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AGENDA
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.
UWCD Headquarters, First Floor, Board Room
1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard, CA 93030

OPEN SESSION – ROLL CALL

1. Public Comment
The public may comment on any matter not on the agenda within the jurisdiction of the Committee. All comments are subject to a five-minute time limit.

2. Approval of Agenda
Motion
Review and approve the September 4, 2024, Recreation Committee meeting agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes
Motion
Review and approve the Minutes from the May 1, 2024, meeting.

4. Monthly Park and Recreation Department Report
Information Item
Receive and review the monthly report including a presentation on Lake Piru Recreation Area ongoing tasks and activities for the months of July 2024 through August 2024, along with a financial overview.

5. Future Agenda Items
Suggest topics or issues for discussion at future meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

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Approved: _____
Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., General Manager

Approved: _____
Craig Morgan, Chief Operations Officer

This agenda was posted Thursday, August 29, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. at the United Water Conservation District Headquarters, Oxnard, CA and www.unitedwater.org.

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MINUTES
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
May 1, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
Boardroom, UWCD Headquarters
1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard, CA 93030

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. Committee members Kimball and Hasan were present.

1. Public Comments

Information Item

No public speakers.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion

Action :M/S/C (Kimball/Hasan) approved the May 1. 2024 agenda.
Voice vote: All ayes.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion

Action: M/S/C (Kimball/Hasan) approved the December 6, 2023, minutes.
Voice vote: All ayes.

4. Monthly Park and Recreation Department Report

Information Item

Received and reviewed the monthly report and staff's presentation on ongoing tasks, activities, and financial overview.

5. Future Agenda Items

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the UWCD Recreation Committee meeting of May 1, 2024.

ATTEST: _____
Director Gordon Kimball

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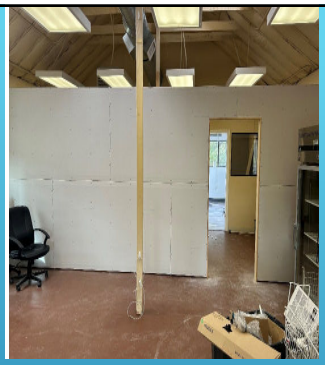
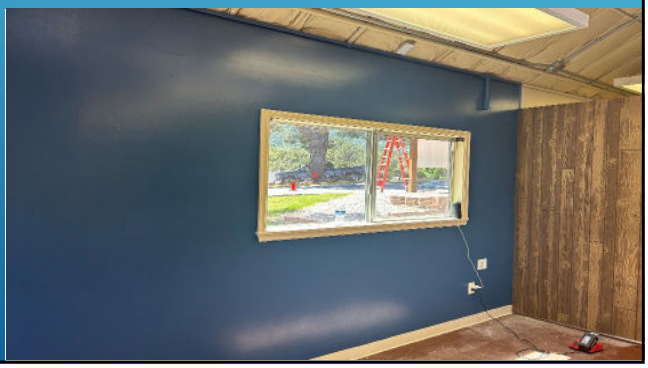
Lake Piru Store

- Security cameras installed
- Renovations continue, but have been temporarily suspended due the location use of the filming of TV show
- Business and seller's permits have been secured





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New Vending Machines

- Eight vending machines have been placed throughout the campgrounds, Day Use Park and outside Ranger Station. Offering a variety of soft drinks and water.

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PARK VISITATION AND REVENUE RECAP

Annual Month to Month Comparison

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Operational Update

Revenue Recap 2024 vs. 2023
January – April

Year	Day Use Revenue	Camping Revenue	All Other Revenue	Revenue Collected	Revenue Received (after refunds)	Visitation (# of people)
2024	$59,841	$141,423	$47,252	$261,423	$248,516	13,516
2023	$55,888	$151,628	$22,986	$219,998	207,958	12,869

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Operational Update

Other Revenue Recap – 2024 vs. 2023
Jan - April

Year	Firewood	Ice/Water	Showers/Laundry	Wi-Fi	Filming/Events	Pet Fees
2024	$5,105	$686	$880	$5,127	$29,750	$236
2023	$5,718	$1,245	$313	$6,577	$0	$285

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QUESTIONS?

