

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Minutes of January 5 , 2007**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Phil Pryde  
Dick Barber  
Dave Shaffer  
Jan Fuchs  
Marvin Gerst  
John Degenfelder  
Ann Gardner  
Jack Shelver  
Margaret Schlesinger  
Terry Badger  
Liz Avalon  
Ben Hillebrecht  
Carol Carr  
Nola Michel  
Bob McClure  
Dawn Rauls  
Bill Sherrard  
Devore Smith  
Leslie Ann Woollenweber

**REPRESENTING**

CAC, Chair  
Audubon Society  
Back Country Horsemen  
Carmel Valley Planning Board  
Council of Homeowners Association  
Equestrian - Ramona Trails Association  
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley  
Julian Community Planning Group  
League of Women Voters  
Lomas Serenas Homeowner Association  
Rancho Santa Fe Association  
San Diego City Agricultural Advisory Board  
San Diego County Bicycle Coalition  
San Diego County Trails Council  
San Diego Wild Animal Park  
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee  
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy  
Sierra Club  
Central Property Owner

**VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT**

Dick Bobertz	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Susan Carter	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Shawna Anderson	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Jan Lines	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Brian Schoenfisch	City of San Diego
Bill Simmons	San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Nikki Flynn	Rancho Santa Fe Association

**INTRODUCTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Pryde convened the meeting at 10:40 a.m. at the Hope United Methodist Church . 16550 Bernardo Heights Pkwy, Rancho Bernardo, CA.

Deputy Director Susan Carter took the roll call. A quorum was met. 18 in attendance

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Margaret Schlesinger made a motion to approve the minutes of October 6, 2006 and Carol Carr seconded. All in favor

**CHAIR'S REPORT-** Chair Pryde said that the JPA appointed new officers, Ed Gallo will be the Chair and Dianne Jacob will be the Vice- Chair for 2007. Mr. Pryde said that there is a flyer on the table about the birding course that he will teach in February.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT-** Deputy Director Carter said that Director Bobertz is on vacation and she is filling in for him today. Ms. Carter said that a committee has been formed to discuss the issue of memorial art in the park. The committee is comprised of Bill Sherrard, Tony Joseph, Jacqueline Winterer and Terry Badger who will do some research on other agencies' policies on the matter of memorial art and will report their recommendations to the CAC.

Ms. Carter said that there is going to be a series of bus tours of the Wetland area with six stops telling about the restoration project given by the Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley in conjunction with the River Park.

Ms. Carter reported that the County Water Authority has notified the River Park that part of the North Shore Lake Hodges Trail would be closed for two years due to the construction of the pipeline project. A supplemental EIR has been issued for the closing of the trail that said the trail closure was unmitigable. We asked that that they mitigate for the loss of use of the trail by contributing to the construction of the Del Dios Gorge Trail. Chair Pryde and Executive Director Bobertz attended the November 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CWA and the CWA Board directed their staff to negotiate with JPA staff to arrive at a solution. A proposed agreement has been reached where CWA would contribute \$71,000 toward the Del Dios Gorge Trail, which is what it would have cost the CWA to build a detour trail around the project site, but rejected because it would have had too many environmental impacts.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** Marvin Gerst asked that there be some signage about the Wetland Restoration Project be installed to answer questions from local residents about the project.

### **DISCUSSION/ ACTION AGENDA**

- 1. Project Review Committee Report-** Jan Fuchs said that the next meeting will be on January 22 at 1:30 p.m. at Fairbanks Ranch Association office. Ms. Fuchs said that the EIR for the El Camino Real and Via de la Valle project is still being reviewed and commented on by the task force that was initiated by Councilmember Scott Peters. Ms. Fuchs said that the EIR is insufficient and we feel that the impact to the River Valley is substantial.
- 2. Trails Committee-** None
- 3. San Dieguito Watershed Management Plan-** Chair Pryde introduced Bill Simmons from the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy to discuss the Watershed Management Plan. Mr. Simmons explained that the San Diego Water Department obtained a Federal grant to prepare the San Dieguito Watershed Management Plan. Mr. Simmons said that a committee comprised of stakeholders from different committees and agencies were among the participants that researched and made suggestions on the watershed issues in the area. In November 2006 the plan was finalized and the information about the water quality and drainage situations was compiled into a large bound book to form a database that had not been in place before for San Dieguito. He explained that now the document was completed

the next step is to implement the various actions recommended in the plan. The first recommendation of the plan is to create a Watershed Council, co-chaired by the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy and the JPA.

Deputy Director Carter said that the JPA Board did not approve the watershed plan at their last meeting due to the fact that we did not have the documents for their review. There is a link on our [www.sdrp.org](http://www.sdrp.org) website to the Project Clean Water website where the plan can be reviewed.

Ann Gardner made a motion to approve the creation of the Watershed Council and recommend that it be co-chaired by the JPA and the SDRVC. Bill Sherrard seconded. Vote 16 Yes 1 No 0

- 4. San Pasqual Vision Plan Implementation-** Brian Schoenfisch, City of San Diego Planning Department, discussed the 8 directives of the Vision Plan which was created by Councilmember Maienschein and approved by the City of San Diego Council. Mr. Schoenfisch said that San Pasqual Valley is comprised of about 11,000 acres which is mostly owned by the City of San Diego. The first directive was to implement the plans by rezoning some of the area to preserve the valley. The land development code is also recoded to coincide with the vision plan. Some of the issues in the plan were water management studies, groundwater studies, established lease evaluations for the leaseholders in the valley and stewardship.

Mr. Schoenfisch said that the City Attorneys office is researching methods for a conservation easement to preserve the valley.

The San Dieguito River Park Interpretive Center is another issue that the City of San Diego would like to partner with the River Park to implement.

Jan Fuchs made a motion to commend Councilmember Maienschein for this Vision Plan but would like the JPA / CAC added to the task force. Margaret Schlesinger seconded.

Vote: 15 Yes 1 Opposed 1 abstained

- 5. Sunrise Powerlink Resolution-** Chair Pryde said that the JPA is prepared to adopt a resolution attached in the agenda that specifically urges undergrounding the lines through Santa Ysabel Valley and shows solidarity with the backcountry residents who would be impacted the greatest.

Margaret Schlesinger made a motion to support the proposed resolution and John Degenfelder seconded. Vote 15 Yes 0 NO 2 abstained

**The meeting was ended at 11:50 a.m. due to the loss of quorum.**