MINUTES
BOATING AND WATERWAYS COMMISSION MEETING
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
June 12, 2013

Pursuant to due and regular notice, the meeting of the Boating and Waterways Commission was called to order by Chairman Metz on June 12, 2013, at 9:00 A.M. at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel, 1782 Tribute Road, Sacramento, California.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

All Commissioners were present and introduced themselves. Department staff: Sylvia Hunter, Acting Director; Steve Watanabe, Facilities Chief; Joleane King, Associate Governmental Program Analyst, and Margarita Sanchez, Administrative Assistant. State Parks and Recreation staff: Major General Anthony Jackson, Director; Aaron Robertson, Chief Deputy Director and Tara Lynch, Senior Staff Counsel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

> **MOTION:** *It was moved by Commissioner Livingston and seconded by Commissioner Peralta, that the Boating and Waterways Commission Minutes of March 20, 2013, meeting be approved. The motion carried unanimously.*

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Metz had nothing to report. He presented the Boating and Waterways Commission's Public Service Award to former commissioner Matthew Webb. He thanked the Commission and said it was fulfilling being chairman especially during the transition into State Parks. He asked that the Commission continue to represent the interest of all California boaters.

COMMISSIONER'S ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Commissioner Lumian reported he attended the International Boating and Waterways Safety Summit in San Antonio, Texas. He certified instructors in Jamaica, Greece, Cyprus, San Pedro and Marina del Rey. He also attended the American Boating Congress in Washington D.C. Commissioner Lumian mentioned he took a stand up paddle board class at one of the Boating and Waterways Boating facilities.

Commissioner Madueño reported she visited Half Moon Bay and Monterey boat launching facilities funded by the Department. She said the Department and Commission play an important role in the boating community.

Commissioner Livingston reported he attended various meetings statewide on boating and watercraft safety.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Hunter introduced Department staff Joleane King who gave a presentation on the Department's boating safety media campaign. Several Commissioners said they have heard and approve the radio safety messages.

Department Activities Update

Ms. Hunter indicated the merger with Department of Parks and Recreation will be official July 1. She said as of today, the last employee of Boating and Waterways was moved into its new location at One Capitol Mall. Ms. Hunter reported that boating fatalities are down but accidents are up. She also reported the Egeria densa treatment has begun on June 4 and the Water hyacinth treatment began on March 18 and will continue until November 30. Commissioner Livingston asked if the treatment sites are available to the public. Ms. Hunter replied yes, and that there is additional information about both aquatic weeds on the Department's website.

Legislative Report

Ms. Hunter reported on the following bills: AB 8 (Perea), Alternative fuel and vehicle technologies: funding programs; AB 253 (Levine) Floating home marinas: conversion: subdivision map requirements; AB 425 (Atkins) Pesticides: copper-based antifouling paint: leach rate determination: mitigation measure recommendations; AB 727 (Stone) Public Trust Lands: dredging: notice and leases; AB 763 (Buchanan) Aquatic invasive plants: control and eradication; AB 865 (Yacht and Ship Brokers Act: licensing; AB 979 (Weber) Peace officers: Maritime Peace Officer Standards Training Act of 2013; SB 11 (Pavley) Alternative fuel and vehicle technologies: funding programs; SB 122 (Lieu) Vessels: abandonment: abatement; SB 427 (Monning) Vessels: equipment requirements: personal flotation devices, and SB 457 (Monning) Vessels: collisions and accidents.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC GRANT

Antioch Marina Boat Launching Facility

The City of Antioch applied for a $217,000, Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund grant for design and construction to the Antioch Marina Boat Launching Facility. Department staff recommends approval of the grant.

Scott Buenting, Associate Engineer, City of Antioch, was available to answer questions from the Commission. After discussion, the following motion was made:

> **MOTION:** *It was moved by Commissioner Lumian and seconded by Commissioner Livingston that the Boating and Waterways Commission approve the $217,000, Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund grant for the proposed project described in the June 12, 2103, Feasibility Report. The motion carried unanimously.*

Chairman Metz introduced Department of Parks and Recreation Director Major General Anthony Jackson and Chief Deputy Director Aaron Robertson. Director Jackson stated he has been confirmed by the Senate and will push for Ms. Hunter to be the next Deputy Director of Boating and Waterways. He spoke of the Parks Forward Initiative, Strategic Plan and the audit done by the Department of Finance. Director Jackson said Parks at this time is in need of trust and confidence.

Chairman Metz called for a break at 11:06 A.M.*; meeting resumed at 11:12* A.M.

AB 737 AND SB 820

Ms. Lynch explained AB 737 and SB 820 to the Commission.

DEPARTMENT'S OCEANOGRAPHY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Mr. Flick gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Department's Oceanography Program.

DEPARTMENT'S BEACH EROSION CONTROL/PUBLIC BEACH RESTORATION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Mr. Watanabe gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Department's Beach Erosion Program.

After discussion it was decided the next Commission meeting will be August 6 and 7 in Sacramento.

ADJOURN

Chairman Metz adjourned the meeting at 11:54 A.M.

Sylvia Ortega Hunter, Acting Secretary