

**MINUTES  
BOATING AND WATERWAYS COMMISSION MEETING  
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA  
JANUARY 18, 2012**

Pursuant to due and regular notice, the meeting of the Boating and Waterways Commission was called to order by Vice Chairman Webb on January 18, 2012, at 9:07 A.M. at the Harbor View Inn, 28 West Cabrillo Blvd., Santa Barbara, California.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Matthew Webb, John Bañuelos, Lenora S. Clark, and Douglas W. Metz

Dept. of Boating and Waterways

Personnel Present: Steve Watanabe, Facilities Chief; Sylvia Hunter, Facilities Loans and Grants Chief, and Margarita Sanchez, Administrative Assistant

**CONVENE AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Metz that the Boating and Waterways Commission Minutes of October 26, 2011, meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.*

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Vice Chairman Webb commented on the excellent tour of the Santa Barbara Marina. In addition, he mentioned the absence of Commissioner Purdon and Acting Director Lucia Becerra. Vice Chairman Webb spoke on the proposal to merge the Department of Boating and Waterways with the Department of Parks and Recreation.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Watanabe read the Director's report, which included the following: Governor's proposed budget for FY 2012/13; restructuring proposal; Water Hyacinth; America's Cup, and boating accident statistics.

## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Commissioner Clark mentioned that she will wait and see if the Governor's merger will be part of a restructuring proposal or become part of a budget bill.

## **COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Boating and Waterways Commission Hall of Fame Champion**

John Mann, Berkeley Marina, Waterfront Manager, was inducted into the Commission's "Hall of Fame".

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Karl Treiberg, City of Santa Barbara Water Facilities Manager, thanked the Department's staff for all the help they have provided.

Mark Sandoval as the President of California Association of Harbor Masters & Port Captains commented on the proposal of merging the Department with Parks and Recreation and said the industry supports the Department and has started to voice opposition on the proposal.

## **CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC GRANTS**

Ms. Hunter presented to the Commission for its advice and consent the following requests for public grants.

### **Glorietta Bay Boat Launching Facility**

The City of Coronado has applied for a \$630,000 Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund grant for improvements to the Glorietta Bay Boat Launching Facility. William Cecil, Capital Projects Manager, was available to answer questions from the Commission. Commissioner Metz visited the proposed project site and said there are many users of the facility and repair is very much needed. Commissioner Metz and Department staff recommended approval.

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Commissioner Metz and seconded by Commissioner Clark that the Boating and Waterways Commission approve the \$630,000 grant to the City of Coronado for the proposed project described in the January 18, 2012, Feasibility Report. The motion carried unanimously.*

## **Mayflower Park Boat Launching Facility**

The Riverside County Parks Department has applied for a \$620,000 Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund grant for improvements to the Mayflower Park Boat Launching Facility. Marc Brewer, Senior Park Planer, and Bob Grady, District Advisory Commissioner, were available to answer questions from the Commission. Vice Chairman Webb visited the proposed project site and agrees with Department staff on approval of the grant.

Vice Chairman Webb disclosed that there may be a conflict of interest since his firm, Albert A. Webb Associates, has done work for Riverside County. He was advised by Natural Resources Agency's legal counsel that there is no conflict of interest and does not have to recuse himself. After discussion, a motion was made.

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Metz that the Boating and Waterways Commission approve the \$620,000 Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund grant to the Riverside County Parks Department for the proposed project described in the January 18, 2012, Feasibility Report. The motion carried unanimously.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Climate Change and Sea Level Rise**

Mr. Flick gave a PowerPoint presentation on Copper Antifouling Paints. Vice Chairman Webb said the Climate Change and Sea Level Rise presentation by Mr. Flick will be given at the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Clark asked that Department staff look into lighting and landscaping expenditures on future proposed projects. She also mentioned that the Department should update the 2002 Boating Needs Assessment Study, since data from the report is used on proposed projects. Vice Chairman Webb asked that this issue be placed in the next Commission agenda.

*Vice Chair Webb called for a break at 10:45 A.M.; meeting resumed at 10:54 A.M.*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **DBW Project Update**

Mr. Watanabe gave the Commission updates on the following projects which have been completed by the Department: Berkeley Marina; Live Oak; Heron Point; Shelter Cove; Black Butte Buckhorn; Eagle Lake and Gallatin.

### **Budget Update**

Vice Chairman Webb asked that the Budget Update report be emailed to the Commissioners. (See Attachment)

### **Loan and Grant Criteria Update**

Vice Chairman Webb asked that Ms. Becerra give this update at the next Commission meeting.

