



**Siskiyou County Flood Control & Water Conservation District
Staff Report
December 14, 2021**

**TO: County of Siskiyou Flood Control and Water
Conservation Board of Directors**

FROM: Jason Ledbetter, General Services Director.

**RE: Proposed Kayak Rental Business on Flood Control
Property at Lake Siskiyou**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (“District”) staff has received interest from the community members about providing kayak and paddle board rental concessionaire services at multiple locations around Lake Siskiyou, (Shown in Attachment A).

The District owns approximately 2,000 acres of forested property surrounding Lake Siskiyou, near Mt. Shasta, California and beneficially manages and develops the property for the general public. Under the District’s originating act, it is empowered to hold, use, enjoy sell and contract to sell or dispose of real, personal and mixed property of every kind. (Cal Uncod. Water Deer, Act 1240 § 3(d)). Currently, the District leases a portion of its property to a concessionaire that operates the Lake Siskiyou Campgrounds. As part of the concessionaire’s lease, it has first right of refusal for competitive commercial facilities.

CURRENT ISSUE:

Staff is seeking Board direction on whether it is interested in pursuing the development of kayak and paddle board rental services at Lake Siskiyou. If the Board has no interest in this type of concession, then no further direction or action is needed. Alternately, if the Board is interested in the development of this type of concession, then staff recommends it be authorized to begin the process for providing the existing concessionaire with a first right of refusal to provide these services and/or preparing the process to identify potential concessionaires.

While historically the District has leased its property to its concessionaires, staff recommends that the District only consider granting a non-exclusive license to use its property for purpose of this potential concession.¹ As consideration for the rights and privileges that would be granted by a license for use, the licensee would pay the District a monthly/biannual/annual commission or fee, which could be a certain percent of gross revenues.

¹ Staff does not recommend the District entertain leasing offers, which give the concessionaire an interest in the Flood District’s property

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If the Board of Directors determines they have interest in a licensing process to allow this type of business to operate on the Flood District property, staff will need to develop a minimum commission or fee schedule for licensing and a solicitation process to bring to the Board of Directors for approval.

DISCUSSION & DIRECTION:

Does the Board have interest in this category of concession at these proposed locations? If so, does the Board want to move forward with staff recommendations on a fee schedule and licensing process to be voted upon at a future meeting by the Flood Control Board of Directors?

RECOMMENDATIONS:

If the Board desires to proceed, staff recommends a licensing process be developed and brought back to the Board for approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Proposed locations for Kayak and Paddle Board Rentals