

Piedras Blancas Light Station Association
Meeting Minutes
Rabobank Conference Room - Cambria, CA
March 23, 2016

Board Members in attendance: Jackie Howland (Chair), Tim Postiff (Vice chair), Harry Thorpe (Treasurer), Jim Harris, David Cooper, John Brass

Board Members absent: None

Others present: Ryan Cooper (BLM), Jodie Nelson (BLM), Holly Gant (PBLSA), Abel Martinez

Jackie Howland called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

Announcements: None

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was approved by consensus.

Reports:

1. Secretary Report- *M/S/P Minutes of February 24, 2015 approved.*
2. Financial Status and Treasurer's Report- See attached.
3. Gift Shop Report- See attached. Gift Shop Committee will consist of Holly, Jodie and PBLS volunteer Mary Margaret McGuire. Harry recommended possible agenda items for the committee- reorder points, price per item history.
4. BLM Update- *Comm tower*- Is moving forward, chase system was ordered, minor modifications needed on trenching. Bakersfield in the process of putting out leases and expects to get ready for antennas soon. *FSB*- Dan Murphy is getting plan and quote for testing bolts. Whale tour was cancelled due to weather. Trees removed from in front of Unit A, one fell during last storm. *Educational outreach*- spoke to Baywood Elementary and that's the last school tour this year. *Water system*- met with Doug Barker and Dan Falat about getting water from State Parks. Language of conservation easement states that water won't be taken off easement to another property. Local engineer came in to test water system and will maintain it. *Entry gate*- Ryan will submit purchase request for funding. *Motel*- Ryan and Jackie met with Barker and Falat, there are contractor issues at the motel that have stalled further plans. *Unit D*- whale team moving in this weekend. Whale platform nearly done. Jodie going to training for assistance agreement. Zale hosted a walking tour starting from the e-seals and included the LH tour. Could be a possible tour idea in the future.

Old Business:

1. Tower Update- See attached.
2. CA National Monument Initiative- See attached.

New Business:

1. Cooperative Agreement- Jodie is going to training to become our liaison
2. Visitor Center Update- On hold
3. Special Tour- Nature day for kids with special needs for county kids from Jack's Helping Hands May 14 or 21; will be more of an open house rather than a structured LH tour.
Astronomy tour- Cal Poly students to host it for scouts
4. Professional Development Program for volunteers- Jackie and Jodie to meet on training modules for volunteers and quality control of tours.

Discussion Items:

1. Tim proposed a welcome ceremony and dedication to Jim when the gate is completed. Harry suggested an interpretive panel about Jim and info about the LH/ONA. Jackie asked Tim to spearhead ideas and come back to the board with ideas to vote on.
2. Abel suggested a thank you to Lois Capps for being a strong ally of PBLS in Congress. Jackie asked for it to be a topic at the next meeting. Abel suggested an update with progress photos sent to Hind Foundation also.

Board meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Appendix 2: Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT for March 2016

1. OPERATIONS INCOME: Last Month: \$3,665.81 YTD: \$10,871.11

PROFIT: Last Month: \$1,015.59 YTD: \$3,430.97

BLM SUPPORT EXPENSE: Last Month: \$5,774.00 YTD: \$7,279.89

BALANCES: H. O. Bank: \$2,872.36 ASAP: \$73,272.01

2. INVESTMENT BALANCE – FIDELITY INVESTMENTS

<i>Month</i>	<i>Beg Bal</i>	<i>Market Chg</i>	<i>Div/Int</i>	<i>Deposit</i>	<i>W/D</i>	<i>Ending Bal</i>
Mar 2016	557,389.78	14,069.23	901.73	--	--	572,360.74
Feb 2016	558,361.95	<1,838.42>	866.25	--	--	557,389.78
Jan 2016	567,138.60	<9,564.35>	787.70	--	--	558,361.95

3. OTHER:

- Audited March transactions and made adjustments.
- Talked with new Fidelity representative, Molly Hughes.
- Reviewed Co-op Agreement – waiting for BLM direction.
- Continued to follow up on funds request for entrance gate – awaiting BLM purchase request.

Harry M. Thorpe, Jr.

Appendix 3: Gift Shop Report

Net Sales

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2011	884	1,009	1,354	2,517	1,435	2,216
2012	862	922	1,497	1,812	1,366	2,121
2013	1,848	1,270	1,931	2,849	2,208	3,407
2014	1,853	3,263	3,072	2,447	2,186	2,697
2015	2,873	2,278	2,512	2,604	2,783	3,628
2016	1,798	2,609	2,830			

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2011	3,481	2,973	1,733	1,445	1,158	1,837
2012	3,718	3,725	1,951	2,653	1,207	1,344
2013	4,351	4,121	2,314	2,048	1,872	1,965
2014	3,838	4,283	3,045	2,528	1,412	1,635
2015	4,862	4,356	2,609	3,216	2,258	2,157

	TOTAL	Jan - June
2011	\$ 22,042	\$ 9,415
2012	\$ 23,178	\$ 8,580
2013	\$ 30,184	\$ 13,513
2014	\$ 32,259	\$ 15,518
2015	\$ 36,136	\$ 16,678
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Appendix 4: BLM Report

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Appendix 5: Tower Update

Summary Tower project March 23, 2016

The final documentation for the phase 1 study of the tower has been submitted to the BLM in Sacramento. Ryan Cooper and Jackie Howland (PBLSA). Bruce Elster of Shoreline is working on the proposal for phase 2, which should be ready for the April meeting. Shoreline has submitted the final invoice for the phase 1 effort to PBLSA, and Bruce will continue to work on a time and materials basis to answer any BLM questions on the phase 1 final document.

Appendix 6: National Monument Update

March 22, 2016

TO: PBLSA Board of Directors
FROM: David Cooper
RE: PB CA Coastal National Monument Update

On March 17th, Donovan Marley attended a meeting in San Francisco of the California Coastal National Monument Expansion Act advocacy team. . Convened by The Wilderness Society and Conservation Lands Foundation, the team developed a media plan for the launch of a statewide campaign to promote the Act.

On March 24th, Kyle Chapman, Senator Boxer's legislative counsel who drafter the Expansion Act, will meet at the light station with Ryan Cooper, Dan Falat, Donovan, and me. Chapman is also drafting a letter from Senator Boxer to President Obama requesting a presidential proclamation of the California Coastal National Monument expansion under the authority of the Antiquities Act.

On April 5th, Nick Franco and Donovan are scheduled to present a request for a resolution of support to the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors.

On April 6th and 7th, a videography team from The Wilderness Society will be filming throughout the entire ONA. They plan to feature the Piedras Blancas segment of the CA Coastal National Monument on the Society's website.

My thanks to all of you for agreeing to sign on to a letter opposing an amendment to the Energy Policy Modernization Act that would undermine the Antiquities Act.