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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 their 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