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**AGENDA
SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Friday, September 16, 2005

County Administrative Center

1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302/303

San Diego

Speaker slips will be available. Please fill out a slip and give it to the Chair prior to the meeting if you wish to speak to an item on the agenda. The Board may take action on any item listed on the Consent or Action agenda.

Introductions and Announcements.

Approval of the Minutes of June 17, 2005

Executive Directors Report

Public Comment

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Board and not appearing on today's agenda. Comments relating to items on today's agenda are to be taken at the time the item is heard. Pursuant to the Brown Act, no action shall be taken by the Board on public comment items.

CONSENT

1. Adopt Resolution Approving Lease and Purchase Option for Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead
2. Adopt Resolutions Applying for River Parkway Grants

ACTION

3. Report from Wetlands Advisory Committee
 - a. Recommendations from August 19 meeting
 - b. Video Presentation on Wetland Restoration Project for New 22nd District Agricultural Association Boardmembers

4. Potential Sale of Fairbanks Ranch Country Club
5. Offer from California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to Reimburse the San Dieguito River Park for Water and Land Used to Fight the Recent Volcan Mountain Fire

INFORMATION

6. Status Reports
 - a. Poway Heritage Trail Link
 - b. Lake Hodges Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge
 - c. Other

7. Jurisdictional Status Reports

An opportunity for the Board members to report on actions taken within their jurisdictions to further the park planning process, or problems which have arisen.

8. Communications

Adjournment

Chair

THE NEXT REGULAR JPA MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2005.

If you have any questions, please call Dick Bobertz at (858) 674-2270.

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TO: JPA Board

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: Lease and Purchase Option for Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead

RECOMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution Approving Lease and Purchase Option for Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead

BACKGROUND

At your February 18, 2005 meeting, your Board approved a draft lease and option to purchase the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead and authorized the Executive Director to execute all necessary documents. Because of turnover in the Real Estate Assets Department at the City, the project was assigned to a different agent who determined that the earlier draft had to be reformatted and re-reviewed by the attorney, a process which took several months. They have requested that we provide a resolution from your Board agreeing to the terms of the lease. Staff has reviewed the revised draft lease and has confirmed that the terms are consistent with the previous version your Board approved, and that the conditions requested by the Rancho Bernardo Planning Board, which your Board also approved, have been added to the lease. In addition, a clause has been added at your Board's request that the first year's administrative fee (\$2,712) will be reimbursed to the JPA when the JPA exercises the Option to Purchase.

The City's property agent is attempting to put the lease and option to purchase on an October City Council docket, but no date has been secured yet.

Staff recommends that your Board adopt the attached resolution, which confirms your previous action.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Bobertz
Executive Director

Attachment:

Draft Resolution Approving Lease and Option to Purchase Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY APPROVING A LEASE AND OPTION TO PURCHASE THE
SIKES ADOBE HISTORIC FARMSTEAD FROM THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego and the Cities of Del Mar, Escondido, Poway, San Diego and Solana Beach entered into a joint powers agreement effective June 12, 1989 that created the San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority as an independent local government agency;

WHEREAS, the joint powers agreement stated that the purpose of the agreement was to exercise those agencies' powers jointly to acquire, plan, design, improve, manage, operate and maintain the San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park;

WHEREAS, the Joint Powers Authority adopted a Concept Plan that established goals to preserve and interpret the natural and cultural resources of the San Dieguito River Valley;

WHEREAS, the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead is a State Point of Historic Interest (SDI-013) and a City of San Diego Historical Landmark (No. 231) located within the planning area of the San Dieguito River Park and owned by the City of San Diego Water Department;

WHEREAS, the Joint Powers Authority has been actively involved in the preservation and interpretation of the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead, including nominating the farmhouse as a State Point of Historic Interest in 1992, successfully seeking grant funds to restore the farmhouse and completing the restoration in 2003, maintaining the site at its own expense, and training docents who lead regular tours for the public;

WHEREAS, the Joint Powers Authority wishes to lease the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead from the City of San Diego in order to continue to maintain and furnish the farmhouse and continue restoration of the farmstead and to install a groundskeeper on site to maintain the site and provide security; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Powers Authority wishes to secure an option to purchase the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead and the area surrounding it as a buffer from adjacent uses to enhance the historic ambience, and for use for parking, landscaping, wheat fields and as a potential site of a future Interpretive Center.

