

MINUTES
BOATING AND WATERWAYS COMMISSION MEETING
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
September 11, 2003

Pursuant to due and regular notice, the meeting of the Boating and Waterways Commission was called to order by Chairman, Michael L. Beatie, on September 11, 2003, at 8:30 A.M., at the Doubletree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, California.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Michael L. Beatie, Chairman
 Robert Y. Nagata
 Warren E. Rupf
 Joseph P. Sharpe

Commissioners Absent: Frederic A. Heim, Vice Chairman

Department of Boating and
Waterways Personnel Present: Raynor Tsuneyoshi, Director
 Joy Fisher, Staff Counsel
 David Johnson, Acting Deputy Director
 Steve Watanabe, Acting Chief Boating Facilities
 Dolores Farrell, Chief, Boating Operations Division
 Harold Flood, Supervisor of Planning, Facilities Division
 April Moses, Associate Governmental Program Analyst
 Margarita Sanchez, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Sharpe and seconded by Commissioner Rupf that the minutes of the July 31, 2003, meeting be approved as distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Beatie stated he had nothing to report at this time.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Raynor Tsuneyoshi requested a moment of silence in remembrance of the anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

Mr. Tsuneyoshi extended his condolences to Chairman Beatie on the recent loss of his mother.

Mr. Tsuneyoshi provided an update on Castaic Lake. He indicated the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation has announced it would stop operating Castaic Lake on October 1, 2003, and that the Department of Boating and Waterways has provided \$13.7 million in Capital Outlay facilities there, including a Boating Instruction Safety Center.

He also reported that the Aquatic Weed Control Program has received the biological opinions that will permit treatment operations through the year 2005.

In addition, Mr. Tsuneyoshi indicated the Department's Education Unit has compiled a schedule of boat shows for the current fiscal year and the schedule will be posted on the Department's website soon. He stated that the Department distributes safety information to boaters at boat shows and answer questions regarding boating rules.

Mr. Tsuneyoshi reported he attended the California Yacht Brokers Association's board meeting and law seminar on August 4 and he attended two Delta law enforcement BUI checkpoints on August 9 and 24.

Mr. Tsuneyoshi continued his report with the presentation of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators' Public Service Award to Glass/McClure, Inc. He indicated Glass/McClure began working with the Department in 1999 with a campaign to increase boating safety practices and awareness, which included outdoor and radio advertisements and a safety team which travels to marinas across the state distributing boating safety materials. Mr. Greg Glass, President, Mr. John Taylor, Account Manager, and Mr. Kevin Miles, Associate Creative Director, were presented with the Public Service Award.

Mr. Tsuneyoshi indicated to the Commission that there will be a required Ethics Training Course scheduled after the November 14, 2003 Commission meeting. He indicated that Joy Fisher, the Department's legal counsel, would give the training course.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. David Johnson reviewed the Legislative Report and gave the Commission an update of legislative matters concerning the Department. Copies of the Legislative Report were available to the public and Mr. Johnson was available to answer questions from the Commission Members.

Mr. Johnson gave the Commission copies of Senate Bill 1043. He indicated the bill refers to Castaic Lake and would appropriate \$900,000 from the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund to the Department of Parks and Recreation for allocation to the County of Los Angeles as a one-time match for the operation of state recreation facilities by the County of Los Angeles' Department of Parks and Recreation. He indicated the Department does not have a position on the bill, but will update the Commission at the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Rupf indicated he would like the Commission to oppose Senate Bill 1043. After discussion, Commissioner Rupf made the following motion:

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Rupf and seconded by Commissioner Sharpe that the Boating and Waterways Commission oppose SB 1043. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC GRANTS

Mr. Flood presented to the Commission for its advice and consent the following requests for public grants.

Cascade Shores BLF

Request for a Department of Boating and Waterways grant of \$804,000 to the Nevada Irrigation District to make improvements to the Cascade Shores Boat Launching Facility on Scotts Flat Reservoir.

