California Boating and Waterways Commission  
November 2021 Workshop

Date:
November 18, 2021

Time:
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location:
Virtual on Zoom

Commissioners Present:
Chair Kenneth Ehrman, Oxnard, CA  
Commissioner Tom Pier, San Francisco, CA

California State Parks (CSP) Staff Present:
Kathryn Tobias, Legal Counsel  
Bob Waller, Lead Training Coordinator & Workshop Facilitator

Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) Staff Present:
Ramona Fernandez, Acting Deputy Director  
Keren Dill, Chief of Grants and Loans  
Lane Massey, Manager, Administration  
Corrina Dugger, Manager, Boating Safety  
Joanna Andrade, Manager, Boating Safety  
Edward Hard, Manager, AIS Unit  
Jeffrey Caudill, Manager, AIPCP Program  
Cara Roderick, Manager, Quagga/Zebra Grant Program

Agenda Topics:
Appoint Subcommittees and/or Work Groups

Discussion:

🌈 Committee 1

Topic: Revenue Generation Lead Commissioner: Chair Kenneth Ehrman

Members/Participants:
Lane Massey  
Joanna Andrade  
Winston Bumpus, President, RBOC  
Jerry Desmond, Desmond Lobby Firm, RBOC
Goals:

- Not just raising the vessel fee
- Restructure Vessel Registration Fee
  - Requirement for Non-motorized vessels
  - Extend registration term
- Reduce amount going to other agencies
- Reduce program expenditures
- Fees for programs and services

Next Steps:

- Where do fuel tax dollars go?
  - 14% to DBW?
- How many registration notices sent out? Returned?
- Number of unregistered vessels?
- Non-motorized vessel numbers from partner organizations
- What’s working and what needs improvement?
  - Look at other states
- Ways to determine income of boat owners
- Fund Condition Statement

Future Meeting Dates:

12/16, 10:00 a.m.

Committee 2

**Topic:** Alternative Funding Sources **Lead Commissioner(s):** Commissioner Katie Hawkins
Commissioner Rudy Murillo

**Members/Participants:**

Edward Hard
Jeffrey Caudill
Cara Roderick
Ray Durazo, RBOC
Michael Sinacori, City of Newport Beach
Charlie Helms, Crescent City Harbor District
Kim Garvey, Project Manager, Moffat & Nichol
Eric Chiu, Delta Bay Marina
Mark Smith, Smith Policy Group
Amanda Lee, City of Del Mar
Dan Gira, Land Use and CEQA Manager, Wood PLC
Jonathan Clay, JGC Government Relations
Lenora Clark, RBOC, Former CBW Commissioner

Goals:

- Alternative Funding for Programs HWRF cannot sufficiently fund:
Aquatic Invasive Species
  Shoreline Erosion and Beach Nourishment
  Vessel registration fee for non-motorized vessels
  DBW or DMV to manage vessel registration?

Next Steps:

  Discussion on funding from other public entities
    Should the Department of Water Resources (DWR) State Water Contractors have a role in AIS?
  Should AIS be funded only through the sticker fee?
  Provide current list of AIS partnerships and resources

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12/16, 10:00 a.m.
1/20, 10:00 a.m.
2/17, 10:00 a.m.

Committee 3

Topic: Program Development  Lead Commissioner: Commissioner Tom Pier

Members/Participants:

Keren Dill
Corrina Dugger
Beau Biller, Platinum Advisors
Lenora Clark, RBOC, Former CBW Commissioner
Marc Beyeler, Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment (BEACON)
Morris Lum, RBOC
Chris Miller, City of Newport Beach
Jim Merid, City of Huntington Beach
Andrea Leuker, Harbor Manager, Port San Luis
Harbor District
Kyra Ross, Emanuels Jones & Associates
Todd Leutheuser, Long Beach Yacht Club (LBYC), RBOC
Michael Sinacori, City of Newport Beach
Jerry Desmond, Desmond Lobby Firm, RBOC
Jonathan Clay, JGC Government Relations
Kyra Ross, Emanuels Jones & Associates

Goals:

  Prioritize which programs to address
    Problem Areas
    Which programs are successful?
  Economic Impact Study
    Benefits of recreational boaters to CA
    Potential resource for study development: Dean West
  Alignment amongst groups and within the Division
Next Steps:

- Beach Nourishment and Erosion
  - Is DBW the place for these programs?
  - Need for funding sources
- Public Marina Loan Program
  - Potential future needs
- AIS Program
  - Other groups paying their fair share
- Abandoned Vessels
  - Keeping the program funded
- Boat Launch Facilities
  - Low water access
- Future needs of California Boaters
  - Program development to remain relevant
- Are there any gaps in the Division’s current offerings?
- Green technology and services needed for emerging electric vessels
- Non-motorized boater contribution into the fund

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TBD