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AGENDA
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.
District Headquarters, Board Room, First Floor
1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard, CA 93030

OPEN SESSION 9:00 A.M.

Committee Roll Call

1. Public Comment

The public may address the Recreation Committee on any matter not on the agenda within the jurisdiction of the Committee. All comments are subject to a five-minute time limit.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion

The Committee will review and consider approving the Minutes from the February 1, 2023, meeting.

3. Monthly Park and Recreation Department Report

Information Item

The Committee will receive and review the monthly report. Additionally, the Committee will receive an oral report and presentation from staff which includes ongoing tasks and activities from the Lake Piru Recreation Area for the month of February and March 2023, along with a financial overview.

4. Facilities Improvement Plan Review

Information Item

The Committee will receive an oral update on the latest updates for the Lake Piru Facilities Improvement Plan, to date.

Future Agenda Items

The Committee will suggest issues or topics they would like to discuss at future meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Directors:

Chair Sheldon G. Berger
Daniel C. Naumann
Gordon Kimball

Staff:

Mauricio Guardado
Clayton Strahan
Anthony Emmert
Josh Perez
Zach Plummer
Eva Ibarra

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Approved: 
General Manager Mauricio Guardado

Posted: (Date) March 30, 2023 (time) 7:30 p.m. (attest) Eva Ibarra At:
United Water Conservation District Headquarters, 1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard, CA 93030
Posted: (Date) March 30, 2023 (time) 7:45 p.m. (attest) Eva Ibarra



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MINUTES
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
February 1, 2023, 9:00 A.M.
Boardroom, UWCD Headquarters
1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard, CA 93030

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sheldon G. Berger, chair
Mohammed A. Hasan, director

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Mauricio Guardado, general manager
Clayton Strahan, chief park ranger
Josh Perez, chief human resources officer
Zachary Plummer, it manager
Eva Ibarra, clerk of the board
Brian Zahn, chief financial officer
Maryam Bral, chief engineer
Kathryn Prado, reservation coordinator, LPRA
Tessa Lenz, environmental scientist/regulatory affairs
Hannah Garcia-Wickstrum, associate environmental scientist
Anthony Emmert, assistant general manager

OPEN SESSION 9:01 A.M.

Chair Berger called the Committee meeting to order at 9:01a.m. Two Committee members were present (Director Berger and Director Hasan).

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 September 7, 2022, Director Hasan; Second, Director Berger. Voice vote: two ayes (Hasan, Berger). Motion carries unanimously 2/0.

3. Monthly Operational Update

Information Item

The Committee received a summary report on the activities of the Parks and Recreation Department for the months of September through January 2023, along with financial overview.

Director Hasan asked what is wet storage? Chief Park Ranger Clayton Strahan said visitors at the lake can rent a space for their boats and other needed items, when using the lake.

Director Hasan asked if the lake had a way to divert the storm water? Chief Park Ranger Strahan replied saying no, it's a natural creek.

Director Hasan asked if the storm disaster cleanup will be reimbursed? Chief Strahan said yes, it should be reimbursed 100 percent once the District has applied for the reimbursement. The District will have deadlines to meet to ensure it receives 100 percent reimbursement from FEMA. If not, FEMA coverage drops to 75 percent and CAL-OES covers a portion of the remaining cost. There is the possibility that some of the costs might have as much as a 6.25% cost commitment from the District if the FEMA work deadlines can't be met since CAL-OES steps into aid with a portion of the remaining liability. Much of that will be subject to oversight from FEMA and CAL-OES during the cleanup effort.

Director Berger asked how long the cleanup will take? Chief Strahan said it is unknown, but it will take time, as it is extensive.

Director Hasan asked if they would help the clean-up process to move the large boulders with equipment. Chief Strahan said the cleanup is in process, and moving large boulders is part of the contractor's job. Clearing all debris includes large boulders.

