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AGENDA
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, November 6, 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 November 6, 2024, Recreation Committee meeting agenda.
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
Motion
 Review and approve the Minutes from the September 4, 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 month of October 2024, along with a financial overview.
- 5. Future Agenda Items**
 Suggest topics or issues for discussion at future meetings.

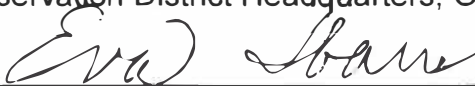
ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved: 
 Craig Morgan, Chief Operations Officer

This agenda was posted Thursday, October 31, 2024, at 2:30 p.m. at the United Water Conservation District Headquarters, Oxnard, CA and www.unitedwater.org.


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MINUTES
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
September 4, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
Boardroom, UWCD Headquarters
1701 N. Lombard Street, Oxnard, CA 93030

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Committee members Ford, Hasan and Kimball were present.

1. **Public Comments**
Information Item
No public speakers.

2. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion
Action :M/S/C (Kimball/Hasan) approved the September 4, 2024 agenda.
Voice vote: All ayes.

3. **Approval of Minutes**
Motion
Action: M/S/C (Kimball/Hasan) approved the May 1, 2024, 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**
Cost evaluation of other lakes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the UWCD Recreation Committee meeting of September 4, 2024.

ATTEST: _____
Director Gordon Kimball



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Condor Point Store

- ▶ Opened Memorial Day Weekend
- ▶ Soft drinks, premade sandwiches, salads, candy, ice cream and various sundries
- ▶ Locally designed and produced Lake Piru clothing
- ▶ Fishing equipment and bait is forthcoming

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Vending Machines

- ▶ Eight machines, offering a variety of soft drinks and water.
- ▶ Located throughout the campground, Day Use Park and outside Ranger Station.

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Activities/Events

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Operational Update

Revenue Recap 2024 vs. 2023 January – August

Year	Day Use Revenue	Camping Revenue	All Other Revenue	Revenue Collected	Revenue Received (after refunds)	Visitation (# of people)
2024	\$209,093 \$47,802 30%	\$511,805 \$4,416 .9%	\$236,228 \$89,575 61%	\$957,126 \$132,961 16%	\$897,531 \$122,973 16%	104,966 17%
2023	\$161,291	\$516,221	\$146,653	\$824,165	\$774,558	90,070

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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: October 27, 2024 (November 6, 2024, meeting)

Agenda Item: 4. Parks and Recreation Department Monthly 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 month of October 2024.

Discussion:

October is the beginning of the shoulder season for the Lake Piru Recreation Area (LPRA) when visitation significantly declines. With the fall water release the lake level has decreased more than 20 feet since the release began shortly after Labor Day. Ranger staff were busy moving the courtesy docks to keep up with the dropping level. Ranger staff removed the anchors and cables for the old marina and set the anchors for the new marina which was completed by Bellingham Marine at the end of the month. On October 3, a fire started at Piru Canyon Road, approximately one mile from the LPRA entrance. The Felicia Fire consumed 367 acres surrounding the LPRA, due to the efforts of the Ventura County Fire Department and multiple other departments, no fire damage was sustained in the LPRA. LPRA was closed for six days while SCE and AT&T restored services. The Ranger cadre has been down as well, following the departure of one ranger in April and another in September for other opportunities. After an extensive search and interview process, Park Ranger Cadet job offers were extended and accepted by two strong candidates.

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Staff Tasks and Activity Highlights

- **October 26:** Staff welcomed Channel Islands Restoration for weed abatement day in Middle Piru Creek. Approximately 20 volunteers attended the event to clear Tamarisk and other invasive weeds. Ranger staff had an opportunity to educate the volunteers on invasive quagga mussels present in Lake Piru.
- **October 30:** Ventura County Search and Rescue and Ventura County Sheriff's Office aviation units conducted a training exercise at the LPRA. These exercises target water rescues and help ensure first responders are well versed in the skills needed to respond to emergencies.

Staff Training/Meetings/Events

- **October 17:** Senior Ranger Riedel successfully completed the 21-hour Public Safety-First Aid class.
- **October 28 & 29:** Senior Ranger Riedel and Ranger Groeneveld completed confined space training. This training will allow ranger staff to assist O&M in various situations.
- **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 – October 27)	\$500,868
2023 Day Use/Other Revenue (Jan 1 – October 27)	\$377,473
Total Revenue Increase/Decrease from Prior Year	\$123,395
Annual Increase/Decrease %	33%
2024 Camping Revenue Recap and Comparison	
2024 Camping Revenue (Jan 1 – October 27)	\$532,834
2023 Camping Revenue (Jan 1 – October 27)	\$523,064
Total Revenue Increase/Decrease from Prior Year	\$9,770
Annual Increase/Decrease in %	2%
Total Combined Revenue Current and Previous Year Comparison (2024 vs. 2023)	
2024 All Revenue (Jan 1 – October 27)	\$1,033,702
2023 All Revenue (Jan 1 – October 27)	\$900,537
Total Revenue Increase from Prior Year	\$133,165
Annual Increase/Decrease in %	15%

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****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	21,656	5,094	1,016	27
August	16,369	4,118	777	27
September	10,909	2,906	552	9
October	3,116	918	149	4
Total	100,861	27,954	5,556	151

Incidents

- **October 3:** Felicia fire broke out on the turnout on Piru Canyon Road. This fire spread to 367 acres and caused the LPRA to be closed until October 10.

Citations/Enforcement Summary

- Throughout October, 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.