NOW THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. The Board of Directors of the San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority hereby approves the terms and conditions of the attached draft lease and option to purchase, and authorizes the Executive Director to execute the lease and option to purchase and any other documents as may be necessary to implement this agreement.

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Approved and adopted the 16th day of September, 2005. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number _____ was duly adopted by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Following Roll Call Vote: Ayes: _____

 Nos: _____

 Absent: _____

 Abstain : _____

Betty Rexford, Chair

ATTEST: Dick Bobertz, Executive Director

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TO: JPA Board
FROM: Staff
SUBJECT: Grant Applications

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt attached resolutions applying for grant funds.

SITUATION:

Proposition 50 included funding for the River Parkway Program, which allocates funds for certain projects consistent with program goals, including land acquisition and trail projects. The deadline for the next cycle of funding is October 17th.

River Parkway Projects must meet at least two of the following five statutory conditions:

1. Recreation - Provide Compatible Recreational Opportunities including trails for strolling, hiking, bicycling and equestrian uses along rivers and streams.
2. Habitat - Protect, improve, or Restore Riverine or Riparian Habitat, including benefits to wildlife habitat and water quality.
3. Flood Management - Maintain or Restore the open-space character of lands along rivers and streams so that they are compatible with periodic flooding as part of a flood management plan or project.
4. Conversion to River Parkways - Convert existing developed riverfront land into uses consistent with River Parkways.
5. Conservation and Interpretive Enhancement - Provide facilities to support or interpret river or stream Restoration or other conservation activities.

A list of eligible projects is attached.

As a result of our partnership with The Trust for Public Land (TPL), a grantwriter for TPL is preparing two grant applications through this program for land acquisition projects, one for Lake Sutherland East, and one for Fenton Ranch. Both of these properties are on your Board's list of Identified Properties for Potential Acquisition. Both properties are in the jurisdiction of the County of San Diego, and are on the current list of properties for potential acquisition submitted by your Board to the County Board of Supervisors each year. These applications will be submitted in your Board's name, and therefore your Board will need to adopt the attached resolutions of application.

In addition, because recreational trail projects, interpretive enhancement and habitat restoration

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projects are all eligible for grant funding under this program, your staff is preparing at least one additional grant application that meets these criteria for which your Board will need to adopt a resolution. There are a number of potential projects in the Park which meet these criteria. Information about which project, which is most urgent and best meets the grant requirements, that staff recommends applying for will be provided at the meeting.

The State Department of Park & Recreation also has grant programs with due dates in October. These are the Habitat Conservation Fund grant program and the Recreational Trails Program grant program. If any SDRP projects are appropriate for one of those grant programs, staff will provide that information at today's meeting, along with a draft resolution for your Board's approval.

CAC RECOMMENDATION

This item has not been considered by the CAC.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

No negative financial impacts associated with this action.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

No environmental compliance is required for the grant applications. Notices of Exemption have been prepared for the property acquisitions. An Initial Study will be prepared for the other project(s).

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt attached resolutions applying for grant funds.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Bobertz
Executive Director

Resolution No: _____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK JOINT
POWERS AUTHORITY
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR
THE CALIFORNIA RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE WATER SECURITY,
CLEAN DRINKING WATER, COASTAL AND BEACH PROTECTION ACT OF 2002
(Proposition 50)

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided Funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the Resources Agency has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicants governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the Project

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Lake Sutherland East Property Acquisition;
2. Certifies that Applicant understands the assurances and certification in the application, and
3. Certifies that Applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project(s) consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the resources to do so, and
4. Certifies that it will comply with the provisions of Section 1771.8 of the State Labor Code regarding payment of prevailing wages on Projects awarded Proposition 50 Funds, and
5. If applicable, certifies that the Project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained, and
6. Appoints the Executive Director, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project(s).

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Approved and adopted the 16th day of September, 2005. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number _____ was duly adopted by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Following Roll Call Vote: Ayes: _____
 Nos: _____
 Absent: _____
 Abstain : _____

Betty Rexford, Chair

ATTEST: Dick Bobertz, Executive Director

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WHEREAS, the Resources Agency has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Resources Agency require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicants governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the Project

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Fenton Ranch Property Acquisition;
2. Certifies that Applicant understands the assurances and certification in the application, and
3. Certifies that Applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project(s) consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the resources to do so, and
4. Certifies that it will comply with the provisions of Section 1771.8 of the State Labor Code regarding payment of prevailing wages on Projects awarded Proposition 50 Funds, and
5. If applicable, certifies that the Project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained, and
6. Appoints the Executive Director, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project(s).