4. Board Motion Items for February 8, 2023, Meeting

The Committee received, reviewed, and considered recommending approval of the following motion items to the Board of Directors during the meeting scheduled for February 8, 2023:

Director Hasan asked why the District is changing workers compensation to a higher amount on Tommy's contract extension? Chief Human Resources Officer Josh Perez said this is to better protect United, and the change has been accepted in the contract extension by Tommy's Boats.

Director Berger asked if the contract extension allows United to terminate the contract if desired? Chief Strahan said yes, the District can terminate at any time.

Director Hasan, Director Berger, General Manager Mauricio Guardado and Chief Strahan discussed the master plan and the reasons why the District does not redo the plan and discussed the suggested changes.

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Director Berger asked if the lake is still supported by work campers? Chief Strahan said yes, there are currently 13 work campers at the lake and only one is on payroll.

Both Director Hasan and Director Berger requested a cost versus revenue chart slide be removed for any future presentations, as they felt it was not helpful. Both Directors also requested more time to review the Lake Piru improvement plan, although they stated that the presentation was very well presented. Dr. Bral said staff will agendize the review of the improvement plan for next committee meeting. This will allow more time for reviewing the plan by each director and will also provide for an update to the discussion.

Future Agenda Items-None mentioned.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:15 a.m.

Director Berger adjourned the Recreation Committee meeting at 10:15 am

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the UWCD Recreation Committee meeting of February 1, 2023.

ATTEST: _____
Director Sheldon Berger



Operational Update: December 2022 and January 2023

Facilities Maintenance and Operational Update

- Completed phase 1 of annual tree care management program (Pepper trees and Aleppo pines in marina).
- The dry storage security fence improvement project was completed in early December, Condor Point improvement project completed 12/29/2022.
 - Includes landscaping, shade ramadas and hydroseeding.
- The lake Piru asphalt management project was at 95% complete on 12/31/2022.
- Areas of work included Olive Grove campground and the roadway immediately in front of the ranger's station.

A photograph of a large, mature tree with dense green foliage, standing in a grassy area with a paved path in the foreground.A photograph of a marina area with several boats docked, a blue canopy, and a fence in the foreground.

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Operational Update: September - January

Upcoming Training, Events, and Meetings

Dec. 5-23	• Asphalt Paving Project
Dec. 12	• VCFPD Service MOU
Dec. 15-29	• Condor Point Landscaping Project
Dec. 16	• Botched Film Shoot
Dec. 19	• Piru Christmas Parade
Dec. 20	• Kia Film Shoot
Jan. 4	• Herbicide Applicator Training
Jan. 9-13	• PC-832 Arrest and Control Training

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Operational Update: December 2022 And January 2023

Operational Update – Storm/Disaster Recovery

Substantial Rainfall for December and January

- December Total = 5.11"
- January Total = 20.85"
- What does it mean, and what are the impacts?

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Operational Update: December 2022 and January 2023

Operational Update – Storm/Disaster Recovery

Storms yielded 30,648 AF of runoff into Lake Piru

This equated to a 45.46' vertical increase

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Storms generated approximately \$2,000,000 in damages/cleanup

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Damages and cleanup include:

Replacing and cleaning drains	Removal of debris from the lake	Removal of mud/silt deposits(day use, dog park and roadways)	Potential replacement of entire marina	Minor damages to the water system barge	Loss of water system functionality (trucking water)
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BOBCAT COVE – LOOKING EAST



JF – LOOKING SOUTH





MARINA

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Road JF



DAY USE



Reasoner Canyon

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Road To JF – Facing North



Reasoner Canyon

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YEAR END REVENUE RECAP

Park Revenues and Expenses

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Operational Update

Revenue Recap 2022 (Jan-Dec)

Year	Day Use Revenue	Camping Revenue	All Other Revenue	Revenue Collected	Revenue Received	Visitation (# of People)
2022	\$225,543	\$509,435	\$153,558	\$888,206	\$888,206	95,083
2021	\$270,273	\$502,232	\$108,504	\$874,128	\$874,128	82,053

