

Paradise Irrigation District
Paradise Lake and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes 9/12/2018
Meeting held at Paradise Lake picnic area

Directors Present: Bill Kellogg, Marc Sulik

Staff Present: Ed Fortner, Jim Passanisi, Greg Dobbs

Committee Members Present: Kieran O'Leary, SPI

Public Present: Paradise Pines resident Wade Killingsworth and Thad Walker, BCRC

1. Proposed Trail from Magalia Reservoir to Paradise Lake (Thad Walker from BCRC): Thad talked about the proposed trail and emphasized there is interest in creating more hiking trails in the area. Thad stated the trail could be approximately 4 feet wide and could be a multi-use trail such as hiking and bicycling. He stated there might be grant money available for the construction of the trail and that PID could possibly partner with other agencies, such as the Paradise Parks and Recreation District and the US Forest Service. Thad presented a cost proposal that outlined the cost that his agency would charge for the planning process for the trail. The initial cost would be \$3,500 for the trail layout, mapping, and a USFS proposal (trail would cross USFS lands). The total cost including the initial work, CEQA document, and surveying would be \$16,500.

There was much discussion among the Committee about the pros and cons of the trail. Some of the pros listed were: Increased public recreational walking/hiking, biking opportunities and the possible discouragement of transient encampments in the area due to public use of the trail.

Some cons listed were: Security issues due to close proximity of trail to the Lake and District potable water source, as well as Lake Patrol coverage of the trail and response to possible emergencies on the trail.

It was decided by the Committee to bring the concept of the proposed trail before the PID Board at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting to determine if the Board would like to move forward with the trail proposal.

2. Location options of an ADA accessible picnic table in the lower parking area (Greg Dobbs): The Committee spent considerable time assessing three different locations for the placement of an ADA picnic table (already purchased) and the pad and walkway for it. The Committee decided to locate the ADA picnic table on a site near the center of the parking area. It would be easily accessed from the ADA walkway and still close to the ADA parking spots. The Committee decided to proceed with the construction of the picnic table concrete pad and some additional walk path associated with it. The cost is estimated to be less than \$5,000.

It was also decided by the Committee to not provide a permanent ADA fishing pad or location due to accessibility issues with the varying Lake water levels throughout the year.

3. Security at Paradise Lake (Manager Fortner): Ed discussed the recent vandalism that occurred at the Magalia Bypass structure and possible security measures that could be taken. One such measure would be to install video surveillance cameras in the area.
4. Graphic for the Bulletin Board at Paradise Lake (Greg Dobbs): The graphics are still being looked into for the bulletin board.

5. Paradise Lake Boat Launch Ramp No. 1 - Improvement to Existing Parking Area and Update and discussion regarding parking concept plan. (Jim Passanisi): Jim stated the Boat Launch No. 1 area could be scheduled as part of a Shaded Fuel Project area prior to tree and stump removal for the eventual construction of a gravel parking area. Ed and Jim stated they have been in contact with a party that provides goats for grazing services to perform Shaded Fuel removal work. The cost for grazing services using goats is quite a bit higher than the Cal Fire work crew cost. If the cost per acre for the grazing services can be lowered to be comparable to the cost for Cal Fire work crews, the goats may be considered as an option. Kieran stated that SPI might be able to partner with PID to do tree clearing of the site if they were doing similar work in the area. Greg indicated there is also a need for an adequate auto-boat trailer turn around area adjacent to the proposed parking lot area, which could be incorporated into the parking lot project. Prior to any work to be done on the site, a Timberland Conversion Permit must be obtained from the Forest Service. Kieran stated he would work on the Timberland Conversion (TC) permit for the Committee. He also noted that there is a two year timeline from approval of the TC permit and when the project would need to be completed.
6. Construction projects at Paradise Lake (Greg Dobbs): The next project is construction of the ADA picnic table concrete pad and adjacent walkway.
7. Paradise Lake Recreation Activity and Projects (Greg Dobbs): Greg stated that public use of the Lake was up this summer from prior years.
8. 2018 Permit Sales and Lake Activity (Greg Dobbs): Permit sales were up in August of this year from prior years.
9. Shaded Fuel Removal Projects – Planning & Updates (Greg Dobbs): The Shaded Fuel Project (SFP) work has been on hold throughout the summer due to Cal Fire attending to Fires. The SFP might resume this fall depending on Cal Fire availability.
10. Water Supply Update: Paradise Lake Water Level Data (Jim Passanisi): The Paradise Lake level is at 74% full and is right at its average level for this time of year based on past lake level data. Jim stated a new submerged lake level probe is in the process of being purchased for Magalia Reservoir to replace the existing older, less accurate unit.
11. Location of Meetings (Manger Fortner): Ed stated that per the Ralph M. Brown Act regulations Committee meetings should be accessible to the public within the District boundaries and that most meetings should be scheduled at the District office. Occasionally, meetings can be scheduled at alternate locations such as Paradise Lake if something pertinent needs to be viewed by the Committee.

The next PLRC meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the PID Board Room.