Scotts Flat Reservoir is located in Nevada County, 10 miles west of Nevada City. The Cascade Shore Boat Launching Facility is located on the southern shore of the Reservoir.

Mr. Flood reviewed the project and explained that the proposed project would entail the following: (1) site preparation, (2) demolition, (3) construct a new single-lane boat launching ramp, (4) install one boarding float, (5) reconstruct/reconfigure/repave the parking area, (6) construct a new restroom, (7) construct a walkway, (8) add slope protection, (9) install drainage, (10) add utilities, (11) construct a retaining wall, (12) add an automated gate entrance, (13) install a split rail fence, and (14) add landscaping, ancillary items and signs.

Mr. Ron Nelson, General Manager, Ms. Peggy Davidson, Placer Office Administrator, and Ms. Karen Nemetz, Manager, were available to answer questions from the Commission.

Mr. Flood indicated that staff recommended that the Commission consent to the project.

Chairman Beatie indicated he visited the site and recommends approval.

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Sharpe and seconded by Commissioner Rupf that the Commission consent to the grant of \$804,000 to the Nevada Irrigation District to make improvements to the Cascade Shores Boat Launching Facility. The motion carried unanimously.

Sly Park Recreation Area BLF

Request for a Department of Boating and Waterways grant of \$489,000 to the El Dorado Irrigation District to make improvements to the Sly Park Recreation Area Boat Launching Facility on Jenkinson Lake.

Jenkinson Lake is located in northern California, 50 miles east of Sacramento in the town of Pollack Pines. The Sly Park Recreation Area Boat Launching Facility is located on the northwestern shore of Jenkinson Lake.

Mr. Flood reviewed the project and explained that the proposed project would entail the following: (1) site preparation, (2) excavation/compaction of area for parking, (3) paving/stripping of the new parking area for 20 vehicle/trailers, (4) parking area drainage, (5) construction of two single vault restrooms, (6) construction of a stairway from the new parking area to the boat launching ramp, (7) construction of a fish-cleaning station, (8) utilities, and (9) signs.

Mr. Doug Pearson, Recreation Director and Ms. Chich Gosse, Assistant Recreation Director, were available to answer questions from the Commission.

Mr. Flood indicated that staff recommended that the Commission consent to the project.

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Rupf and seconded by Commissioner Sharpe that the Commission consent to the grant of \$489,000 to the El Dorado Irrigation District to make improvements to the Sly Park Recreation Area Boat Launching Facility on Jenkinson Lake. The motion carried unanimously.

Tahoe Vista BLF

Request for a Department of Boating and Waterways grant of \$944,000 to the North Tahoe Public Utility District to make improvements to the Tahoe Vista Boat Launching Facility on Lake Tahoe.

Lake Tahoe is located in northern California on the Nevada border about 25 miles southwest of Reno, Nevada. The Tahoe Vista Boat Launching Facility is located on the north end of Lake Tahoe.

Mr. Flood reviewed the project and explained that the proposed project would entail the following: (1) demolition of sewer pump station, (2) installation of three courtesy floats and a gangway, (3) repaving/restripping/reconfiguration of the existing parking area, (4) repaving of a newly acquired parking area, (5) construction of walkways, (6) installation of surface drainage, (7) construction of a restroom (50% of cost), (8) lighting, and (9) landscaping.

Mr. Mike Geary, Associate Civil Engineer and Mr. John Hassenplug, General Manager were available to answer questions from the Commission.

Mr. Flood indicated that staff recommended that the Commission consent to the project.

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Sharpe and seconded by Commissioner Rupf that the Commission consent to the grant of \$944,000 to the North Tahoe Public Utility District to make improvements to the Tahoe Vista Boat Launching Facility on Lake Tahoe. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC LOANS

National City Marina

Request for a Department of Boating and Waterways Phase III loan of \$5,669,000 to the San Diego Unified Port District to construct the National City Marina. Total loan amount is \$11,000,000.

