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**MINUTES**  
**RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.**  
**UWCD Headquarters, Board Room**  
**1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard, CA 93030**

(In addition to its public Recreation Committee Meeting, the public could also choose to participate virtually using the Webex video conferencing application.)

**Committee Members Present:**

Chair Sheldon G. Berger  
Mohammed A. Hasan  
Edwin T. McFadden III

**Staff Present:**

Anthony Emmert, assistant general manager  
Clayton Strahan, chief park ranger  
Jackie Lozano, administrative assistant  
Josh Perez, human resources manager  
Zachary Plummer, IT administrator

**Public Present:**

Maria Christopher  
John Marquez

**OPEN SESSION 9:02 a.m.**

Chair Berger called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

**Committee Roll Call**

Clerk called the roll. Director Berger participated via WebEx and Director Hasan participated in person. Director McFadden initially signed on, but due to technical difficulties was unavailable during roll call; he joined the meeting later and participated via Webex.

**1. Public Comment**

Chair Berger asked if there were any public comments. None were offered.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the Committee Minutes from April 7, 2021, Director Hasan; Second, Director Berger. Two ayes (Hasan, Berger); none opposed, one absent (Director McFadden). Motion carried 2/0/1.

**3. Economic Update**

Chief Strahan provided an overview and presentation to the Committee (presentation attached). Some of the items discussed were statistical vessel and day-use camping information, protocols and procedures for boats entering and exiting the lake regarding quagga mussels, and incentive programs for repeat and day use visitors.



Information Item. No further comments or questions from the Committee.

No comments or questions from the public.

#### 4. Monthly Operational Update

The Committee received and reviewed the monthly report, as provided in the agenda packet. Chief Strahan presented highlights of the monthly activities for April 2021 (presentation attached). Director Hasan suggested to staff to continue their outreach efforts by including outlying counties and other tourism bureau's. Chief Strahan mentioned that he and staff are continually working on getting the name out there.

IT Administrator Zachary Plummer summarized the process of how the Wi-fi coverage was selected, as requested by Director Hasan. Also mentioned was that the system is upgradeable, in anticipation of future wireless technology upgrades which occur every couple of years.

There was a question as to accommodations in the camping area for larger trailers/RVs. Chief Strahan explained requests such as those are being mitigated through the master planning efforts. United staff met three times at Lake Piru to developing a list of future improvements for the new fiscal year and future years to layout changes and improvements to the park. Director McFadden commented he finds it exciting to attend these Recreation Committee meetings and what he was hearing is encouraging and feels optimistic with what the future holds.

Public participant John Marquez, CEO for the Santa Paula Chamber of Commerce, commended Recreation Area staff for the work being done at the lake and offered his service/support as a chamber member. Maria Christopher who represents the Heritage Valley Tourism Bureau also gave her thanks to Chief Strahan and the Committee for the changes that are happening at the Lake for the Piru community. Director Berger thanked Mr. Marquez and Ms. Christopher for their participation and welcomed their comments. Also, he stressed the importance of establishing partnerships with other organizations and community that staff is working hard to build.

Information Item. No further comments or questions from the Committee.

No further comments or questions from the public.

#### 5. Future Agenda Items

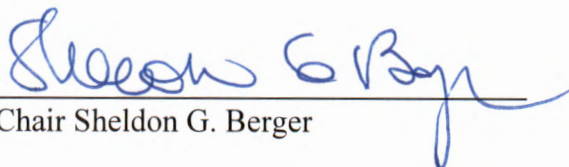
Chair Berger polled the Committee as to any future agenda items. None were offered.

#### ADJOURNMENT 9:37 A.M.

Meeting was adjourned by Chair Berger at 9:37 A.M.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the UWCDC Recreation Committee meeting of May 5, 2021.

ATTEST:

  
Chair Sheldon G. Berger