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Staff Report

To: UWCD Recreation Committee

Through: Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., General Manager

From: Bernard Riedel Jr., Senior Park Ranger

Date: August 25, 2024 (September 4, 2024, meeting)

Agenda Item: 4. Park and Recreation Monthly Department Report
Information item

Staff Recommendation:
The Committee will receive and file this staff report from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding its activities for the months of July and August 2024.

Discussion:
July and August are the busiest months at Lake Piru Recreation Area (LPRA), 2024 monthly visitation numbers continue to surpass those of 2023. Staff have been busy ensuring guests have a safe and enjoyable time, by ensuring all facilities are clean and operational. LPRA hosted fishing tournaments, night fishing events, and various community gatherings. Rangers assisted boaters experiencing mechanical issues, addressed minor disturbances in the campgrounds, and responded to medical incidents, some of which required intervention by the Ventura County Fire Department (VCFD), including an unfortunate drowning at the Juan Fernandez swim beach. Jessica Spencer, a part-time worker, was promoted to part-time reservations coordinator to help address the work associated with the increased visitation.

Staff Tasks and Activity Highlights

- **July 6**: Rangers hosted a S'mores and Stories educational event for young visitors. John Lindquist, water resources supervisor at UWCD, spoke about the Santa Clara River watershed.
- **July 9-11**: LPRA hosted a personal watercraft training conducted by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCGA). USCGA regularly assists patrolling lakes during busy times and this training is necessary for them to effectively carry out their duties.
- **July 25**: A production company used the LPRA for their filming location.

- **August 5**: Rangers identified a small brushfire at the lookout above Santa Felicia Dam. VCFD was notified, and staff began to address the fire, it was extinguished shortly thereafter, as VCFD resources arrived.
- **August 17**: Rangers hosted a S'mores and Stories educational event for young visitors. Volunteers from the Friends of the Condors organization spoke about the endangered condor.
- **August 17:** Staff hosted a monthly event for Happy Campers, an Alcoholics Anonymous group who has been hosting monthly recovery meetings for residents of Los Angeles County for more than twenty years.
- **August 17:** Staff hosted a "Howl at The Moon" nighttime fishing event. This event is a recurring monthly event which takes place around the full moon cycle and allows guests to fish from 5pm to 1am.
- **August 23**: Rangers met with the VCFD captain from search and rescue/swift water program, regarding a weeklong training they wish to conduct at LPRA and the integration of ranger staff. Also discussed were coordination protocols between VCFD and ranger staff during emergency events at the LPRA.
- **August 31**: Rangers hosted a S'mores and Stories educational event for young visitors. Representatives from the Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians spoke about the local Native American tribe.

Staff Training/Meetings/Events

- **August 27**: In compliance with Senate Bill 553 regarding workplace violence prevention, full time ranger staff attended a presentation given by retired FBI agent Jeffrey Cugno.
- **various dates:** Rangers completed training in case law, law enforcement policies, and procedures, from District vendor Lexipol.
- **various dates:** Rangers completed safety training from District vendor Target Solutions.

Revenue and Visitation Recap

2024 Day Use/Other Revenue Recap and Comparison	
2024 Day Use/Other Revenue (Jan 1 – August 25)	$428,723
2023 Day Use/Other Revenue (Jan 1 – August 25)	$305,472
Total Revenue Increase/Decrease from Prior Year	**$123,251**
Annual Increase/Decrease %	**40%**
2024 Camping Revenue Recap and Comparison	
2024 Camping Revenue (Jan 1 – August 25)	$470,951
2023 Camping Revenue (Jan 1 – August 25)	$469,086
Total Revenue Increase/Decrease from Prior Year	**$1,865**
Annual Increase/Decrease in %	**0.4%**
Total Combined Revenue Current and Previous Year Comparison (2024 vs. 2023)	
2024 All Revenue (Jan 1 – August 25)	$899,674
2023 All Revenue (Jan 1 – August 25)	$774,558
Total Revenue Increase from Prior Year	**$125,116**
Annual Increase/Decrease in %	**16%**

It should be noted that the above figures have not been verified by the District's finance department

