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**MINUTES  
BOATING AND WATERWAYS COMMISSION MEETING  
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA  
OCTOBER 24, 2012**

Pursuant to due and regular notice, the meeting of the Boating and Waterways Commission was called to order by Chairman Webb on October 24, 2012, at 9:00 A.M. at the Marriott Hotel, 4700 Airport Plaza Drive, Long Beach, California.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Dept. of Boating and Waterways

Personnel Present: Lucia Becerra, Acting Director; 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 Lumian and seconded by Commissioner Peralta that the Boating and Waterways Commission Minutes of the August 22, 2012, meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.*

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**Summary of October 23, 2012, Field Trip**

Chairman Webb commented on the field trip of the Long Beach Harbor which was given by Mark Sandoval, Manager, Long Beach Marine Bureau. He said the number of public boating slips is extensive and the City of Long Beach encourages boating by providing guest slips to junior clubs. He thanked Mr. Sandoval for a great field trip.

Chairman Webb stated there will be discussions at future meetings on defining the role of the commission as the transition to the Department of Parks and Recreation is being implemented. He said since approval of funding will be removed from the commission's responsibilities, the commission should still have an active role in making sure the boater's monies are spent in conformance of the law.

Commissioner Metz stated that he has received questions from the Senate Rules Committee relating to planning on the new role the commission will have. He said the inquiries he received stated one of the new responsibilities will be that the commission will meet at least four times a year with one of the meetings before or at the beginning of each grant program cycle. Commissioner Metz would like staff to inform the Commission as to what time of year would be appropriate to meet. Another responsibility he added is that a public meeting must be held if a proposed project would have a significant impact on public health, safety, public access or the environment and the meeting must be near the proposed project. Commissioner Metz asked staff to inform the Commission on any guidelines the Department may have on "significant impact on public health, safety, public access or the environment." In addition, he said, staff should advise the Commission on when it would be appropriate to review and comment on the division's budget, as this too is a requirement of the new commission. Commissioner Metz asked that all future agendas include an item on "Commission consideration of its new responsibilities."

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **Reorganization Update**

Ms. Becerra reported that the merger of the Department with the Department of Parks and Recreation will be effective on July 1, 2013, and the operational details are now being worked on by a team which includes the offices of the Governor, Natural Resources Agency, Parks and Recreation, and Boating and Waterways.

### **Department Activities Update**

Ms. Becerra reported the following:

- Water hyacinth permit for treating was extended from October 15 to November 30.
- The fifth "Battle of the Paddle" was held at Doheny State Beach on September 29-30.
- As of October 9 there were 44 boating fatalities and 166 boating injuries.
- There were 412 volunteers cleaning 35 miles of shoreline of trash and recyclables on the Coastal Cleanup Day.
- A press release was done on October 12, advising anglers to wear life jackets.
- A symposium on sea-level rise will be held on October 26 in San Francisco.

## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Ms. Becerra reported on the following chaptered bills: AB 737, AB 1540, AB 2443 and SB 71.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lisa Smith, Deputy Director, Dana Point Harbor, updated the Commission on their project. She indicated they are working on the conceptual designs of the marinas and will be presenting them to the California Coastal Commission soon.

Mark Sandoval, President, California Association of Harbor Masters and Port Captains, thanked Ms. Becerra for attending and giving a Department update at their annual conference in Long Beach. He said the Association will continue to support the department's programs and Commission.

## **CONSIDERATION FOR PUBLIC GRANT**

### **Moabi Regional Park Boat Launching Facility**

Ms. Hunter gave a presentation on the proposed project and Mr. Philip Krause, Chief of Planning, County of San Bernardino, was available to answer questions from the Commission.

Staff recommended that the Boating and Waterways Commission consent to the \$840,000 grant to the County of San Bernardino, with conditions, for the Moabi Regional Park boat launching facility. Commissioner Peralta visited the site and recommended approval. After discussion the following motion was made:

***MOTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Peralta and seconded by Commissioner Lumian that the Boating and Waterways Commission approve \$840,000 Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund grant to the County of San Bernardino, with conditions, for the project described in the October 24, 2012 Feasibility Report. The motion carried unanimously.*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

Mr. Watanabe gave an update on the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights Resolution, which the Commission approved on May 23, 2012. The Department will encourage aquatic centers, organizations and associations to endorse the resolution and a webpage will be created so that families have easy access to the information. Commissioner Lumian indicated he may have names of more organizations that this information could be sent to. Mr. Sandoval added that the City of Long Beach is already encouraging boating by offering dock space to junior sailing clubs.

*Chairman Webb called for a break at 10:08 A.M.; meeting resumed at 10:20 A.M.*

### **Ventura Harbor Boat Launching Facility**

Ms. Hunter gave a presentation on the proposed project and Richard Parsons, Project Manager, Ventura Harbor, was available to answer any questions from the Commission.

Staff recommended that the Boating and Waterways Commission consent to the \$2.55 million grant to the Ventura Port District, for improvements described in the October 24, 2012 feasibility report. Commissioner Metz visited the site and was surprised to see the project will replace six lanes and will add three lanes for non-motorized boat launching. He added that the cost will be much less than the original project estimates. Commissioner Metz recommended approval. After discussion the following motion was made:

**MOTION:** *It was moved by Commissioner Metz and seconded by Commissioner Bañuelos that the Boating and Waterways Commission approve \$2,550,000 Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund grant to Ventura Port District for improvements described in the October 24, 2012 Feasibility Report. The motion carried unanimously.*

## **COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Lumian will be attending the American Canoe Association Conference on November 2-6 in Charleston, South Carolina. He will also be attending National Boating Safety Advisory Council on November 9-11 in Watsonville, Calif., and on November 28-29, he will be attending the Navigation Safety Advisory Council.

After discussion, it was decided the next Commission meeting will be held in Sacramento on January 22 and 23, 2013. It was also decided to have a meeting in Oxnard on March 19 and 20, 2013.

## **ADJOURN**

Chairman Webb adjourned the meeting at 11:00 A.M.



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Lucia C. Becerra, Acting Secretary