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Legislative Sub-Committee Meeting Report 10/13/06 Morro Bay, California

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We conducted a short meeting at the beginning of the general meeting on Friday the 13th. The following items were discussed. Action items are identified below each item.

- **Item I:** Dept. of Boating and Waterways has conducted a series of two public meetings to discuss vessel operators licensing/training requirements. USLA President, Chris Brewster attended the meeting in Los Angeles and advised that there is a serious obstacle in passing such legislation due to recreational boating vendors groups and some recreational boaters associations.

Action Item: Continue to monitor this issue.

- **Item II:** California State Parks is seeking a legislative remedy for so that we may regulate the possession of alcohol on State Park property.

Action Item: None

- **Item III:** A recent California Supreme Court decision concerning liability stemming out of a case involving a drowning of a 14-year old boy in a designated swim area at a man-made lake near Oakland, California. The case involved the East Bay Regional Park District in action by plaintiffs for negligence and wrongful death, arising from the drowning death of Jason Perry, the 14-year-old. On appeal, plaintiffs contended the court erred when it found defendants were immune from liability, pursuant to Government Code section 831.7,1 and granted defendants' motion for summary judgment.

The immunity for the East Bay Regional Park District was upheld by the supreme court. However, there are some interesting points made in the decision and programs with man-made lakes and designated swim areas (especially if they charge a fee for swimming)are well advised to review this court decision.

Action Item: Alex Peabody to forward Bob Moore a copy of the PDF document on the court decision for posting on the CSLSA website.

Meeting adjourned.