

MINUTES
BOATING AND WATERWAYS COMMISSION MEETING
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
November 9, 2016

Pursuant to due and regular notice, the meeting of the Boating and Waterways Commission was called to order by Chairman Livingston on November 9, 2016 at 9:32 a.m. at the California State Parks, Stanford Gallery, 111 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

A quorum of Commissioners was present: David Livingston, Chair; Randy Short, Vice Chair; Frank Peralta, , Commissioner; Virginia Madueno, Commissioner; Department of Parks and Recreation staff present was Lynn Sadler, Deputy Director, Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW); Kathryn Tobias, Legal Counsel; other DBW staff and registered visitors.

Commissioners absent were: Cecily Harris, Commissioner, Katherine Pettibone, Commissioner and Douglas Metz, Commissioner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Livingston announced approval of the minutes.

MOTION: It was moved by Vice Chair Short and seconded by Commissioner Madueno that the Boating and Waterways Commission Minutes of August 10, 2016 meeting be approved. The motion passed 4-0.

COMMISSIONERS' ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Commissioner Peralta gave a brief update regarding the Memorial Boys Club in San Diego which is seeking to get youth involved in boating activities.

Commissioner Short gave a brief update regarding a meeting with citizens interested in Mono Lake, a very large valuable asset in the Eastern Sierra of California. Attending were representatives from the National Park Service, State Park Service, the Forest Service, and three user group organizations and volunteers. Many were interested in accessibility. Commissioner Short suggested they request a non-motorized boat launch grant.

Commissioner Madueno announced an upcoming three day marketing and outreach trip with Lynn Sadler, Deputy Director. She stated they will be embarking on meetings with elected officials in Merced, City of Merced, Merced County, the City of Modesto, Stanislaus County, the City of Fresno, and Fresno County to let our neighboring communities know more about what Boating and Waterways does. Commissioner Madueno stated she wants to emphasize how the Division of Boating and Waterways under the California Parks and Recreation system really serves as a conduit to be able to help and assist communities throughout the entire State of California and especially in her region of the San Joaquin Valley.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Deputy Director Lynn Sadler gave brief update regarding the following:

The State Parks Transformation process is ongoing. The Division has completed two engagement meetings with DBW stakeholders.

New Hire: a new Retired Annuitant has been hired to assist in drafting regulations for various DBW programs, starting with the new boater card.

The Boating Needs Assessment has begun. 86,000 cards have gone out for the motorized boating portion of the survey. 1700 of the necessary 4000 responses have been received so far. The law enforcement portion of that survey is also out to 197 representatives from different law enforcement agencies around the state. The next phase has been re-scoped and that will be the non-motorized phase. The California Boater Card is continuing apace. Databases are being built, contacts are being drafted, and the Technical Advisory Group is working on the formula for fees. DBW staff consulted with the State of Washington, which has the most analogous system to ours, to take advantage of their lessons learned.

The law enforcement support has held 30 classes in eight different disciplines. We've updated Boating Under the Influence and Boating Accident Investigation courses. In 2016, thus far we've had 215 students and 16 classes. Other states are now contacting us, acknowledging the high quality of DBW courses and asking if they can take courses.

Aquatic Invasive Species Unit: It's been a very good year for aquatic invasive species, and I mean that literally. But fortunately our team has been up to the challenge. The Division is on target to control up to 4500 acres of floating aquatic vegetation. The team has treated 2,494 acres of submersed vegetation. After one full year of mechanical harvesting, 74,050 cubic yards of material has been removed from the Delta. DBW has had four new season of crews, 4 boats and trucks, three replacement boats, six people from the CCC, new environmental science and toxicology field techs and field specialists.

But what's really important about that is much better coordination, working with not only local governments and groups, but also with individuals who are playing the role of citizen scientists. These better relationships are also leading to better media coverage and the unit is very proud of that. There was a recent article in the Stockton Record saying that there is hope there will be a Christmas parade of lights this year.

