

MINUTES  
BOATING AND WATERWAYS COMMISSION MEETING  
RED BLUFF, CALIFORNIA  
May 7, 2014

Pursuant to due and regular notice, the meeting of the Boating and Waterways Commission was called to order by Chairman Metz on May 7, 2014, at 9:00A.M at the Red Bluff City Hall, City Council Chambers, 555 Washington Street, Red Bluff, California.

**INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF**

All Commissioners were present. State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation (“California State Parks”) staff present was Sylvia Hunter, Deputy Director, Division of Boating and Waterways (“DBW”); Tara Lynch, Chief Counsel; Steve Watanabe, Supervising Civil Engineer; Keren Dill, Staff Services Manager II; Joe Dux, Associate Governmental Program Analyst; Fahim Buksh, Program Technician; and Marinda Isley, Associate Governmental Program Analyst.

Chairman Metz introduced new Commissioner Katherine Pettibone and read her biography.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*MOTION: It was moved by the Commissioners that the Boating and Waterways Commission Minutes of February 19, 2014, meeting be approved.*

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Metz thanked the City of Red Bluff for allowing the use of their facility. He also thanked the individuals who guided the project site field trip on May 6, 2014.

**COMMISSIONER'S ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

Chairman Metz stated there are no updates.

**RESOLUTION**

- The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of California State Parks

The Commission presented a resolution commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The resolution was read and moved by Commissioner Pettibone. Commissioner Peralta seconded the motion and Ellen Clark, Associate Parks and Recreation Specialist, accepted

the resolution on behalf of California State Parks.

## **DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Deputy Director Hunter shared the latest update on legislative activities affecting the Division as well as an update on the Division's activities.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Commissioner Dusty Dillion, from Noyo Harbor District, commented that the City of Fort Bragg is in need of grant money. He read DBW's mission statement. He said California has over 800 miles of coastline and the two closest publicly accessible boat launch facilities with ocean access near Fort Bragg is Shelter Cove and Point Arena, which is 92 and 45 miles away from Fort Bragg, respectively. Mr. Dillion added that the City does not have a pier or many maritime attractions and DBW grant money would significantly help boost the local economy. Chairman Metz suggested to DBW staff to note Mr. Dillion's concerns and responded that the Noyo Harbor District project will be presented later in the meeting and acknowledges and appreciates Mr. Dillion's comments about the Noyo Harbor District.

## **ADVICE AND COMMENT REGARDING PUBLIC GRANTS**

Ms. Dill gave a brief introduction on the Local Assistance Boat Launching Facility Grant Program and presented the Noyo Inner Harbor Boat Launching Facility planning grant and requested advice and comment.

*MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Madueno and seconded by Commissioner Peralta that the Boating and Waterways Commission approve their advice and comment for the Noyo Inner Harbor Boat Launching Facility \$300,000 planning grant of the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund for the proposed project described in the May 7, 2014, Feasibility Report. The motion carried unanimously.*

Ms. Dill introduced Joe Dux of the Loans and Grants Unit. Mr. Dux presented the Red Bluff River Front Park Boat Launching Facility and requested advice and comment.

*MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Peralta and seconded by Commissioner Pettibone that the Boating and Waterways Commission approve their advice and comment for the Red Bluff River Front Park Boat Launching Facility \$1.77 million grant of the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund for the proposed project described in the May 7, 2014, Feasibility Report. The motion carried unanimously.*

## **RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING DIVISION'S PROGRAMS**

Mr. Fahim Buksh and Ms. Marinda Isley presented the following programs:

Yacht and Ship Licensing Program – Mr. Buksh

Yacht and Ship Licensing Enforcement – Ms. Isley

For Hire Vessel Operator's Licensing Program – Mr. Buksh

## **BAGLEY-KEENE OPEN MEETING ACT**

Chief Counsel, Tara Lynch highlighted components of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and discussed the parameters and requirements of State Board and Commission meetings as a result of the act.

## **STAKEHOLDER REPORT**

*MOTION: It was moved by the Commissioners that the Boating and Waterways Commission remove the "Stakeholder Report" from future Commission meeting agendas.*

## **FUTURE MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS**

- Commission Hall of Fame Champion

Chairman Metz requested comment on continuing the "Hall of Fame Champion" for future Commission meetings. Ms. Hunter suggested to keep the "Hall of Fame," but present one to two candidates per year to create more exclusivity for the awardees. She asked for nominations from the Commissioners and audience. Chairman Metz suggested that Ms. Hunter, Mr. Watanabe, and Commissioners think of nominees. Commissioner Madueno suggested a subcommittee be formed for development of the Hall of Fame criteria. Commissioners Pettibone and Short were selected to be the selection subcommittee.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next Commission meeting will be held in Sacramento on August 19-20, 2014. Commissioner Pettibone suggested DBW inform the Legislature, which will be in session, of the Boating and Waterways meeting. It was suggested that the meeting be held in Sacramento City Hall or the Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Metz commented that the Division should pursue more public outreach and give notice to local legislation and city officials. He would like to coordinate with the Marine Recreational Association (MRA) in May. Commissioner Short agreed stating that State Parks Director General

Jackson was going to be the keynote speaker. It was suggested that the Commission dates be moved to coordinate with MRA. The final decision will be made at August's meeting. Chairman Metz adjourned the May 7, 2014 Commission meeting at 11:25am.