

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Minutes of October 1, 2004**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Margaret Schlesinger  
Tonjia Thrun  
Dick Barber  
Jan Shaffer  
Don Miller  
Anne Harvey  
Marvin Gerst  
Jacqueline Winterer  
John Degenfelder  
Ann Gardner  
Terry Badger  
Liz Christensen  
Carol Carr  
Freda Reid  
Chris Khoury  
Tom Cook  
John Ingalls  
Darrell Beck  
Arthur Schmitz

**REPRESENTING**

CAC, Vice Chair / League of Women Voters  
ADA Advisor  
Audubon Society  
Back Country Horsemen  
California Native Plant Society  
Carmel Valley Planning Board  
Council of Homeowners Association  
Coastal Property Owner  
Equestrian - Ramona Trails Association  
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley  
Lomas Serenas Homeowner Association  
Rancho Santa Fe Association  
San Diego County Bicycle Coalition  
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee  
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy  
San Pasqual Battlefield Volunteer Association  
Santa Fe Irrigation District  
Eastern Property Owner  
Eastern 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  
Bernie Turgeon City of San Diego Planning Dept.  
Chloe Schmitz Ramona Resident

**INTRODUCTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice Chair Margaret Schlesinger convened the meeting at 10:50 a.m. at the Rancho Bernardo Library. It was not possible to convene the meeting at the regular meeting time of 10:30 because it was evident that a quorum was not in attendance.

At 10:50, Office Manager, Jan Lines, took the roll call. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES of September 10, 2004-** Chris Khoury said that the Public Comment from the September 10, 2004 minutes stated that the Board voted for the Mesa Rock site

for the high school but that is not a final choice; Dr. Khoury suggested the minutes should read - The Board preliminarily endorsed the Mesa Rock site by a 4-0 vote and the Dorn site by a 2 – 2 vote. This is not a final decision. Vice Chair Schlesinger had a correction under communications: the presentation was not to the Solana Beach Parks Commission but to residents of Solana Beach.

Art Schmitz stated that Maryanne Vancio was not listed on the visitors present for that meeting, but she was there. Jacqueline Winterer made a motion to approve the minutes as amended and Tonja Thrun seconded. All in favor.

CHAIR'S REPORT- no report was made.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT- Director Bobertz reported that at the JPA meeting the item regarding the 3 way agreement between the 22nd District Agricultural Association and SCE and the JPA was continued to a future meeting. Mr. Bobertz was pleased to announce that the item between SCE and the JPA regarding the amendment to the existing endowment agreement was successful and the costs of managing the wetlands will be revised every 5 years through the life of the endowment to reflect the actual costs of managing the wetlands. Mr. Bobertz said an emergency item was added to the agenda due to the State of California Resource Agency's denial of River Parkway funds for the Lake Hodges Bridge. The denial came in a phone notice to the River Park after the agenda had been sent out and the reason for the denial was explained as an interpretation of the language between "river and stream" and "lake". It was the contention of the administrator of the grant that the criteria of the grant was not met because the trail did not cross a stream or river.

Director Bobertz stated that the "Songs of the Settlers" is a concert that will be put on this Sunday as a fundraiser for the Sikes Adobe. He encouraged everyone to attend. He announced that there are fliers on the back table for the concert. Mr. Bobertz stated the Coastal Commission meeting will be on October 15, which is the same day as the scheduled JPA meeting. We have moved the JPA meeting to October 22, 2004.

Mr. Bobertz said that the Trust for Public Land is having an event at the Strawberry Stand on October 16th to celebrate the purchase of the Bourdreau property. Anyone wanting to attend should RSVP to the number listed on the invitation.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

Jacqueline Winterer asked that staff address the issue of CAC absentees at the meetings. She asked that we put this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

## **DISCUSSION / ACTION AGENDA**

### **1. Project Review Committee Report**

- a. LOSSAN Programs EIR/EIS- Shawna Anderson stated that the EIR has been released for the high speed rail proposal and double tracking item for the San Diego area. The PRC reviewed the EIR /EIS for the San Diego portion of the LOSSAN Rail and it shows two alignments which are being considered. In one, the tracks in Del Mar would be removed and the rail system would tunnel under Del Mar. In this alignment, the tracks would cross Los Penasquitos Lagoon, as they do now. The other suggestion would be the Penasquitos Bypass alternative and this would tunnel under the I-5 Highway and bypass the Penasquitos Lagoon area. This alternative would then leave I-5 and cross the southern portion of the San Dieguito Lagoon. The PRC found that both alternatives would impact one of the lagoons and they have rejected these alternatives. The PRC has drafted a comment letter asking for other alternatives for the double track rail. Ms. Anderson asked for suggestions or comments from the CAC members.

Jacqueline Winterer said that she was part of the PRC that made a suggestion that the alignment of I-5 is the only alternative at this point but suggested that the engineers look at public transportation with new technologies instead of the old standard transportation.

John Degenfelder made a motion to move forward with the draft letter and suggestions that would address all the issues and alternatives. Ann Harvey seconded. All in Favor

- b. El Camino Real roadway improvements- Shawna Anderson said that the PRC looked at this item and there are three projects in the area of El Camino Real. Ms. Anderson introduced Bernie Turgeon, with the City of San Diego Planning Department, who will speak on these issues. Ms. Anderson stated that the City of San Diego is going to be widening the El Camino Real at San Dieguito Road in one phase and the second phase they will widen El Camino Real to Via de la Valle at and the third is the Via De La Valle widening. Ms. Anderson stated that the Pacific Highlands Ranch development has a trails system planned and they will have to provide an easement on their land but they do not have to construct the trail. The Pacific Highland Ranch Trail will connect to the Coast to Crest Trail at some point and a letter has been sent to the City of San Diego for the trail assurance on this project. Ms. Anderson said an opportunity exists for the trail to go through the wildlife crossing under El Camino Real and it is possible for this crossing to be a dual trail crossing for people and animals. The PRC would like to see pedestrians and equestrians and hikers use natural-looking pathways alongside El Camino Real instead of the cement sidewalks planned by the City of San Diego. The City of San Diego does not want to put in pathways as they need more maintenance and they do not have funding for the upkeep of the DG pathways. The City of San Diego Planning Department has said sidewalks are the best answer according to their guidelines.

Bernie Turgeon with the City of San Diego Planning Department discussed the plans for El Camino Real and asked the CAC for detailed suggestions in planning this project with regard to the interface with our trails system, landscaping and maintenance. The City of San Diego is required to put in a 22' section of easement for the pedestrians, utilities and landscape plus other uses. He stated that the City will not maintain anything but asphalt or concrete based on their guidelines. Mr. Turgeon said that these roads are being partially funded by the developers.

Shawna Anderson said that the PRC's proposed letter states that the plans for this very important project are not being coordinated within the City of San Diego and the City Council to properly address all the issues.

A discussion about the ADA requirements was addressed and the issues were noted for the letter to the City of San Diego.

Jacqueline Winterer made a motion to send a letter with the recommendations given today at the meeting stating that we would like to work out a solution with the City of San Diego on the overall issues including the ADA requirements and the staging areas. Marvin Gerst seconded. All in favor

Jacqueline Winterer asked that the wildlife corridor issues be added to the next agenda.

**Due to the loss of a quorum the meeting was ended.**

Vice Chair Schlesinger adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.