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Other Revenue Recap - 2022

Year	Firewood	Ice/Water	Showers/Laundry	Wi-Fi	Filming/Events	Concessions
2022	\$17,952	\$17,476	\$16,906	\$29,793	\$19,386	\$8,500
2021	\$11,200	\$12,900	\$10,200	\$9,000	\$1,450	-

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BOAT RENTAL OPERATIONS

Tommy's Contract Renewal/Extension

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Operational Update

Marina Concessions Contract

- Tommy's LLC agreement resulted in \$8,579.00 in revenue for the District in calendar year 2022.
- Contract Extension Amendments
 - 1. Consider a 5-year extension and contract amendment under the existing contract.
 - 2. Transition from a flat 10% rate monthly to a per rental fee.
 - \$55 per rental, when maintaining a fleet of 9 vessels or less and \$45 when maintaining a fleet of 10 or more.
 - 3. Financial reporting is due the last day of the following calendar month in question rather than on the 20th of the following calendar month.
 - 4. Workers Compensation changed from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
 - 5. Term requested from 1 year to 5 years, with an expiration date of March 31, 2028.

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QUESTIONS?

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Staff Report

To: UWCD Recreation Committee

Through: Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., General Manager

From: Clayton W. Strahan, Chief Park Ranger

Date: March 25, 2023 (April 5, 2023, meeting)

Agenda Item: 3. **Monthly Park and Recreation Department Report**
Information item

Staff Recommendation:

The Committee will receive and file this staff report from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding its activities for the month of March 2023.

Discussion:

During the month of March, the recreation area received 10.14 inches of rain. With more than 43 inches of rainfall received this winter, Lake Piru has now risen over 80 vertical feet and received more than 69,000 AF of runoff. As a result of this significant inflow, on March 16 the lake began to spill. As of the time of this report approximately 500 cubic feet per second (CFS) went over the spillway at Santa Felicia Dam, marking the first time the reservoir has spilled since 2006. In addition to the momentous occasion of the spilling, the significant rainfall has created a host of operational challenges for the park and for staff. Since February 21, 2023 two contractors have been onsite working to clean up debris and performing emergency repairs. While contractors have focused on the larger storm cleanup efforts, staff have been working on offseason maintenance tasks, FEMA grant funding in response to the storm and offseason training. Listed below is a summary of the many activities and highlights of the department.

1. Staff Tasks and Activity Highlights

- **March 1:** Staff provided the General Manager with the necessary draft documents to execute a five (5) year contract extension with the districts boating concessions service Tommy's Boats LLC.
 - **March 1-31:** Staff began effort to perform the annual fire ring and barbeque pit rehabilitation project. This long and arduous effort includes sanding and repainting the metal structures with high heat paint. This is done annually to prolong the life of the units.
 - **March 1-31:** Summer Construction Inc. (SCI) and McNabb Construction LLC. (MCL), are the two contractors tasked with performing cleanup up work associated with the January 9 storm event, they continue to perform efforts associated with debris removal. MCL has removed 2,481 cubic yards of debris from the surface of the reservoir equating to 546 tons. SCI has removed 5,851 cubic yards of material from roadways and park spaces
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and has estimated they will ultimately remove a total of 47,549 tons of sediment and debris from within the park.

- **March 4, 10, 11, 16, 17, 25 and 28:** Staff spent numerous days working on moving anchors, replacing cables, and repositioning the badly damaged marina. This process took a significant amount of time, as the marina was more than 1,000 feet from shore. It involved the use of divers, a work barge and replacing four anchors all weighing between 500 and 1,000 pounds.
- **March 19-31:** Staff have been conducting daily flights with the recreation divisions skydio drone as part of an effort to capture daily footage of the spill and to assist engineering in providing detailed photos of the spillway for inspection purposes.
- **March 26:** Installed the interpretive signage at the newly renovated Condor Point picnic area.

