

- Diamond Valley Recreation Program Activity Report for December 2004

Summary

This report provides an update of the Diamond Valley Recreation Program for December 2004.

Description

Budget Update through December 2004

Appropriated Amount	\$92.8 million
Expenditures to Date	\$31.14 million
Unexpended Funds	\$61.66 million

Project Updates

Valley-Wide Grading

The Notice to Proceed was issued to Southern California Grading, Inc., on December 22, 2004. The holidays and recent rainstorms have slowed field-related activities, but it is anticipated that the schedule will not be adversely impacted because of the close coordination between Metropolitan and Valley-Wide Recreation Park District activities.

Trails

Bellfree Contractors, Inc. conducted field investigations of the planned Diamond Valley Lakeshore Trail and the Diamond Valley Lake/Lake Skinner Trail on December 14-16. The consultant has been charged with developing recommendations to improve and complete the above-mentioned trails. The consultant's report is due in January 2005.

East Marina Boat Ramp Extension

The contractor placed an additional 120 linear feet of cast-in-place concrete ramp in December, for a total completed length of 210 linear feet. Due to the availability of additional water for storage, lake elevations began to rise. Metropolitan directed the contractor to reduce the scope of work by approximately 50 percent. The result of the change is that the west side of the boat ramp (6 traffic lanes) will be 474 feet long and the east side of the ramp (5 traffic lanes) will be 555 feet long. The contractor began storing the unused material, and demobilizing equipment from the jobsite. The contract is 36 percent complete based on contract earnings.

The project is under budget and will be completed by mid-January 2005, ahead of the original completion estimate of March 2005.



Figure 1: Floating docks and marina ramp – Looking Northeast

Boat Docks

Metropolitan is preparing a Request for Bids (RFB) for the DVL Marina Floating Boat Docks as part of Phase I of the Marina appropriation. The RFB will be advertised in January 2005 with a deadline scheduled received in late February. An item for Board consideration is scheduled for April 2005.

Searl Parkway Improvements

Phase I

Construction Activities – A pre-construction meeting took place with the Phase I contractor, sub-contractors, utility representatives, and Metropolitan. Notice to Proceed was issued on December 15, 2004.

Utility Coordination Activities – Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) executed its utility installation contract, and issued a “construction order” to Metropolitan to proceed with wet utility installations. Metropolitan finalized a utility installation contract with Adelphia and continued coordination with Southern California Edison (SCE) regarding its utility installation contract, easement documents, and relocation of power poles.

The agreement with the SunCal Companies for the proposed sewer changes that comply with EMWD’s standards will be executed by January 2005.

Phase II

The 75 percent design package was distributed to Metropolitan staff, EMWD and the City of Hemet for review, with comments expected to be received in January.

Metropolitan submitted the proposed Phase II improvements to the City of Hemet for review and approval. These improvements are considered a revision to the DVL Recreation Specific Plan. The City of Hemet's approval of this submittal is expected by January 2005.

A meeting will be scheduled with SCE in January to begin the electrical design process and to discuss and submit the necessary documentation for Phase II improvements. SCE will provide the design schedule and related fee estimates. Upon receipt of SCE's design plans, similar meetings will be scheduled with other utilities including: Verizon, Adelphia, and the Southern California Gas Co., to prepare the corresponding utility design plans that are to be included in the Phase II construction bid package.

East Recreation Lake

In response to announcement of Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 668 for design of the lake, 205 firms downloaded the RFP from Metropolitan's BidNet web page. Forty-seven firms attended the mandatory pre-proposal conference at Union Station. Prospective respondents were invited to tour the existing East Recreation Lake site on December 6, 2004, and 10 individuals participated.

Proposals are due in January 18, 2005, and Board authorization of an agreement for the lake design is planned for May 2005.

Recreation Facilities Development

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Recreation Facilities and Land Development has been prepared with scheduled advertisement in January 2005. A 90-day response time is planned to allow all interested parties to adequately respond.

Dry Boat Storage

The Department of Health Services (DHS) granted Metropolitan approval to add up to 50 dry boat storage spaces in the marina area. Board authorization is planned for March 2005, to amend the existing Urban Parks Concessions contract to manage the dry boat storage.