The National City Marina lies within the City of National City on the Sweetwater Flood Control Channel. The marina is bordered on the north and east by City of National City, on the south by the city of Chula Vista, and on the west by San Diego Bay.

Mr. Flood reviewed the project and explained that the proposed project would entail the following: (1) construction of a 229 concrete berth marina, (2) the addition of standard access and barrier-free access gangways, (3) construction of a 192 space parking area, (4) construction of a harbormaster's building, (5) construction of a boater's restroom, (6) installation of dock utilities, (7) construction of a fuel dock, (8) slope protection, (9) security gates, (10) public access pathways, (11) landscaping and irrigation, and (12) signs and ancillary items.

Mr. Roy Nail, Asset Manager, was available to answer questions from the Commission.

Mr. Flood indicated that staff recommended that the Commission consent to the project.

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Sharpe and seconded by Commissioner Rupf that the Commission consent to the Phase III loan of \$5,669,000 to the San Diego Unified Port District to construct the National City Marina. The motion carried unanimously.

Stockton Waterfront Marina

Request for a Department of Boating and Waterways Phase III loan of \$3,000,000 to the City of Stockton to make improvements to the Stockton Waterfront Marina. Total loan amount is \$13,300,000.

The City of Stockton is located in San Joaquin County, 40 miles south of Sacramento, and 70 miles east of San Francisco. The Stockton Waterfront Marina is located in the southwest section of the City of Stockton, in the southerly portion of the California Delta.

Mr. Flood reviewed the project and explained that the proposed project would entail the following: (1) demolish existing berths and construct 298 new berths, 134 of which will be covered, (2) install new pilings, (3) add six standard gangways and six barrier-free access gangways, (4) construct and repave parking areas with a total of 375 spaces, (5) construct a 150 space dry stack storage building at the adjacent Morelli Park Boat Launching Facility, (6) install dockside utilities, including electrical, water, fire, and communications lines, (7) add six security gates, and (8) add catch basins/drainage.

Ms. Kitty Walker, Principal Economic Development Analyst, and Mr. Steve Pinkerton, Director, Department of Housing and Redevelopment, were available to answer any questions from the Commission.

Mr. Flood indicated that staff recommended that the Commission consent to the project.

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Sharpe and seconded by Commissioner Rupf that the Commission consent to the Phase III loan of \$3,000,000 to the City of Stockton to make improvements to the Stockton Waterfront Marina. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mariner Square Marina

Request for a loan deferment was by Mariner Square and Associates. The deferment is for an additional seven months (to February 1, 2004) on an existing \$2,882,000 Recreational Marina Loan.

Ms. Moses stated that the request for deferment was due to delays on the project because of work done along Mariner Square Drive by CalTrans. CalTrans work limited vehicle access to the project site from January to July 2003 and half of the new berths were temporarily removed from the water, which resulted in loss of income for the marina. Ms. Moses indicated there were construction delays due to alteration of planning requirements by the City of Alameda and changes in requirements for public access improvements by San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

Mr. John Berry, General Partner, was available to answer any questions from the Commission.

Ms. Moses indicated that staff recommended that the Commission consent to the payment deferment request.

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Sharpe and seconded by Commissioner Rupf that the Commission consent to the loan deferment of an additional seven months (to February 1, 2004) on the existing \$2,882,000 Recreational Marina loan to Mariner Square and Associates. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Commission Site Visits

Mr. Steve Watanabe briefed the Commission on the Department of Boating and Waterways' site visit procedure. He introduced and read the draft Policy Memorandum #03-01 for the Commission's review and approval.

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Sharpe and seconded by Commissioner Rupf that the Commission approve Policy Memorandum #03-01. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were a few comments in support of the Department and staff.

Commissioner Rupf suggested and agreed by the Commission to write a letter to the Legislators opposing SB 1043. Mr. Johnson volunteered to draft the letter.

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

After discussion, it was decided that the next Commission Meeting would be November 14, 2003, in Sacramento.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 A.M.

Raynor Tsuneyoshi, Secretary

Attachments