Approved and adopted the 16th day of September, 2005. I, the undersigned,

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hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number _____ was duly adopted by the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK JOINT POWERS
AUTHORITY

Following Roll Call Vote: Ayes: _____
 Nos: _____
 Absent: _____
 Abstain : _____

Betty Rexford, Chair

ATTEST: Dick Bobertz, Executive Director

II. RIVER PARKWAY PROJECTS

Eligible River Parkway Projects - The items below provide examples of Project elements which meet statutory conditions. (This is <u>not</u> a comprehensive list.)	Ineligible River Parkway Projects – The items below provide examples of Projects and elements that will NOT be funded under this program. (This is <u>not</u> a comprehensive list.)
<p><u>Recreation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create or expand trails for walking, bicycling and/or equestrian activities that are compatible with other conservation objectives. • Improve existing river parkways by providing amenities such as picnic and rest areas, shade ramadas, etc. • Provide river access for non-motorized activities such as fishing, canoeing, etc. • Acquire property along a river to be used for Compatible Recreational Opportunities such as picnics, nature viewing, etc. • Relocate or reconstruct existing trails to correct environmental damage. <p><u>Habitat</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convert channelized streams or rivers to a more historical flow pattern that will promote the structure, function and dynamics of Riparian and Riverine habitat. • Acquire land that will be managed to increase the size and quality of existing Riparian Habitat. • Remove exotic and/or invasive plants along stream corridors that damage habitat. <p><u>Flood Management</u> – as part of a flood management plan or flood management project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand existing River Parkway by acquiring adjacent lands to accommodate periodic flooding. • Restore land to natural floodplain forms, including wetland areas that will accommodate periodic flooding. • Acquire streamside parcels that have historically flooded to become a River Parkway. <p><u>Conversion to River Parkways</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convert riverfront land from industrial use into multi-use areas such as floodplains, wetlands, public trails, etc. • Revitalize urban neighborhoods by removing abandoned structures along the riverfront to provide open space with river access for the public. • Acquire commercial or agricultural property along a riverfront to expand existing River Parkways. <p><u>Conservation and Interpretive Enhancements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct an overlook area for a restored wetland with interpretive signage, where the public can observe the project benefits. • Construct a boardwalk adjacent to sensitive habitat to allow public viewing without disturbing flora or fauna. • Develop open-space areas such as demonstration gardens/basins that illustrate Restoration/conservation project benefits. • Provide informational displays, interpretive kiosks and signage to present information/maps about the River Parkway, its Restoration projects, wildlife, etc. • Construct small scale structures designed to secure kiosks and displays. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects that do not meet all statutory requirements. • Projects with no river or stream linkage. • Projects that include Acquisition of property that cannot be purchased at Fair Market Value. • Operations and maintenance projects. • Planning projects. • Programmatic projects, such as education and outreach. • Projects that exclusively fulfill mitigation requirements. • Active recreation projects (including playgrounds, skateboard parks, basketball courts and ball fields). • Recreational opportunities that are not compatible with the specific environment or location in which they are being situated. • Projects that upgrade, expand or facilitate motorized use of trails (even when used by non-motorized trail users). • Projects that create or improve roads for motorized use. • Projects that will not be completed in the allotted timelines. • Projects funding primarily infrastructure, which will not result in useable amenities for the public at the conclusion of the Project Performance Period. • Parking lots or bridges. (Parking areas may be funded only as a necessary but minor component of a larger Project that makes the River Parkway accessible to the public. Small bridges that provide non-motorized access over narrow portions of rivers/streams are permissible.) • Dredging behind dams to reduce siltation, or for other purposes. • Projects that construct multiple-use buildings, educational facilities or regional community centers. • Renovation or restoration of structures on converted riverfront land.

Agenda Item 3
September 16, 2005

TO: JPA Board

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: Report from Wetland Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

Direct staff to 1) proceed with negotiations with 22nd District Agricultural Association regarding a potential landswap at Horsepark; and 2) provide support comments at the appropriate phase of the environmental review and permitting process regarding placing the SOL in a conservation easement.