### **Invasive Species Update**

Vice Chairman Webb asked that Ms. Becerra give this update at the next Commission meeting.

### **Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Fund Update**

Mr. Watanabe said the members of the workgroup for the Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Fund (AWAF) are identified as Bill Price, Lt. George Wright and one DBW representative, but since Lt. Wright has retired, the Department would like to propose a representative from San Joaquin or Sacramento counties. Commissioner Clark said the Department should find a representative from Contra Costa County since they have the expertise on utilizing the AWAF program. Vice Chairman Webb asked that the Department proceed in finding someone from Contra Costa County.

Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager, City of Santa Barbara and Board Member of California Association of Harbors Masters and Port Captains, asked what is the difference between the Abandon Vessel Advisory Committee and the Workgroup. Commissioner Clark replied the Workgroup will focus on the concerns that were given at the Commission workshops and will work separate from the Advisory Committee.

Mr. Kronman stated that the Vessel Turn In Program (VTIP) is gaining in popularity and asked that the Department reconvene the AWAF Advisory Committee and consider moving some of the funds from AWAF to VTIP. Vice Chairman Webb asked that this issue be put on the next Commission agenda.

Commissioner Metz asked that the Department give Commissioner Bañuelos a copy of the workshop's notes.

## **COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Bañuelos said he welcomed the opportunity to preside on the Commission. He said he has respect of the Department's knowledgeable staff and is concerned about water hyacinth. He would also like to know the Department's policy on boat slips.

Commissioner Clark reported she will be attending the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation's Annual Board of Directors meeting in Florida.

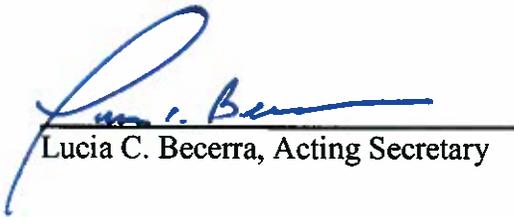
## **2012 Meeting Schedule**

After discussion the following meeting schedule was decided.

- March 13 & 14, 2012, in San Diego
- May 22 & 23, 2012, in Sacramento

## **ADJOURN**

Vice Chair Webb adjourned the meeting at 11:48 A.M.



Lucia C. Becerra, Acting Secretary

**California Boating and Waterways Commission**  
**Old Business Updates**  
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**Budget Update**

The details for several of the items included in the Governor Jerry Brown's 2012/2013 Proposed Budget are as follows:

1. As mentioned earlier, the proposed budget for DBW is \$69M, \$3.1M more than this year.
2. The budget includes essentially the same level of funding for State Operations. There is a proposed increase of \$41,000 (less than 1%) from \$27.5M to \$27.6M. State Operations includes state salaries, benefits, and operating equipment and expenses to carry out the department's programs.
3. The budget proposes a \$4.3M (96%) increase, from \$4.5M to \$8.8M, in loans for public facilities. The proposed loan funding includes:
  - City of Santa Barbara Harbor - \$1.9M
  - Tsunami Repairs at Crescent City and Santa Cruz Harbors - \$4M
  - Funding for Reassessed Projects - \$2M (i.e., older projects which need additional loan funding to be completed)
  - Statewide Emergency Loans \$300,000
  - Statewide Planning Loans - \$300,000
4. The budget proposes \$9.9M, in grants for public boating launching facility grants. The proposed grant funding includes:
  - \$7.5M for boat launching facilities at:
    - Ventura Harbor - \$2.55M
    - Lake Mendocino South Ramps - \$1.4M
    - Wiest Lake Park (Imperial County) - \$1.04M.
    - Moabi Regional Park (San Bernardino County) - \$840,000
    - Bonelli Regional Park Sailboat Cove (Los Angeles County) - \$400,000
    - Quarry Lakes Regional Park (Alameda County)- \$400,000
    - Antioch (Contra Costa County)- \$376,000
  - Funding for Reassessed Projects - \$1M
  - Statewide Ramp Repair & Modification - \$1M
  - Statewide Non-Motorized Boat Launching Facilities - \$550,000
  - Statewide Floating Restrooms - \$300,000
5. The budget proposes \$5M in loans for privately owned marinas. The projects to be funded are yet to be determined. Funding will be based on the applications already received by the department and currently under review.
6. The budget proposes an additional \$200,000 in baseline funding for the Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Fund Program. If enacted, this would establish \$700,000 as an annual baseline.
7. The budget proposes an additional \$50,000 in 2012-13 funding for the Vessel Turn-In Program. If enacted the funding level for 2012-13 would be \$150,000.