

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, *Emanuel 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, *Emanuel 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