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RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 5, 2022, 9:00 A.M.

Board Room, UWCD Headquarters

1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard CA 93030

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., general manager
Anthony Emmert, assistant general manager
Clayton Strahan, chief park ranger
Josh Perez, chief human resources officer
Zachary Plummer, IT administrator
Kris Sofley, executive assistant/clerk of the board

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

None

OPEN SESSION 9:00 A.M.

Chair Berger called the Committee meeting to order at 9:00a.m. All Committee members were present.

1. Public Comments

Information Item

Chair Berger asked if there were any comments or questions from the public for the Committee. None were offered.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion

Motion to approve the Minutes from the December 1, 2021 Committee meeting, Director McFadden; Second, Director Naumann. Voice vote: three ayes (Berger, Hasan, Naumann). Motion carries unanimously 3/0.

3. Monthly Operational Update

Information Item

Chief Park Ranger Strahan addressed the Committee members, reporting that the Recreation and Park staff were focusing on preparing the Lake Piru Recreation Area for its next summer season, calling this period "campus restoration." He and the Lake staff were focusing on guest amenities, cleaning, fixing or replacing items like fire rings, BBQs, etc. Chief Strahan also reported some minor maintenance and clean up was been done which resulted from the December storm events and recognized the Santa Felicia Dam and Operations and Maintenance staff for their assistance. He reported that lake area received 11 inches of rain in addition to the Pyramid State Water Project release as part of the

District's Pulse Flow study, which resulted in the lake elevation raising some nine feet. This information was included in a slide presentation which accompanied Chief Strahan's report (see attached slides).

Chief Strahan also reported that staff in at work on the Condor Pointe project, part of the District's Article 412 improvements, which includes enhancing the swim area at Condor Pointe and installing shade ramadas.

Chief Strahan then discussed staff training and travel over the past month, including Ranger Witman's completion of FAA Pilot school for drone operation training. He also reported that Rangers Witman and Helton have also both completed Water Treatment Grade 2 certification and herbicide application and handling training.

Chief Strahan also reported staff training on communicating, educating and dealing with the homeless population along the Santa Clara River has been completed, especially valuable to the District as Lake Piru staff are now working at monitoring and cleaning up the District's property alongside the river.

Chief Strahan reported that the Lake Piru staff participated in the Piru Community Christmas Parade, driving the Ranger truck and pulling the Patrol Boat, which was appropriately decorated. Chief Strahan also reported that staff repurposed the Lake Piru Recreation Area water bottles, originally purchased for the 5K Run at Lake Piru which was cancelled due to the covid pandemic, stuffing them with candy and handing them out to all the kids that lined the parade route.

Chief Strahan also said that staff continues to work with the design group on the facilities improvement plan which will be brought to the Committee for its consideration once it has been completed.

Chief Strahan then demonstrated the expanded ExploreLakePiru.com website for the Committee. He showed how new pages and links have been created providing the public with much more information on the Lake's history, hiking trails, swimming sites, fishing, and a host of other guest amenities. Chief Strahan explained that this expansion provides significantly more engagement with the public and encourages a broader use of the Lake Piru Recreation Area.

Mr. Guardado asked the Committee if it felt it was appropriate to share the demonstration of the expanded website with the full Board. Chair Berger and the Committee members agreed that the website demonstration should be presented to the full Board at its January 12 meeting.

4. UWCD Board of Directors Motion Item (January 12, 2022 meeting)

Chief Strahan shared details of the Recreation and Park Department's motion item (Motion Item 5.6) at the January Board of Directors meeting. He explained that Tommy's Boats has received a licensing agreement from the District which would have Tommy's Boats handling boat rentals and operation of the Lake Piru Marina. If the Board approves the agreement, Tommy's would begin its operations at Lake Piru beginning on March, 15,

2022, providing them with enough time to establish its boat rental operations in advance of the spring and summer season at the lake.

Chief Strahan explained that unlike previous concessionaires, who were paid by the District, Tommy's Boats would be paying the District 10 percent of its revenue up to \$250,000 and that percentage would increase to 15 percent on revenues above \$250,000. As part of the agreement, the District will retain all revenue from dry storage fees at the lake, estimated to be approximately \$19,000 annually. Chief Strahan also explained that, as stipulated in the contract, Tommy's would also be able to rent boats at its Lake Piru location for use outside of the lake. He added that of the proposed 10 boats that Tommy's would keep at Lake Piru, only two boats would be available for offsite use.

Chair Berger asked if the agreement was year-round or seasonal. Chief Strahan said the agreement was mainly for the summer season and that Tommy's has the option to keep boats in the water throughout the one-year agreement period. He added that typically, the period for boat rental at Lake Piru is during the high season from April through October, and there is very little demand between November and February. He did say that after the first year, the District could renegotiate with Tommy's for year-round operations if it was worthwhile.

Chair Berger asked if the fleet of rental boats would be replaced each year. Chief Strahan said yes, that between 10 and 15 boats will be available during the first year of the agreement, and if demand validates the need for more boats, that is included as part of the District's five year plan, and could go as high as 40 boats if the demand is there.

Chair Berger asked about the location of Tommy's Boats retail operations. Chief Strahan said the company has retail operations in Castaic, which is a brand-new retail facility, and in Ventura, where Tommy's has taken over the Tilly Marine location. Chief Strahan added that Tommy's was interested in the Lake Piru location because it is central to both of its retail operations.

The Committee and Chief Strahan then discussed the type of boats that would be available, how long it would take Tommy's to get prepared and bring in vessels. Chief Strahan again confirmed that Tommy's would begin preparation of its operation at Lake Piru in March 2022 and that Tommy's didn't have any concerns about supply chain issues.

General Manager Mauricio Guardado suggested that once Tommy's Boats is established at Lake Piru, staff will make arrangements for the Committee to receive a special tour of the Lake Piru Recreation Area to see the improvements as well as Tommy's Boats marina operations.

Chief Strahan then asked for the Committee's recommendation for approval of the Tommy's Boats agreement to the full Board. Chair Berger and the Committee agreed to recommend approval of the agreement to the full Board.

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5. Future Agenda Items

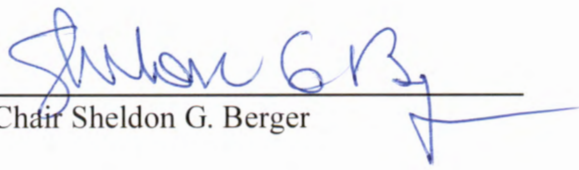
Chair Berger asked if the Committee had any suggestions for future agenda items. None were offered by the Committee, but Chair Berger said, "continue with the good news!"

ADJOURNMENT 9:28a.m

Chair Berger adjourned the Recreation Committee meeting at 9:28a.m.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the UWCD Recreation Committee meeting of January 5, 2022.

ATTEST:


Chair Sheldon G. Berger