

**MINUTES  
BOATING AND WATERWAYS COMMISSION MEETING  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA  
MAY 23, 2012**

Pursuant to due and regular notice, the meeting of the Boating and Waterways Commission was called to order by Chairman Webb on May 23, 2012, at 9:00 A.M. at the Hilton Hotel, 2200 Harvard Street, Sacramento, California.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Matthew Webb (Chair), Douglas W. Metz (Vice Chair), John R. Bañuelos, David Livingston, David Lumian, and Frank Peralta

Dept. of Boating and Waterways

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Peralta and seconded by Commissioner Lumian that the Boating and Waterways Commission Minutes of the March 14, 2012, meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.*

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Webb welcomed new Commissioners Livingston and Peralta. He said due to yesterday's training, there may be future discussions on agendas, how commissioners can add agenda items, and whether the Commission would consider an ex parte communication policy. Chairman Webb stated that Ms. Becerra was not present today due to her attending budget hearings. He said Mr. Watanabe would be giving Ms. Becerra's reports and updates.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Watanabe read the Director's Report which mentioned the following: May 21, 2012, Boating Season Kick Off; May 19-27, National Safe Boating Week; May 25, Life Jacket Trade-In; May – September, Boating Safety Awareness Multi-Media Campaign; 2011 Boating Accident Statistics; Boating Clean and Green Program, and America's Cup.

## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

The Legislative Report was not read but copies were available to the public.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rebecca Bitter, Program Manager, Sacramento Marina, gave an update on the Marina and thanked Department staff, especially Ms. Dill, for all their assistance in the planning of refinancing the loans to the marina.

## **CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC GRANTS**

Ms. Hunter and Mr. Watanabe presented to the Commission for its advice and consent the following requests for a public grant.

### **Redbud Boat Launching Facility**

The City of Clearlake (City) has applied for a \$945,000 Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund grant for improvements to the Redbud Boat Launching Facility (BLF). The Department is concerned that due to limited resources, the City may not be able to complete the project by May 1, 2014, so the Department is recommending conditions to the grant if the proposed project is approved. Doug Herren, Public Works Director, City of Clearlake, was available to answer questions from the Commission. Commissioner Bañuelos visited the proposed project and recommended approval.

Ms. Hunter said that due to projects not being completed on time, the Commission will be hearing more recommended conditions on proposed projects.

Staff recommended that the Commission approve the \$945,000 grant, with conditions, to the City of Clearlake for improvements at Redbud BLF. After discussion, a motion was made.

***MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Bañuelos and seconded by Commissioner Peralta that the Boating and Waterways Commission approve the \$945,000 grant, with conditions, to the City of Clearlake for the proposed project described in the May 23, 2012, Feasibility Report. The motion carried unanimously.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Governor's Reorganization Proposal Update**

Mr. Watanabe read Ms. Becerra's update:

- May 25, 2012, Little Hoover Commission meeting to consider draft report on Governor's Reorganization Plan #2.
- May 25, 2012, Senate Governance and Finance Committee and Senate Governmental Organization Committee joint hearing on Reorganization Plan #2.
- May 24, 2012, Assembly Special Committee meeting on Reorganization Plan #2.

Mr. Watanabe said the Little Hoover Commission's role in the reorganization process is advisory and submits a report to the Governor and the Legislature within 30 days of the plan being submitted to the Legislature. A reorganization plan may be delivered to the Legislature at any time during a regular session, provided the Legislature has at least 60 calendar days of continuous session remaining to consider the plan. If neither the Assembly nor Senate adopts by majority vote a resolution rejecting the Governor's plan, it becomes effective on the 61<sup>st</sup> day after it has been given to the Legislature.

Chairman Webb indicated the Little Hoover Commission did endorse the Governor's Reorganization Plan and it has now moved to the Legislature.

### **Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights Resolution**

Mr. Watanabe presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights Resolution. He would like the Commission to adopt a resolution of support to the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights. After discussion, a motion was made.

***MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Metz and seconded by Commissioner Bañuelos that the Boating and Waterways Commission adopt a resolution in support to the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights. The motion carried unanimously.*

Mark Sandoval, President, California Association of Harbor Masters and Port Captains and Board of Director, Marina Recreation Association, suggested that when agencies are submitting applications for loans and grants, they should indicate what they will do to support the resolution. The Department could have evaluating criteria on this, he added.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Budget Update**

Mr. Watanabe said all items included in the Governor's proposed budget for the Department have been approved except for the proposed \$5 million in loans for privately owned marinas with public access. Mr. Watanabe stated that in the Governor's Budget May Revise, the Governor has added \$10.6 million in law enforcement subvention funding to the list of trigger items. He added, there will be an annual appropriation of \$10 million from the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund to

the Department of Water Resources to fund recreational facilities on the State Water Project in order to meet the requirements of the Davis-Dolwig Act. Mr. Watanabe gave an explanation of the State Water Project and the Davis-Dolwig Act.

*Chairman Webb called for a break at 10:01 A.M.; meeting resumed at 10:11 A.M.*

### **Grants and Loans Criteria Update**

Mr. Watanabe indicated the grant and loan criteria will be adopted by the Department and expects to have the final details related to the scoring finalized soon. He added the Grants and Loans Criteria will be posted on the internet.

### **COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Metz informed the Commissioners on the current process of setting the Commission Agenda.

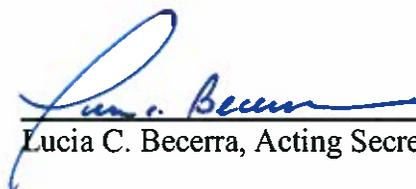
Commissioner Lumian indicated he attended meetings of the American Boating Congress and the National Boating Safety Advisory Council in Washington D.C. He will also be doing instructional training activities at the San Joaquin River Restoration Project for kayaking and at the Los Angeles Yacht Club for sailing.

### **2012 Meeting Schedule**

Commissioner Metz recommended a meeting in the Delta where there are many issues with regards to boating. After discussion there was no change to the current Commission meeting dates, but the Commission would like Ms. Becerra to look into different venues.

### **ADJOURN**

Chairman Webb adjourned the meeting at 10:26 A.M.

  
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Lucia C. Becerra, Acting Secretary