

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of March 3, 2006**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Phil Pryde
Gary Ruyle
Dick Barber
Jan Shaffer
Deborah DeBow
Marvin Gerst
Martha McCarter
Margaret Schlesinger
Terry Badger
Joe Howland
Ben Hillebrecht
Carol Carr
Matt Witman
Nola Michel
Nancy Reed
Tom Cook
John Ingalls
Devore Smith
Martha Baker
Darrell Beck
Arthur Schmitz
Jacqueline Winterer

REPRESENTING

CAC, Chair
American Society of Landscape Architects
Audubon Society
Back Country Horsemen
California Native Plant Society
Council of Homeowners Association
Fairbanks Ranch Association
League of Women Voters
Lomas Serenas Homeowner Association
Rancho Bernardo Community Planning Board
San Diego City Agricultural Advisory Board
San Diego County Bicycle Coalition
San Diego County Farm Bureau
San Diego County Trails Council
San Dieguito Planning Group
San Pasqual Battlefield Volunteer Association
Santa Fe Irrigation District
Sierra Club
Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation
Eastern Property Owner
Eastern Property Owner
Coastal Property Owner

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Dick Bobertz	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Shawna Anderson	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Jan Lines	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Chloe Schmitz	Ramona Resident
Scott Tilson	Public Policy Advocacy
Scott Crider	SDG&E
J.C. Thomas	SDG&E

Roll Call and Introductions

Chair Pryde convened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. at the Hope United Methodist Church, 16550 Bernardo Heights Pkwy, Rancho Bernardo.

Office Manager, Jan Lines took the roll call. A quorum was met. 21 members in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -January 6, 2006- Margaret Schlesinger made a motion to approve the minutes and Terry Badger seconded. All in favor

CHAIR'S REPORT-

Chair Pryde said that the JPA Board discussed and directed staff to send a letter to the mayor of San Diego on the Via de la Valle road widening issue. A copy of the letter that was sent is on the hand-out table. The Board also decided to send another letter, as the CAC requested, on the Dorn property which is being considered for the new High School in Escondido.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT Executive Director Bobertz said that at the JPA meeting in January, he was directed to meet with the newest member of the City of San Diego staff, Jim Waring, who is to oversee Development Services and Real Estate Services. Mr. Waring was once a member of San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy and is aware of the work that the River Park does. Mr. Bobertz stated that he and Mr. Waring met and discussed the Polo Field lease from 1986, which clearly states that the trail is not part of the Polo lease, and the Via De La Valle widening issue. Mr. Bobertz referenced a recent court violation hearing in which the Polo Fields have been in violation due to the grading along the river bank that should have had a site permit. The Polo Field management had a deadline of February 28th, 2006 to apply for the site permit and we will be watching to see if the application was filed so that we can use this opportunity to get the trail designated. Mr. Bobertz stated that the newspaper article on the Via de la Valle widening states that the project has been put on indefinite hold.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Darrell Beck said that the Camp Hope project that started out as a primitive camp for underprivileged children has become a site development permit in environmentally sensitive lands. The permit is asking for a two story building with pool and cabins. Ramona Community Group did not support or approve this project.

Chair Pryde asked any member of the PRC (Project Review Committee) to comment on the new developments.

Terry Badger stated that the PRC did take a field trip to the site and Jacqueline Winterer said that the PRC made the suggestion to provide a buffer area for people and animals but the PRC has not taken action on the project because they are waiting for the EIR. Mr. Beck asked that the Camp Hope project be put on the next meeting agenda for discussion.

DISCUSSION / ACTION

1. Project Review Committee Report- None

2. Trails Committee Report- Carol Carr said that the Crosby Estates development in Santa Fe Valley has built a trail that will be hiked on March 29th by the Trails Committee. Please email her if you have any interest in joining the group for the walk.

3. SDG&E Sunrise Powerlink Presentation- Scott Crider, Public Affairs Manager of Sunrise Powerlink of SDG&E, discussed the Sunrise Powerlink that will run from the coast to Imperial Valley . One of the reasons for the workshops is to have the public express their concerns and suggestions in advance. They have started the workshops early because it is such a large and detailed project they want to get all the input that will help them decide the route of the project before they do the EIR/EIS. Mr. Crider explained they need to secure reliable energy along with renewable energy (i.e. solar, wind, dishes etc) that they are required to have 20% in place by 2010. SDG&E has a few wind projects and working on the solar energy but all this alternative energy needs large open space to construct windmills, dishes and solar panels to generate energy. Mr. Crider explained that they have entered into a solar thermal contract with Sterling Energy Systems on BLM (Bureau of Land Management) property. There will be a workshop on March 20 at the Doubletree Resort in Los Penasquitos at 9:30 a.m. with a workshop in Ramona from 4-6 p.m. and an open house from 6 to 8 p.m.

A question and answer discussion followed.

4. Work Program for 2006-07

Director Bobertz said that the work program is the same as last year due to the fact that the River Park has not secured any additional money this budget year. Mr. Bobertz said that the Coast to Crest trail is funded through the wetland restoration project area and we will also be starting the Lake Hodges Bridge and Del Dios Gorge trail this September 2006.

INFORMATION

5. Progress Reports on Ongoing Projects (Oral Reports)

- a. **Lake Hodges Bicycle /Pedestrian Bridge-** Director Bobertz said that the lake level rise and the price of material costs has caused the project to increase 2 million dollars. We had received 3 million dollars from CALTRANS to build the bridge originally but those funds could be withdrawn if we cannot obligate them by June. We have applied to SANDAG to fund the extra 2 million to obligate the CALTRANS funds and start the project in September 2006. If SANDAG

approves the extra funds it will be sent to CALTRANS Transportation Board and the State for approval. Mr. Bobertz said that staff hopes to start the bridge in September 2006.

- b. **Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead**- Director Bobertz said that the lease has not proceeded for Sikes because of staff changes at the City of San Diego. They are going through a reorganization and we are not exactly sure who we will be working with on the lease.
- c. **Wetland Restoration Project/Coastal Trail**- Director Bobertz said that the project still had to get administrative permits from the Coastal Commission and the Army Corps of Engineers to begin the restoration. Since the permits were not obtained before the nesting season, which started in February 2006, the project will probably be delayed until September 2006. We will be able to do some work on the project by working on the boardwalk and trail section which is not in the nesting area.

Del Dios Gorge Trail- Director Bobertz said that we will be starting the Del Dios Gorge Trail section in September 2006 which will include a 180 ft. bridge that will go over the San Dieguito River. Mr. Bobertz said that we will be mitigating for the impacts that the 20 ft access road that we will have to build for heavy equipment to build the bridge.

- 6. Communications- None

Chair Pryde adjourned the meeting at 11:50.