

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of June 3, 2005**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Phil Pryde
Gary Ruyle
Dick Barber
Jan Shaffer
Don Miller
Jan Fuchs
Jerry Harmon
Marvin Gerst
Laurilyn Berson
DeAnne Erickson
Martha McCarter
Ann Gardner
Margaret Schlesinger
Terry Badger
Joe Howland
Ben Hillebrecht
Carol Carr
Matt Witman
Nola Michel
Bob McClure
Joe Bruder-Schwab
Bill Sherrard
John Ingalls
Devore Smith
Darrell Beck
Arthur Schmitz
Jacqueline Winterer

REPRESENTING

CAC, Chair
American Society of Landscape Architects
Audubon Society
Back Country Horseman
California Native Plant Society
Carmel Valley Planning Board
Citizens Coordinate for Century Three
Council of Homeowners Association
Del Dios Town Council
Equestrian - Ramona Trails Association
Fairbanks Ranch Association
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
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 Diego Wild Animal Park
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Santa Fe Irrigation District
Sierra Club
Eastern Property Owner
Eastern Property Owner
Coastal 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
Joe Bride	County Water Authority
Chloe Schmitz	Ramona Resident
Ron Hall	Escondido Resident
Leslie Woollenweber	Interested Citizen

Roll Call and Introductions

Chair Pryde convened the meeting at 10:35 a.m. at the Rancho Bernardo Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive, San Diego.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 4/01/05- Ann Gardner made a motion to approve the minutes of April 1, 2005 and Terry Badger seconded. All in favor

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Pryde reported that the JPA approved the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Lake Hodges Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge project and a letter to Senator Kehoe requesting revisions to the proposed new bond measure (SB 153) that would allow the River Park to be eligible for funds.

Chair Pryde said that his April 30th birding hike that he led in the River Park was a great success due to the wonderful array of birds seen that day.

He mentioned the Logan Jenkins article in the newspaper that suggested that land that is owned by the City of San Diego should be sold to allow the city to pull out of its financial troubles.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Deputy Director Carter introduced Ron Hall who is a docent at Sikes Adobe and leads hikes around Lake Hodges. Mr. Hall was sitting in on the meeting today because of the agenda item on the Emergency Water Storage project that he will be talking about on an upcoming hike.

Director Bobertz said that the Strawberry Stand Wetland Learning Center was the recipient of the local American Institute of Architects who gave awards to the design and an award for energy conservation. We have been recruiting docents for the Strawberry Stand so that we can have educational programs at the site. If you have an interest in being a docent, please call Jacqueline Winterer at 858-755-4460.

Mr. Bobertz said that the SDRP budget process has been approved by the JPA and he explained that the 2 half time employees that are needed will be hired after the City of San Diego regains its bonding capacity and can pay the additional budget increases.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Marvin Gerst said that the Hu Property at El Camino Real and Via De La Valle which is a 25 acre parcel next to the polo fields is rumored to be in escrow and may be used for non residential use.

Mr. Gerst asked about the tomato planting on Boudreau property with regards to the lease and the agricultural issues that have been discussed in the past. Mr. Gerst said that the property has plastic and pesticides on it and this is a concern to the homeowners in the area.

Director Bobertz explained that an environmental analysis showed that there is no impact to the wetlands from the tomato planting. The JPA Board approved the lease for one more year and the option to evaluate the next year upon the lease renewal. Mr. Gerst requested that the lease be brought to the CAC next year prior to renewal.

DISCUSSION / ACTION AGENDA

- 1. County Water Authority-A representative of the CWA will be present to discuss the status of the Emergency Water Storage Project and how construction will impact the Coast to Crest Trail and Windsurfing.-** Shawna Anderson said that she had met with Joe Bride and Dave Chamberlain with the County Water Authority about their emergency storage program. Mr. Bride was in attendance and said that the County of San Diego has a 60 day storage of water in the event Northern California can not supply us temporarily. He said that 296 foot elevation level is the target level that will be kept in the lake when the storage project is completed. The work will be starting next week and they will be working until January 2008. SDG&E is putting a power line for the pump station and this will allow water to be pumped up to Olivenhein when water overflows in Lake Hodges. He said safety on the project is a priority and there will be temporary closures of the trail when work is being done near the trail but their plan is keep the trail open on the weekends. The Windsurfers are working with the developer to have access to the area. Their former site was leased out to the Water Authority for storage of machinery and landfill that is taken out of the area to make room for the pipes. Mr. Bride said that the water level will be lowered for the Caltrans I-15 project and the San Dieguito Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge project in October 2005. He said that originally the trees in Lake Hodges were to be cut down closer to the time the water would be filling the lake from Olivenhein but since the large rainfall this year, the trees are under water now and will die naturally.

- 2. Discussion of Horsepark and Villages Land swap Concepts: issues and potential solution.**

Deputy Director Carter said that the Villages property is owned by Southern California Edison and will be transferred to the JPA when the wetland project is completed. Ms. Carter explained the problems with getting our trail through a portion of Horsepark is due to the fact that there is very little space between the river and the show-rings on the property. This is why a possible land swap had been considered. Ms. Carter reported that the Coastal Commission took action to resolve the violations on the Horsepark parcel at their meeting in March 2005. Among the conditions required of the Ag District to resolve the violations is to provide a restoration plan for a 175' enhancement buffer south of the river, and provide a 25 ft buffer on the north side of the river except in the area of the show rings.

Jan Fuchs expressed concern that there had been very little notice regarding the Coastal Commission's action. However, she felt that if the Project Review Committee had been involved in landswap discussions, that they would have been alerted to the fact that the Coastal Commission was in discussions with the Ag District about the violations at Horsepark.

Jacqueline Winterer made a motion to request that the PRC be involved in the discussion between the JPA and Fair Board on the land swap. Ann Gardner seconded.

19 Yes 4 NO 2 Abstain

INFORMATION

3. **Trails Committee Report-** No report
4. **Project Review Committee Report-** Jan Fuchs said that the PRC is going to have their June 13, 2005 meeting at the Fairbanks Ranch office.
5. **Progress Reports on Ongoing Projects (Oral Reports)**
 - a. **Lake Hodges Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge-** A PowerPoint Presentation on Construction Methods for Stress- Ribbon Bridge was given by Deputy Director Susan Carter.
 - b. **Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead-** Deputy Director Carter said that we are hoping to be on the agenda of the San Diego City Council in July or August in regards to the lease on Sikes Adobe. Ms. Carter said that the Escondido Sunrise Rotary Club has had the well dug at the site and the windmill that they purchased will be erected next month. The River Park is planning a celebration on July 30th which will be an ice cream social and a quilt club show.
 - c. **Wetland Restoration Project/Coastal Trail :** Executive Director Bobertz said that the project will be going to Coastal Commission in July 2005.
 - d. **Del Dios Gorge Trail-** Shawna Anderson said that she is working with the engineer and biologist to find an appropriate alignment for the trail. There will be a bridge crossing on the trail and that would cause us to have a temporary construction access road which would have environmental impacts. Ms Anderson said that we are working with the County of San Diego to work out an agreement to help process this trail.