

**MINUTES**  
**BOATING AND WATERWAYS COMMISSION MEETING**  
**WEAVERVILLE, CALIFORNIA**  
**February 8, 2017**

Pursuant to due and regular notice, the meeting of the Boating and Waterways Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Short on February 8, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the City of Weaverville, Trinity County Library, 351 Main Street, Weaverville, California 96093

**INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF**

A quorum of Commissioners was present: Randy Short, Vice Chair; Cecily Harris, Commissioner; Virginia Madueno, Commissioner; Douglas Metz, Commissioner; Katherine Pettibone Commissioner; Department of Parks and Recreation staff present was Lynn Sadler, Deputy Director, Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW); Kathryn Tobias, Legal Counsel; other DBW staff and registered visitors.

Commissioners absent were: Chairman Livingston, Frank Peralta, and Commissioner

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice Chair Short announced approval of the minutes.

**COMMISSIONERS' ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

Commissioner Harris gave a brief update on the Advisory Committee of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail. She and Deputy Director Sadler serve on the Working Group. There are 30 water trail sites designated in the San Francisco Bay area total, of which 14 were designated in 2016. There are many more opportunities with Boat Launch Facilities for non-motorized canoes, kayaks, wind surfers, and SUPs. At the next meeting coming up in April, she plans to provide an additional update regarding the water trail.

Commissioners Report to the Legislature – Deputy Director Sadler gave a brief update This report is due every three years. This report is in draft form and must come before the Commission twice prior to submission to the legislature. The beginning date will be this coming year. Commissioner Metz requested that the statutory requirements be added to our notebook.

Commissioner Madueno mentioned the importance of lakes and rivers and to the economy; especially in Trinity County. She emphasized that the collaboration to help build communities, sustainability, job creation, job growth, and for people to be able to live here and to be able to support themselves is important.

Commissioner Metz gave congratulations to the Commissioners for tremendous job in outreach in the northern or southern regions.

## **DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Lynn Sadler, Deputy Director gave a brief update on following:

Aquatic Invasive Species Program: She reported some evidence that we have reduced the overall amount of water hyacinth and we also have a great deal of evidence that we have improved our relationships with folks in the Delta -- that they are willing to work with us, they understand what we're doing. She reported that work on the Biological Opinion for permission to continue the Aquatic Invasive Species treatment is progressing. Media campaign: "Love California, Boat California, Save California." It's been on billboards, it's been on radio, literature. This particular campaign was designed to be appropriate for all of State Parks.

Deputy Director Sadler gave a brief update regarding the Legislation: Assembly Bill 1 (Frazier) would redirect funding from the Motor Vehicle Fuel Account and this money has been diverted from Harbors & Watercraft Revolving Fund since 2012 to the Highway Users Tax Account. The purpose of this bill is to address the state's deferred maintenance on roads and highways, and also to fund the state's transportation infrastructure.

Senate Bill 1(Beall) would redirect funding but also a portion of the revenues attributable to an increase in the Motor Vehicle Fuel Excise Tax would be redirected to the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account. The purpose is road infrastructure.

Senate Bill 65 (Hill) deals mostly with alcohol and marijuana penalties to make them be consistent with the penalties associated with driving a car under the influence or at least making the process consistent so that our law enforcement knows how to handle these situations. But there is another that would prohibit alcohol consumption or, it appears, an open container, while operating a vessel. This would include yachts, fishing boats, et cetera. This bill would authorize a court to order a defendant to attend alcohol education and counseling classes if there were a violation.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Public representatives for Agenda items were:*

David Hayward, Vice Chair and Representative  
Nor Rel Muk Wintu Indians  
Wintu Educational and Cultural Council, Hayfork

Eleanor Scott, Trinity Lake Resident

Kelli Grant, President and Board of Director  
Trinity Lake Revitalization Alliance  
Trinity Chamber of Commerce  
Trinity County Collaborative

Carol Fall  
Covington Mill  
Trinity County Collaborative

David Ruiz  
Weaverville Rod and Gun Club

John Schilling, Volunteer  
Weaverville Chamber of Commerce

David Hayward, Vice Chair and Representative  
Nor Rel Muk Wintu Indians  
Wintu Educational and Cultural Council, Hayfork

Lon Henderson, Recreational Officer  
National Recreation Area - Trinity and Shasta Counties

Cynthia Luziettie

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

Joe Dux, Project Manager, Boating and Facilities Development and Financing Unit, presented a request for Commission Advice and Comment on the proposed \$1,640,000 Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund Construction Grant to the US Department of Agriculture Forest Service for the Trinity Center Boat Launch Facility improvements.

*MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Madueno, seconded by Commissioner Harris, to approve the proposed \$1,640, 000 Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund construction grant to the US Department of Agriculture Forest Service for the Trinity Center Boat Launch Facility improvement at Trinity Lake described in the February 8, 2017 Feasibility Report. The motion passed unanimously.*

Leo LaMattina, Project Manager, Boating and Facilities Development and Financing Unit, presented a request for Commission Advice and Comment on the proposed \$150,000 Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund Planning Grant with conditions to the Bureau of Reclamation for Stony Gorge Boat Launch Facility.

*MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Metz, seconded by Commissioner Pettibone, to approve the proposed \$150,000 Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund planning grant -- with conditions -- to the Bureau of Reclamation for Stony Gorge Boat Launch Facility described in the February 8, 2017 Feasibility Report. The motion passed unanimously.*

Also in attendance was:  
Rich Robertson, Chief  
Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Land Division

Leo LaMattina, Project Manager, Boating and Facilities Development and Financing Unit, presented a request for Commission Advice and Comment on the proposed \$150,000 Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund Planning Grant (with conditions) to the Bureau of Reclamation for East Park Boat Launch Facility.

*MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Madueno, to approve the proposed \$150,000 Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund planning grant -- with conditions -- to the Bureau of Reclamation for East Park Boat Launch Facility described in the February 8, 2017 Feasibility Report. The motion passed unanimously.*

Also in attendance were:  
Rich Robertson, Chief  
Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Land Division

Micheal Azevedo, Assistant Director  
Public Works for Colusa County

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

DBW Staff presented the following programs:

Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Program – Deputy Director Sadler

- Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Fund Grants
- Vessel Turn-In Grants
- SAVE Grants

Boating Safety and Enforcement Programs – Joana Andrade

- Enforcement Financial Aid Program
- Enforcement Equipment Grant

Vessel Operator Card Program – Bria Miller

## **DETERMINATION OF FUTURE MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS**

The next DBW Commission Meeting is scheduled for April 4 & 5, 2017. The meeting was moved to an earlier date to accommodate fiscal deadlines.

## **SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

The tri-ennial report to the Legislature, Boating Needs Assessment, Forum on the Future of Boating and Commission Committees.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:06 p.m.