SUMMARY

Your Board's Wetland Advisory Committee met on August 19th. Present were Boardmembers Lesa Heebner, Jerry Finnell and Phil Pryde, and CAC appointee Jacqueline Winterer, as well as policy aide Sachiko Kohatsu for Supervisor Slater-Price. Coastal Commission staff Sherilyn Sarb and Ellen Lirley attended for a portion of the meeting.

The following items were discussed:

- The draft conditions being recommended by CCC staff for the Wetland Restoration Project (including the Coast to Crest Trail and the Wetland Treatment Ponds) (see attached letter sent to CCC after the meeting). In a subsequent email we pointed out that the cost of creating the ponds as well as the cost of the mitigation affects our ability to actually implement the project. Thus the more the mitigation burden, the more difficult it will be for us to create the Wetland Treatment Ponds, which are an environmental benefit to the overall project.
- The status of the South Overflow Lot (SOL) at the Fairgrounds. Staff reported that pursuant to an agreement between the Army Corps of Engineers and the 22nd District Agricultural Association, the lower portion of the SOL will be placed in a conservation easement. Staff also reported that 22nd DAA staff has indicated that the District intends to place the rest of the SOL in a conservation easement in a phased process in coordination with replacing that parking site (1,300 cars currently park in the SOL during the Fair) with a parking garage to be located at the north end of the East Overflow Lot and with approvals associated with improvements to the EOL.
- A potential landswap at Horsepark to facilitate the Coast to Crest Trail: The Committee recommends that staff should proceed with negotiations with the 22nd District Agricultural Association regarding a potential landswap at Horsepark in order to facilitate the Coast to Crest Trail across the southern portion of Horsepark. Concern was

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raised that the 25-foot-wide buffer north of the river enacted by the CCC last March exacerbates the difficulty we already face in trying to put the trail in that location because of the two grass arenas that Horsepark uses for equestrian events.

- El Camino Real Bridge replacement alignment studies and potential mitigation at the former Boudreau property site. It was reported also that the City of San Diego is looking at the Boudreau site as a potential location for the creation of 15 acres of low marsh required as mitigation for the new El Camino Real Bridge.

RECOMMENDATION:

Direct staff to 1) proceed with negotiations with 22nd District Agricultural Association regarding a potential landswap at Horsepark; and 2) provide support comments at the appropriate phase of the environmental review and permitting process regarding placing the SOL in a conservation easement.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Bobertz
Executive Director

Attachment: 8/19/05 letter to CCC staff re draft CDP conditions



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Dick Bobertz
Executive Director

August 19, 2005

Sherilyn Sarb
Coastal Commission
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Dear Sherilyn:

Thank you for attending our Wetland Advisory Committee meeting this morning. After you left we discussed the July 29, 2005 Preliminary Draft Conditions for the Wetland Restoration and Coastal Trail/Treatment Ponds project. The Committee understood that the Preliminary Draft Conditions were just that, and they agreed to dispose of them after the meeting.

The Committee discussed the concerns that I had previously raised with you in my email of August 15th. The following are their requested changes to the Preliminary Draft Conditions:

6a and 6c. Equestrian Use. The Committee requests that the Conditions acknowledge that the Coast to Crest Trail is planned as a multi-use trail for hikers, bicyclists and equestrians that will someday extend to the river's mouth at the beach. The Committee previously agreed to accept a condition prohibiting equestrian use west of the freeway until a feasible trail connection to the beach has been secured. However, the Committee noted with concern that Condition 6a and 6c would eliminate equestrian use west of the Nature Center, which would to all extents and purposes eliminate equestrian use of the trail entirely in the coastal area. The Committee members do not understand the need to prohibit horses west of the Nature Center, given that the trail is within an existing roadbed, and request that Condition 6c be revised to state "No equestrian use of the trail west of I-5 shall be permitted at this time," and the signage described in Condition 6a be similarly revised. The Committee requests that the Commission staff specify what the reasons are for not permitting horses on those portions of the trail where equestrian use is prohibited. Having this information will help us know what we need to do to successfully amend this permit in the future, once a feasible trail connection to the beach has been identified.