2. Staff Training/Meetings/Events

- **March 6-10:** Newly hired Park Ranger Cadet Matt Lundberg attended PC-832 arrest and control training/certification as required by the State of California.
- **March 7:** Participated in the United States Forest Service (USFS) annual consultation meeting to discuss District activities with implications to the USFS.
- **March 13-15:** Staff initiated and participated in an internal activation of the district Emergency Operations Center as storms hit the lake and the reservoir neared spill. It was a great exercise for staff and highlighted the importance of communication.
- **March 13:** Assisted Operations staff in attending a job walk for contracted discing work associated with discing the Saticoy spreading grounds as part of the spreading activities currently taking place.
- **March 19:** Staff attended and completed part 107 drone pilot certification course.
- **March 22:** Attended a meeting on behalf of the General Manager with representative Julia Brownley's Deputy District Director to discuss District needs activities.
- **March 23:** Completed online training as a staff associated with the proper use of newly purchased Axon body cameras for the Park Ranger Program.
- **March 28 – Apr. 1:** Staff attended the Fred Hall Boat and RV show as part of the district's ongoing marketing efforts to increase visitation at Lake Piru.
- **March 30:** FEMA request for public assistance grant funding scoping meeting.

3. Revenue and Visitation Recap

2023 Day Use/Other Revenue Recap and Comparison	
2023 Day Use/Other Revenue (Jan. 1 – Mar. 25)	\$14,599.00
2022 Day Use/Other Revenue (Jan. 1 – Mar. 25)	\$31,423.00
Total Revenue Increase from Prior Year	\$-16,824.00
Annual Increase in %	-54%
2023 Camping Revenue Recap and Comparison	
2023 Camping Revenue (Jan. 1 – Mar. 25)	\$77,216.00
2022 Camping Revenue (Jan. 1 – Mar. 25)	\$115,959.00
Total Revenue Increase/Decrease from Prior Year	-33%

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Current and Previous Year Comparison (2023 vs. 2022)	
2023 Combined Revenue (Jan. 1 – Feb. 31)	\$108,241.00
2022 Combined Revenue (Jan. 1 – Feb. 31)	\$170,135.00
Annual Increase in %	-36%

***It should be noted that the above figures have not been verified by the district's finance department and are field summary totals.

2023 Total Visitation Figures					
Month	# Nights	# People	# Vehicles	# Vessels	Pets
January	877	598	414	16	10
February	840	1,698	366	0	3
March	1,151	3,475	1,036	0	3
Total	2,868	2,314	1,198	16	16

4. Incidents/Arrests/Medicals

Rangers did not respond to any significant incidents during the month of March, as the park has remained closed to boating and 50% of the parks day use facilities have remained closed since the January 09, 2023, storm disaster.

5. Citations/Enforcement Summary

Throughout March, only one citation was issued for violations of Ordinance 15 for the month. Additionally, it should be noted that the Ranger staff did issue several warnings for various violations. The one citation issued was for the district's firearm violation, when a 37-year-old male and two companions were stopped for shooting a high-powered pellet pistol at targets in the Oak Lane campground area. The violator was compliant, and a citation was issued for violating Ordinance 15 section 5.6(i).

6. Grants

There was a lot of activity associated with grants that occurred during the month of March. Staff attended several grant funding workshops in an effort to determine and evaluate funding opportunities available to the district. The workshops included evaluations of both storm mitigation grant funding and recreational facilities funding workshops. A list of the funding opportunities staff attended are listed below:

- **March 1:** California Parks Recreational Trails Grant Application Workshop (non motorized).
 - **March 15:** CalOES DR-4683 severe storms state match funding opportunity.
 - **March 16:** FEMA storm mitigation request for public assistance grant exploratory call.
 - **March 30:** FEMA storm mitigation request for public assistance grant scoping meeting.
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