

MINUTES
BOATING AND WATERWAYS COMMISSION MEETING
BISHOP, CALIFORNIA
AUGUST 10, 2016

Pursuant to due and regular notice, the meeting of the Boating and Waterways Commission was called to order by Chairman Livingston on August 10, 2016 at 9:04 a.m. at the City of Bishop, City Hall Chamber Office 377 W Line Street, Bishop, California 93514.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Livingston announced approval of the minutes.

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Harris and seconded by Vice Chair Short that the Boating and Waterways Commission Minutes of February 24, 2016 meeting be approved. The motion passed 5-0-1 with Commissioner Metz abstaining.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Livingston thanked his host and those in attendances.

COMMISSIONERS' ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Vice Chair Short introduced elected officials present at the meeting:

Dan Totheroh, County Board of Supervisor, Inyo County
Rick Fucci, Board of Supervisor, City of Bishop
Joe Peci, Bishop City Council

Mr. Peci thanked the Commission for choosing Bishop as the Commission meeting venue.

Vice Chair Short stated he liked the all day tour and found it very informative and productive.

Vice Chair Short stated there was an excellent presentation by Larry Freilich from Inyo County on the Lower Owens River Project. Rick Benson from the county attended as well as representatives from U.S. California Fish and Wildlife, Sierra Club, and the Friends of Inyo and from the community from Bishop or from Lone Pine Chamber. The tour progressed to Silver Lake, then to June Lake to view the launch ramp and the new accessible pathway. The tour continued to Convict Lake and Rock Creek Lake, and then ended at Crowley Lake, the most visited lake in the Eastern Sierra.

Vice Chair Short then thanked the US Forest Service:

Ed Armenta, Supervisor, US Forest Service, Inyo National Forest
Nora Gamino, Forest Engineer, US Forest Service, Inyo National Forest

Chair Livingston expressed, a special thank you to the City of Bishop for welcoming the Commissioners.

Commissioner Harris reported on a ballot measure passed in the San Francisco Bay Area, the Restoration Authority, which will support public access and restoration of the nine Bay Area County shorelines. She reported October 1 is Bay Day and information on the website.

Commissioner Madueno reported she will be working with Deputy Director Sadler to visit San Joaquin Valley communities to see how Boating and Waterways can help rural communities and in the San Joaquin Valley.

Commissioner Peralta expressed that the previous day, tour was requested had been the best by far during his tenure.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lisa Mangat, Director, California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) presented a brief overview of State Parks and Boating and Waterways. Along with the latest progress on the Parks Transformation efforts. She stated one most important thing is that both the Commission and the Division serve as the experts in the state of California that know and understand all things boating and nautical as part of the culture and economy of the state of California. She invited the Commissioners and public to engagement meetings focused on Boating and Waterways on August 15 in Sacramento and August 25 in San Diego. She stated web links would be available for both meetings.

The Commission expressed their appreciation to Director Mangat for her remarks.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT – DIVISION ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Deputy Director Lynn Sadler provided a brief overview of the Boating and Waterways Division activities.

The Office of the Inspector General has concluded its audit on the Federal 2009 Clean Vessel Act Grant. She reported we were able to provide support for all but \$3,500. The government not only accepted the documentation but provided no further restrictions.

Notice for \$360,000 in grants for pump-out and dump-station installation, replacement, operation and maintenance has been posted with the Federal Boating Infrastructure Grant Notice.

She reported, DBW's 16-week boating safety media campaign is in full swing. This year's theme is "Love California, Boat California, Save California." It is a campaign that consists of radio, online, social media, television, and outdoor events.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public representatives for Non-Agenda items were:

Inyo County
Jeff Griffiths

Bishop Chamber of Commerce
Tawni Thomson

Bishop City Council
Joe Peci

Inyo County Supervisor
California Invasive Species Council
Linda Arcularius (retired)

Disabled Sports Eastern Sierras / Wounded Warriors Center
Brigid Salamon
Kathy Copeland

Inyo-Mono Association for the Handicapped
Beth Himelhock, Director

Public:
Robert F. Waggomer

Public representatives for Agenda items were:

US Forest Service, Inyo National Forest
Ed Armenta

Public:
John Atkins

ADVICE AND COMMENT REGARDING PUBLIC GRANTS

Cynthia Clauser, Project Manager, Boating and Facilities Development and Financing Unit, presented request for \$910,000 Planning and Construction Grant for improvements at the Silver Lake Boat Launching Facility (BLF).

Also in attendance from United States Forest Services:

- Ed Armenta, Supervisor, US Forest Service, Inyo National Forest

MOTION: It was moved by Chair Livingston, seconded by Commissioner Peralta, to approve the proposed \$910,000 Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund planning and construction grant to the U.S. Forest Service for the Silver Lake Boat Launching Facility Improvements described in the August 10, 2016, Feasibility Report. The motion passed unanimously.

RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING DIVISION PROGRAMS

Ron Kent, Edward Hard presented and updated on the following programs:

Boating Infrastructure Grant Program

Aquatic Invasive Species – Quagga/Zebra Grant Program

- Quagga/Zebra Grants
- Weed Detection, Monitoring and Control

DETERMINATION OF FUTURE MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

Lynn Sadler, Deputy Director reported the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2016 in San Francisco, California, and will likely be a very long day.

SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Meeting Adjourned at 11:37 a.m.