the proposed project site and agrees with the Department's recommendation. After discussion, a motion was made.

***MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Purdon and seconded by Commissioner Clark that the Boating and Waterways Commission approve the Department of Boating and Waterways public loan of \$1,966,000.00 to the County of San Mateo for improvements to Dock 29 of the Coyote Point Marina. The motion carried unanimously.*

CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC GRANT

Mr. Watanabe presented to the Commission for its advice and consent the following request for a public grant.

El Dorado Beach Boat Launching Facility

Stan Hill, City Engineer, City of South Lake Tahoe was available to answer questions from the Commission. After discussion, a motion was made.

***MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Purdon and seconded by Commissioner Webb that the Boating and Waterways Commission approve the Department of Boating and Waterways public grant of \$420,000.00 to the City of South Lake Tahoe for improvements to the El Dorado Beach Boat Launching Facility. The motion carried unanimously.*

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers

***MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Purdon and seconded by Commissioner Clark that the current Chair and Vice Chair remain the same for the year 2010. The motion carried unanimously.*

Format of Minutes

It was decided to have the Boating and Waterways Commission Minutes streamlined.

AB 166

Ms. Peterson gave the Commission a status on AB 166, the vessel turn in program. She stated informational letters on the program will go out to all interested parties next week and information will be available on the Department's website.

Consent Calendar Procedure and Clarification

Ms. Becerra will clarify the procedure at the next Commission meeting, since she was not present at the previous Commission meeting when the issue was discussed.

Completed Projects

Mr. Watanabe gave the Commission a PowerPoint presentation on five completed Department projects.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget, Loan and Grants Update **Proposed Funding Impact on Proposed Loan and Grant Projects**

Ms. Becerra informed the Commission that money for future loan and grant projects may not be available. The following members of the public spoke to the Commission on this agenda item.

Brad Gross, Director, Dana Point Harbor, would like the Department to commit to the loans the Commission has already approved, since the projects are already in the pipeline and will benefit boaters. He would like to know the direction the Department is going to take.

Mike Sandoval, Long Beach Manager, Marinas and Beaches, stated Department funding is needed to replace/rebuilt old marinas. He added that there are large projects which need more funding due to rising cost. He understands the Department's advice to look for other options for funding.

Mary Hobson, Project Manager, San Francisco Marina, said the San Francisco Marina-East Harbor project has been delayed and negotiations are in the process for additional Department funding. She noted that the Department's phase funding puts a burden on the borrowers and they are looking for other areas of funding as an option.

Jan McClintock, City Manager, City of Colusa, spoke on the Colusa Boat Launching Facility, project and indicated representatives from State Parks, Fish and Game, sporting and hunting organizations, as well as others, were in the audience for support. She said there should be a policy in place on how funding is given on projects. Chairman Metz said the policy issue will be included as a future agenda item.

Stephanie Joyce, Landscape Architect, US Forest Service, spoke on the Trinity Center Boat Launching Facility and indicated there is local support for the project and said phase funding was a good program. She also would like a policy in place.

Jason Rhine, California Outdoor Heritage Alliance, spoke on his support of the Colusa Boat Launching Facility. He said in this year's budget they have \$16 million for approval and the loans that they have with the Department have been funded for a long time. He said it would be helpful if the Department would prioritize its funding.

Boating Needs Assessment Update

Ms. Becerra reported that it is no longer necessary to get Agency's approval to do a new Boating Needs Assessment study, but she is not sure there is money available in the Department's current budget to have a study done. This will be an item that will be discussed in the mid-term meeting with the Director.

Boating Summit

Commissioner Clark said it is no longer feasible to bring boaters together in a forum to discuss budget and other boating issues because of the State's budget problems.

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

2010 Meeting Schedule

There was no 2010 meeting schedule set. Some Commissioners would like to meet in various cities, but Ms. Becerra noted that there are still travel restrictions and there are issues of overtime. The 2010 meeting schedule will be discussed at the mid-term meeting.

ADJOURN

Chairman Metz adjourned the meeting at 1:00 P.M.

Original signed by:

Lucia C. Becerra, Acting Secretary