



# MEETING SUMMARY

## Recreation Management and Visitor Use and Needs at Silverwood SRA

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### Meeting Details

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**Date:** 10 July 2017

**Time:** 1:30 pm

**Location:** Silverwood State Recreation Area Marina

**Objectives:** Gather information on recreation management and visitor use and needs at Silverwood Lake SRA

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### Attendees

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Lisa McCandless, Stantec; Kirby Gilbert, Stantec; Cole Woldridge, Rocky Mountain Recreation Company

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### Summary

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Rocky Mountain Recreation Company (<http://rockymountainrec.com/>) is the primary concessionaire for State Parks at Silverwood. Cole Woldridge is the site manager at Silverwood Lake, and he operates a snack bar, small store, the marina, and boat and other watercraft rentals. Cole ([cole@rockymountainrec.com](mailto:cole@rockymountainrec.com) / 760-389-2299) provided the following observations and information about their operation:

- Rocky Mountain Recreation Company (RMRC) operates several marinas and recreation facilities in the region, which includes the campground and day use facilities at Pyramid Lake (they now have a new contract there this season), Lake Perris, and Castaic Lake.
- Cole has been at Silverwood for 7 years and concession opportunities have been in place since the mid-1990s.
- Their main operations involve operating the marina, renting out daily or annual boat slips, renting out water craft, running the store and snack bar, and providing a mobile goods delivery services to the day use and campground areas. These mobile goods delivery services include mostly ice, firewood, ice cream, and other food.

- The store and marina operate year-round and the only days that the operation is closed are Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.
- RMRC rents 14-foot aluminum boats by the hour and has three pontoon boats for rent to larger groups.
- RMRC has a lease to another vendor who rents jet skis, kayaks, paddleboards, and pedal boats (2 or 4 person boats available).
- RMRC rent out slips on the marina, both for overnight and monthly use. State Parks retains 6-7 spaces for their use. There is a wait list for reserving a boat slip on the monthly contract. The marina slips are open year-round. Typically, the daily overnight slips are available and used by campers at the park who do not wish to pull their boat out at night. It is \$25 to rent a slip for overnight use. A ferry service is available from the marina to the campground.
- Cole has 22 blue aluminum boats ready to rent, but on a busy day can supplement that supply with another dozen or so boats from dry storage. Only 4 people are allowed per boat.
- For park entrants bringing their own equipment to the lake, Parks try to maintain a lake limit of no more than 150 vessels at once. However, the concession rentals do not count in that limit and therefore, represent use above the 150 vessel limit.
- RMRC would like to expand the marina to accommodate more monthly moorage.
- The mobile food and snack service is successful. On busy days, the service has a crew of 2 who roam the park day use and campground areas between 12 PM and approximately 8 PM. The service sells everything from ice cream to fire wood.
- The closure of the lake due to bad water quality conditions last July made things difficult for their operations and staff, some of whom could not work.
- Cole mentioned that at certain times he has seen the Coast Guard Auxiliary out on the lake. Cole thought that most boaters seem to get along pretty well. Many of his customers tend to stay in the Cleghorn and southern parts of the lake, while private craft often venture to the north part. Regardless, there is mixed use throughout the lake.