Property Disposition

Metropolitan is the fee title owner of MWD Parcel Nos. 144-1-85 and 144-1-153. These parcels are referred to as the "North Property" and were previously known as the McSweeney Ranch, having been purchased by Metropolitan in 1992, during acquisitions for the Diamond Valley Lake (DVL). The North Property parcels have historically been used for agriculture, and are located immediately northwest of the intersection of Domenigoni Parkway and State Street near the City of Hemet, California.

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 685 is being prepared for expertise in assessment of potential development options and entitlements of the North Property and will be issued in January. This RFQ will be advertised for six weeks.

Museums

The museum projects are managed and directed by The Center for Water Education. The following is intended to keep Metropolitan's Board apprised of progress by The Center on its construction activities.

The steel frame for The Center for Water Education Museum building is complete, and the topping-off ceremony (the last piece of structural steel to be raised) was held on December 21, 2004. Steel metal decking is complete. (See figures 2 and 3).

Site utilities for sewer, storm drain, water lines, and fire service lines have been installed. The overall status of the project is approximately 30 percent complete.



Figure 2



Figure 3

Operations & Maintenance

Figure 1 shows marina usage figures for the past 12 months, January 2004 through December 2004.

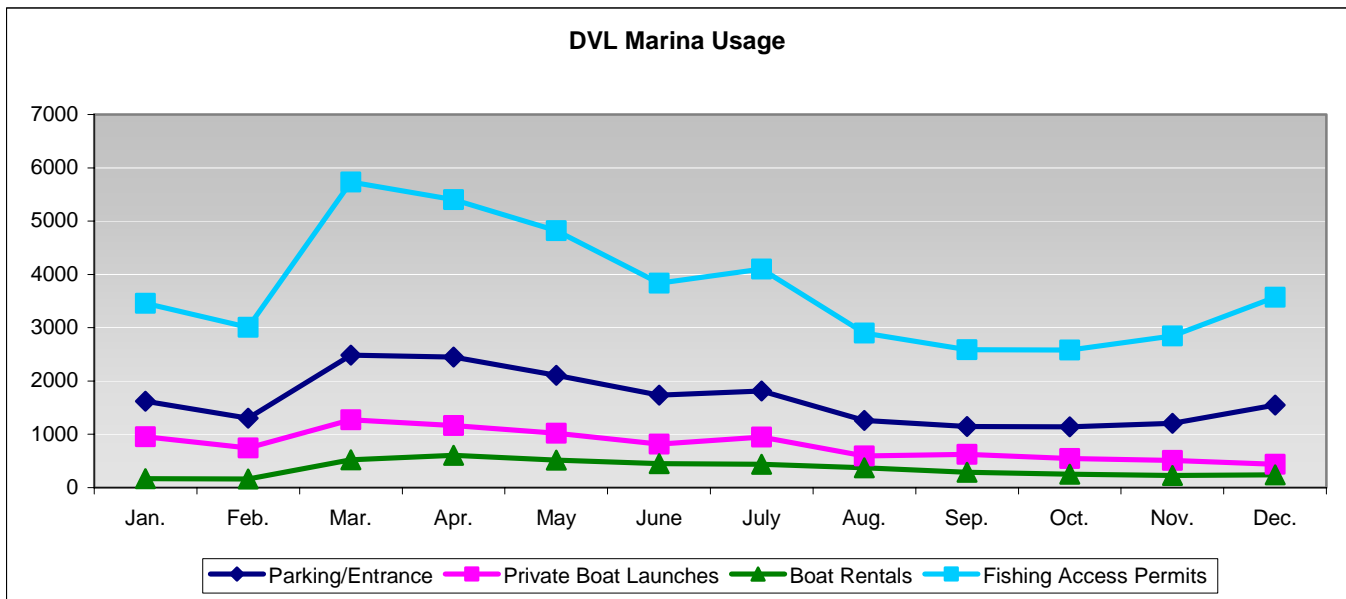


Figure1: DVL Marina Usage

Type of Transaction	Total Number of Transactions for the 12-month Period
Parking/Entrance	19,815
Private Boat Launches	9,643
Boat Rentals	4,246
Fishing Access Permits	44,852