2024 Total Visitation Figures				
Month	**# People**	**# Vehicles**	**# Vessels**	**Pets**
January	2,423	979	112	13
February	2,240	748	105	3
March	5,236	1,861	358	12
April	7,128	2,407	546	25
May	12,760	3,678	765	11
June	19,024	5,245	1,176	20
July	43,876	5,094	1,016	27
August	12,279	3,768	655	19
Total	**104,966**	**23,780**	**4,733**	**130**

Incidents

- **July 5:** Rangers responded to a 9 1 1 notification of a person possibly experiencing a seizure or breathing problems, at the Juan Fernandez swim beach. Rangers were prevented by the family to approach the victim to render aid or assess because of the victim's alleged dislike of law enforcement. VCFD arrived 20 minutes later, and the victim was transported to the hospital**.**
- **July 7:** Rangers responded to a 9 1 1 notification of a person possibly experiencing a seizure in the Olive Grove campground. Ranger staff observed an adult lying on the ground with visible bruising starting to form. Initial examination showed the

patient to have an altered mental status. The patient refused medical care from the rangers or VCFD.

- **July 7:** Rangers responded to a radio call from a camp host regarding a patient having intensive swelling in his right arm. Ranger staff determined the swelling was due to trauma. The patient accepted an ice pack but refused medical care.
- **July 13:** Rangers responded to a 9 1 1 notification of a drowning at the Juan Fernandez swim beach. Ranger staff began searching for the victim. An off-duty captain with the Oxnard Fire Department (OFD) was in the vicinity and joined the search. VCFD trucks and a helicopter arrived, the submerged victim was located and removed from the lake. VCFD personnel administered CPR, and the victim was transported via helicopter to the Ventura County Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased. As of this date, the report from the medical examiner has not been completed.
- **July 19:** Ranger staff responded to a hemorrhage call in the Olive Grove campground. The patient had a three-inch superficial laceration. Staff cleaned and dressed the wound. The patient denied further care.
- **July 20:** Ranger staff received a verbal report involving a possible drunk driver leaving the premises with two children. Staff contacted the California Highway Patrol dispatch and provided pertinent information. No further action taken.
- **July 21**: Ranger staff assisted the Ventura County Sherrif's Office in the investigation of a suicidal subject in the LPRA. VCSO deputies identified the vehicle in question driving toward LPRA. VCSO deputies initiated a traffic stop and transported the subject to Santa Paula hospital for evaluation.
- **July 25:** Ranger staff identified a male who had previously been banned from returning to the lake due to extremely reckless behavior while riding his jet ski. The male hid among his group of friends when arriving at the lake, in order to not be seen by personnel working at the gatehouse. He also had a friend in another vehicle tow his jet ski into the lake for him. Rangers asked the man to leave, along with his jet ski, the male complied without incident.
- **August 17**: After midnight, rangers responded to a request for assistance by the host of an event, in Group Campsite 2. Two men at that event were intoxicated and in a physical fight. Rangers called the VCSO and then separated the men from each other. When the VCSO deputies arrived, one of the individuals fighting had passed out in his tent, and the other had left the area on foot. No additional action was taken by the deputies or rangers. Later that morning, at the request of the event host, another ranger asked the remaining individual who had been fighting to leave and he complied without incident.
- **August 18**: Ranger staff responded to a call involving a 6-year-old child found by guests visiting the facility. The child reportedly claimed that his brothers were physically abusing him, and he had not had breakfast that morning. The child was also visibly dirty. Ranger staff contacted VCSO and requested assistance. VCSO deputies arrived on scene and filed a report with Child Protective Services. No further incident.

- **August 18**: Ranger staff responded to a 911 call involving a vessel in Santa Felicia cove with no passengers on board. Ranger staff investigated the incident and found that the missing passengers had temporarily boarded another vessel. No further incident.

Citations/Enforcement Summary

- Throughout July and August, no citations were issued for violations of District Ordinance 15 or for violations of the California Penal Code of the California Harbors and Navigation Code. It should be noted Ranger staff issued numerous verbal warnings for violations of District ordinances and state laws.

Grants

- Nothing to report.