Deputy Director Sadler gave the requested brief Power Point presentation to the Commissioners, to use to organize thoughts at meetings and provide some consistency and organization that will be useful.

Ms. Sadler briefly discussed implementation design of Love California, Boat California, Save California media campaign.

Deputy Director Sadler gave a brief update regarding Legislation: There was one bill that passed that relates to what we're doing. This law allows Law enforcement to seek a search warrant for a blood draw in an alcohol stop. That's allowed with cars, trucks, highway vessels, but boat vessels was left out, so this law corrected that.

Chairman Livingston added that this bill was intended as a cleanup to have it consistent with current vehicular driving-under-the-influence laws. This gives the officers the authority to seek a court order to compel a blood test in those cases where a boat operator refuses to provide that. The ultimate goal is just to make our waterways safer and to enforce existing laws.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public representatives for Non-Agenda items were:

None.

Public representatives for Agenda items were:

Treasure Island Enterprises

Jay Wallace

Treasure Island Sailing Center

Mr. Guinther

Treasure Island Development Authority

Robert Beck

ADVICE AND COMMENT REGARDING DBW COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Deputy Director Sadler announced the requirements regarding the Commissioner report to the Legislature. Staff has begun gathering the necessary information. Certainly, any law or grant that has been or is being considered.

ADVICE AND COMMENT REGARDING PUBLIC GRANTS

Joe Dux, Project Manager, Boating and Facilities Development and Financing Unit, presented a request for \$990,000 Planning and Construction Grant to the Sonoma County for Doran Park, Boat Launching Facility (BLF).

Also in attendance were:

- Elizabeth Tyree, Grants Program Manager, Sonoma County

MOTION: It was moved by Vice Chair Short, seconded by Commissioner Peralta, to approve the proposed \$990,000 Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund planning and construction grant to the Sonoma County for Doran Park, Boat Launch Facility Improvements described in the November 9, 2016 Feasibility Report. The motion passed unanimously.

ADVICE AND COMMENT REGARDING PRIVATE LOAN:

Treasure Island Marina:

Vice Chair Short recused himself creating a lack of a quorum.

The remaining Commissioners opted to receive a brief presentation and then calendar this for action at a future meeting.

Keren Dill, Chief of the Boating Facilities Development and Financing Unit provided a brief update regarding Treasure Island Enterprises request for a 4.2 million dollar loan for the proposed Phase One construction of the Treasure Island Marina.

Also present was: Mr. Jay Wallace, Treasure Island Enterprises.

RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING DIVISION PROGRAMS

Dr. Ron Flick; Ron Kent; Joe, Dux; Casey Caldwell; Vivian Matuk; Melissa Miranda; Denise Peterson; Johana Naughton; Amy Rigby and Joleane King presented and updated on the following programs:

Oceanography Program
Local Assistance Floating Restroom Program
Local Assistance Pump- Out Facility Program
Local Assistance Boat Launching Facility Programs

- Statewide Ramp Repair & Modification
- Statewide Non-Motorized Boat Launching Facility
- Statewide Sign

Local Assistance Public Small Craft Harbor Loan Program
Private Small Craft Harbor Loan Program
Beach Erosion and Restoration Program

- Beach Restoration Program
- Beach Erosion Control Program

Boating Clean and Green Program
Dock Walker Program
Boating Safety and Education Programs
DBW Accident Reporting Program
Aquatic Center Program

Boating Safety Course
Aqua Smart Program
Life Jacket Awareness Program
Life Jacket Loaner Program
Boating Safety Environmental Awareness Multimedia Campaign

The Power Point presentation for those programs is attached.

DETERMINATION OF FUTURE MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

Deputy Director Sadler identified the following for a January or February meeting:

East Park Reservoir, Stony Gorge and Trinity Center. She recommended Los Angeles or Morro Bay for an April meeting.

SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Meeting Adjourned at 12:47 p.m.