



MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Monday, November 7, 2022, 10:30 A.M.
Lake Piru Recreation Area – Park Rangers Office
4780 Piru Canyon Rd, Piru, CA 93040

Directors Present:

Bruce E. Dandy, Board president
Mohammed A. Hasan, director
Gordon Kimball, director
Lynn Maulhardt, Board secretary
Mike Mobley, director (joined the meeting during the tour of the facilities)

Directors Absent:

Sheldon G. Berger, Board vice president
Daniel C. Naumann, director

Staff Present:

Mauricio Guardado, general manager
Suparna Jain, District legal counsel
Josh Perez, chief human resources officer
Zachary Plummer, technology systems manager
Taylor Sabia, reservation coordinator
Kris Sofley, executive assistant to the GM/clerk of the Board
Clayton Strahan, chief park ranger
Peter Whitman, park ranger III
Dan and Joann Perrault, volunteer work campers at Lake Piru
Barry and Lisa Thompson, volunteer work campers at Lake Piru

Public Present:

Nancy Bengry Kimball

1. FIRST OPEN SESSION 10:30 a.m.

President Dandy called the Special Board Meeting to order at 10:30a.m.

1.A Pledge of Allegiance

The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1.B Public Comment
Information Item**

President Dandy asked if there were any public comments. None were offered.

1.C Approval of Agenda

Motion

Motion to approve the agenda, Director Maulhardt; Second, Director Hasan. Voice vote: four ayes (Dandy, Hasan, Kimball, Maulhardt); none opposed; three absent (Berger, Mobley, Naumann)

1.D General Manager's Report

Information Item

General Manager Mauricio Guardado updated the Board on the District's clean-up efforts along the Santa Clara River. Chief Park Ranger Strahan and his team have been notified of two brush fires in the watershed over the past 10 days, south of Saticoy at North Bank. Chief Strahan has been working with Ventura County Supervisor Matt LaVere's office to address the homeless encampments and are working with County offices to develop a collaborative process for dealing with illegal trespassing, homeless encampments and trash dumping among other issues. Mr. Guardado also addressed how Chief Strahan, working with Operations and Maintenance team, have been handling weed abatement which all believe deters the encampments.

President Dandy recalled how he, Mr. Guardado and Chief Strahan met with Supervisor LeVere and his staff to address the homeless issue and that the Supervisor offered support and to step up the County's involvement in identifying a workable solution for this continuing problem.

Mr. Guardado added that while the County is responsible, the District is working with the City and other offices to curtail these issues and suggested that this is an opportunity to collaborate with Supervisor LaVere and his administrative team on developing a collaborative and multilevel approach to addressing trespassing, homeless encampments, trash dumping and other issues that continue to plague the watershed.

President Dandy asked if there were any questions or comments. None were offered.

1.E Tour of Lake Piru Recreation Area Improvements

Information Item

Chief Strahan invited the Board members to join him outside and explained that the volunteer work campers would be driving them in utility carts so they wouldn't have to walk all over the Recreation area in the rain.

First stop on the tour was the recently remodeled Welcome (Entry) Kiosk. The Directors were then driven to the Olive Grove Campground to observe new security fencing and the sites of proposed future improvements. The group carried on to the Day Use Park Area to observe the irrigation improvement project which was completed in early 2022.

Next stop was the proposed RV Park site (known as overflow camping currently) where Chief Strahan highlighted the proposed future improvements to the area which will accommodate more RV type camping as well as offer tremendous views of the surrounding mountains and observations of wildlife.

Moving on to the Dry Storage area, where boats are stored, Chief Strahan showed the group the newly installed security and privacy fencing which encompasses the facility (720 linear feet of fencing), enhancing the esthetics of the facility and bolstering security.

Next stop was the Condor Point picnic area where the group toured the recently improved facilities at the area which were mandated by FERC. This included six new shade ramadas, landscaping improvements, new BBQ grills, and picnic structures and ADA compliant picnic structures. The group also went inside the Condor Point store and discussed possible usage of the structure, including reopening merchant operations.

The last stop of the tour was the Lake Piru Marina launch facility. Board members were introduced to the boat concession service (Tommy's Boats) and were provided with a tour of the "fleet" of rental vessels.

ADJOURNMENT 11:42a.m.

At the completion of the tour, President Dandy adjourned the meeting to the next **Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2022** or call of the President.


I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the UWCD Special Board of Directors meeting of November 7, 2022.

ATTEST:



Lynn E. Maulhardt, Board Secretary

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Kris Sofley, Clerk of the Board