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**MINUTES**  
**RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 9:00 A.M.**  
**UWCD Headquarters, Board Room**  
**1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard, CA 93030**

**Committee Members Present:**

Chair Sheldon G. Berger  
Mohammed A. Hasan

**Directors absent**

Edwin T. McFadden III

**Staff Present:**

Maryam Bral, chief Engineer  
Anthony Emmert, assistant general manager  
Eva Ibarra, administrative assistant  
Josh Perez, chief human resources officer  
Daryl Smith, controller  
Clayton Strahan, chief park ranger

**Public Present:**

No members of the public in attendance

**OPEN SESSION 9:00 a.m.**

Chair Berger called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Committee Roll Call**

Clerk called the roll. Director Berger and Director Hasan participated in person. Director McFadden was absent.

**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 September 1, 2021, Director Hasan; Second, Director Berger. Two ayes (Hasan, Berger); none opposed, one absent (Director McFadden). Motion carried 2/0/1.

**3. Concessions Update**

Chief Human Resources Officer Josh Perez provided an update on concession activities. He stated that the District has not received any interest in providing proposals for store operations at the Recreation Area. Staff believes Tommy's Marine LLC would be a good partner for the District's boat rental services and will be presenting an agreement for the Board's consideration in the coming months, with the General Manager's approval.



Director Berger asked for more background information on Tommy's business model. Mr. Perez stated Tommy's overall business model is to buy new boats every year, replacing the used vessels with new, high-quality vessels and equipment annually.

Director Hasan asked what Tommy's will do for the lake? Mr. Perez stated they will be providing boat rental services throughout the peak seasons of the year. Director Hasan asked if this would be a contract with Tommy's? Mr. Perez replied saying yes, and the term of the agreement would be for a period of one year, with a five-year option. Tommy's will pay ten percent of its rental revenue to United Water once their earnings are over \$200,000. UWCD General Manager Mauricio Guardado stated this will allow the District to try Tommy's services, and if the District is not satisfied with their services, the District can end the contract after one year, or, if the District is pleased with the services, it can extend the agreement for up to five years.

Director Berger asked about the store operation? Mr. Guardado stated that staff is taking a phased approach to building up the resources and services at the Lake Piru Recreation area. Staff evaluated the services needed and believe United could opt to run the store operations if no outside parties are interested.

Director Berger asked what kind of boats Tommy's will provide for the lake and inquired about fuel needs. Chief Park Ranger Strahan replied that new boats will be provided every year, with the mention of Tahoe 24 to 28 foot size boats, and three to four ski boats. He added that as far as fuel, Tommy's will provide their own fuel to run the service.

Director Berger and Director Hasan asked about liability for Tommy's services and Chief Strahan said Tommy's insurance has double the amount required.

#### **4. Economic Update**

The Committee received and reviewed the monthly economic report from Chief Strahan. Chief Strahan presented visitation and revenue figures associated with the Recreation Area via MySites numbers (the online reservation service), comparing 2021 and 2019 revenue (presentation attached).

Chair Berger asked Chief Strahan why camping revenue is down in comparison to day use revenue? Chief Strahan stated the entrance fee was lowered to encourage more visits for day use. Director Berger also asked if a phone application can be generated for use of payments? Chief Strahan said he will explore the option for use of credit cards through the phone application for services at the Lake Piru Recreation area and report back to the Committee.

#### **5. Monthly Operational Update**

##### **Information Item**

The Committee received and reviewed the monthly operational report. Additionally, the Committee received an oral report and presentation from staff which included ongoing maintenance and improvement tasks and activities at the Lake Piru Recreation Area through October 2021 (see slides).

Chair Hasan asked for clarification as to who Ron Walker is and Chief Strahan replied that Mr. Walker was a former National Park Service Director and a legend in the field. Chief Strahan also mentioned that he was awarded the Leadership Award when he attended the Ron Walker leadership program. Mr. Guardado stated that the District is very proud of Chief Strahan for taking the initiative to attend the program and for being recognized with this prestigious award.



Director Berger asked for an update on quagga mussels? Mr. Guardado and Chief Strahan discussed the State of California's view on quaggas.

**6. Future Agenda Items**

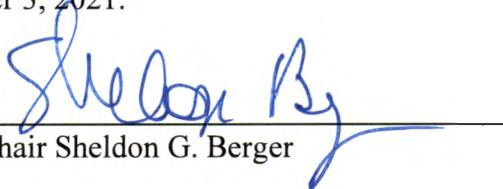
Chair Berger asked Director Hasan if he had any future agenda items. None were offered.

**ADJOURNMENT 9:51 A.M.**

Meeting was adjourned by Chair Berger at 9:51 A.M.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the UWCD Recreation Committee meeting of November 3, 2021.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Chair Sheldon G. Berger