

**DON PEDRO RECREATION AGENCY
BOARD OF CONTROL - DON PEDRO PROJECT
DRAFT MINUTES
January 24, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 a.m.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Macedo – Turlock Irrigation District (TID)
Janice Keating – Modesto Irrigation District (MID)
Margaret Hannaford – City & County of San Francisco (CCSF)

OTHERS PRESENT: Ryan Reis – DPRA, Department Manager
Jim McCoy – DPRA, Recreation Division Manager
Rebecca Dack – DPRA, Administrative Assistant
Jesse Franco – MID, BOC Alternate
Sara Lima – DPRA, General Counsel
Brooke Rohrer – Suntex, General Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Director Macedo called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

MOTION APPROVING CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder will be acted upon by a single vote of the Board. There will be no individual discussion of these items unless a member of the Board or the public so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate agenda item

1. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 2024. Copies are on file at Don Pedro Headquarters

Director Hannaford motioned to approve the consent calendar. Director Keating seconded the motion. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION OF ANY ACTION ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items removed from the consent calendar.

SUNTEX UPDATE

Suntex General Manager, Brooke Rohrer, provided an update regarding Suntex operations. She noted they are removing cable at Moccasin as the water is dropping. She included that the re-spacing of the mooring balls is almost complete, noting they are having some issues on the A-line due to customers not moving boats and also won't allow Suntex to move the boats for them. Ms. Rohrer noted they are also doing cable removal at Fleming, stating they moved a bunch by the private houseboat marina. She noted there will be a large pile of cable in front of the ship store until it can be cut up into 3ft sections and placed into dumpsters. Ms. Rohrer noted they are ordering materials to repair and replace dock lights, dock boards and cleats. She stated the motor repair shop has been demoed, the new platform has been built, and crews arrive tonight. The project is estimated to be completed by April 15, 2025. Ms. Rohrer noted Tiger Docks has been on site and they added under water trusses, and are adding cable to the winches that do not currently have cable. She noted that currently the Marina is in an awkward physical position due to the work, but they are working to get it readjusted.

Public member, Ross Swett, inquired about the status of the buoy ball painting. Ms. Rohrer noted they have to finish the re-spacing, then she will work with Eric regarding the painting.

FISCAL REPORT

Director Reis stated that due to TID's year-end financial closeout process, the Monthly Financial Statement is not currently available. He noted the Board can expect a fiscal projection to be provided in February.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Reis provided an update regarding the Visitor Center project. He noted Mr. Penney will be presenting to the TID Board on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 for a resolution approval for CEQA. He provided an update regarding the timeframe noting the expected construction timeframe would be May 2025 – June 2026.

Director Macedo noted he was disappointed with the current renderings showing the cut down of the deck. He stated he would really like to see the deck reverted back to what was originally shown for educational events, etc. Mr. Penney noted that through the engineering process, the team asked the contractor to scale back on the deck to keep the project within budget. Mr. Penney also noted if there is enough funding, that is the first thing he will have put back in. There was discussion regarding the bid process and budget expectations. Director Keating inquired about the delta. Mr. Penney noted they received the 30% schematic plans in early January and the contractor provided what they felt was an accurate cost estimate for all the improvements in those plans. Director Reis noted staff

is working with the design team on the interior, stating there was a meeting this week in which staff made some comments to the design and architectural teams.

Mr. Penney noted he will provide the feedback about the deck to the design team. Mr. Penney also noted the contractor should provide the GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price) by May 2025 and he will come back to present that information to the Board. He noted they are currently in the 30% design stage, should be in the 60% design stage by February and by March, they should have 90-100% design. Once they provide the 90-100% design, they should know most of the constraints or site conditions that will be encountered. Mr. Penney stated the construction market will determine the final cost.

There was discussion regarding the CEQA approval process, noting that since TID is the Operating District, it is in charge of procurement for construction projects which includes complying with CEQA as the lead agency. Mr. Penney noted there will be some things will to monitor as a requirement of the CEQA process. Mr. Reis noted that part of the CEQA process for the serpentine road included outreach with the tribes and FERC also requires continued coordination with the tribes. Director Reis noted DPRA and TID had a recent visit with the tribes and worked the Visitor Center project into an overall site visit. Director Reis also provided some renderings to the BoC for review.

Director Reis provided an overview of the International Sportsmen's Expo, in which DPRA staff attended from January 16-19, 2025 to promote the Agency. He noted some topics that came up were the mussels and launch operations, as well as a lot of people wanting to purchase annual permits at the expo. He stated staff will be meeting to discuss ways to boost the sales at future expos and are considering a promotional discount for annual permit purchases at the expo.

Director Reis addressed the current issue of the golden mussel, noting DPRA continues to promote self-inspection. He noted it has spread a little bit within the state water system, but there is no evidence of spread to DPRA or McClure. He noted some nearby reservoirs changing their operations such as New Melones, who is implementing a 30-day quarantine system with the banding. Director Reis noted he visited Lake Berryessa where Solano County Water District is doing decontamination. DPRA is also continuing water sample testing to understand and assess risk to infrastructure. Director Reis also noted staff continues to meet with CDFW (CA Department of Fish and Wildlife) and neighboring facilities and partners. He noted staff is looking at what it would take and cost to remove golden mussel if it appears. Director Reis also noted that in Brazil, they are researching the golden mussel and learning how it can reproduce and survive. Director Hannaford inquired about how staff is monitoring to see if the golden mussel appears at DPRA. Director Reis noted Suntex is helping by checking houseboats when pulling them out of the water and checking the balls when they do the buoy inspections. Director Hannaford noted she wanted to thank DPRA for the work and supporting the neighboring facilities. Public member, Ross Swett, inquired about the hydro turbines and mussel infestation as other places have to send divers down to clean the infrastructure. Director Reis noted he is working with TID and looking to see if they could even survive at the depth, water temperature, and calcium levels of Don Pedro.

MATTERS TO THE GOOD OF THE AGENCY

Director Macedo opened Matters to the Good to the public attendees. Public member, Ross Swett, inquired about boaters being able to get their boat pulled for regular maintenance and if there is a time limit they can have their boat in the yard if they are not working on it. Director Reis noted there is a service and non-service area and boats have to go back into the water after a certain timeframe, but they can file an extension if they need more time. Public member, Linda Swett, noted they were informed there is a waitlist for the yard until October 2025. Ms. Rohrer noted Suntex has been cranking out a lot of work and has been bringing in subcontractors to help get the work done.

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR *Closed Session*

Director Keating motioned, Director Hannaford seconded motion, motion carried and the Board adjourned to closed session at 10:33am.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened after closed session at 11:24am. Director Macedo noted no action was taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Hannaford motioned to adjourn, Director Keating seconded and due to no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ryan Reis
Secretary to Board of Control

Copies to: Messrs. Hannaford, Mazurkiewicz, Williams, Edwards
Messrs. Fernandes, Macedo, Koehn
Messrs. Keating, Franco, Wenger