6d. Boardwalk. Please re-write the paragraph as follows: "The boardwalk trail alignment may be relocated in the future to accommodate restoration of the South Overflow Lot to functional wetland habitat. Potential relocation of the boardwalk shall be addressed in the coastal development permit for the wetland restoration of the South Overflow Lot." The purpose of the Committee's requested change is

to agree that the boardwalk may need to be realigned at some point in the future, but to recognize also that it has not been determined yet that realignment would be definitely necessary or appropriate to accommodate expansion of the wetland habitat.

8. Wetland Treatment Ponds. Concerns here relate to the amount of required mitigation and the timing of when we need to submit the detailed final mitigation plan.

Mitigation Ratio: The Committee was quite concerned to learn that additional mitigation for the Treatment Pond project would be required, above and beyond a 1 to 1 ratio. Their belief is that the Treatment Pond project is a benefit that the Park has proposed to do to improve the urban runoff problem at that site, and to enhance the SCE Wetland Restoration Project. I explained that in our Wetland Delineation Report we proposed mitigation ratios that would exceed a 1 to 1 ratio in several categories, and resulted in our needing to create .847 acre of high marsh along I-5 and another 1.71 acres of wetlands at the Boudreau site. Your proposed conditions would increase the acreage we need to create at Boudreau by another 1.019 acres [actually 1.78 acres], according to my calculations. They requested that you accept our original mitigation proposal because of the significant benefits provided by the Wetland Treatment Pond project.

Timing: As we reported today, we are working with the City of San Diego on a restoration plan for the Boudreau site that would incorporate their mitigation needs for the El Camino Real bridge project as well as our mitigation needs for the Coastal Trail/Wetland Treatment Ponds. If for some reason they do not end up using the Boudreau site, we would nonetheless use it for our mitigation site because we own the property, and would in that case implement the original Conceptual Restoration Plan for the site. Given these contingencies, we are concerned about the current language in the Preliminary Draft Conditions that would have us submit a detailed final mitigation plan prior to issuance of the Coastal Development Permit. We request instead that the language in the first sentence of #8 state that WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF ISSUANCE OF THE COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AND PRIOR TO ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT BY CCC, the applicant shall submit for review and approval....”

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. Please call me at 858 674-2275 x 11 to discuss them in more detail.

Sincerely,

Susan A. Carter
Deputy Director

Cc: Ellen Lirley

Agenda Item 4
September 16, 2005

TO: JPA Board

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: Potential Fairbanks Ranch Country Club Sale

RECOMMENDATION:

Support the CAC's recommendation; direct Chair to send letter to San Diego Acting Mayor and Council requesting that the City retain the Fairbanks Ranch Country Club property in City ownership because the property is dedicated open space and the sale is not in the public interest and does not benefit the citizens or the River Park, and could negatively affect a critical link of the Coast to Crest Trail. In addition, request that the City rigorously enforce the terms of the Council's original permit conditions for the Fairbanks Ranch Country Club project to implement a public trail on the north side of the river.

SITUATION

The issue of the potential sale of the Fairbanks Ranch Country Club by the City of San Diego was discussed by the CAC at their July 8th meeting because there have been recent newspaper articles about the possibility of the City selling the Fairbanks Ranch Country Club property to the Club. The Club has proposed purchasing the property from the City several times in the past, and the CAC and JPA discussed this issue and made recommendations to the City regarding sale of the property on those occasions. The last proposal from the Club for which we have information was in 2000. At that time the Club offered to purchase 196 acres of the leasehold for \$6 million cash, to spend up to \$1 million to restore 75 acres of degraded wetlands, and to provide an additional \$3 million to the JPA for purchase of coastal property; and to place irrevocable open space easements over the golf course property. The proposal was withdrawn before the City Council acted on it. According to the most recent newspaper article, the Club presented an offer to the City in May for \$20 million. No specifics have been made available to the public.

Following discussion, the CAC approved a motion recommending that your Board ask the City of San Diego to refuse to sell the property to Fairbanks Ranch Country Club because the property is dedicated open space and the sale is not in the public interest and does not benefit the citizens or the River Park. In addition, their motion included that the City should rigorously enforce the terms of the permit conditions as written, specifically with respect to the trail. Vote: Yes 20 Opposed 1 abstaining 2.

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ALTERNATIVES:

1. Request that the City refuse to sell Fairbanks Ranch Country Club.
2. Suggest terms of sale to the City that would be acceptable.
3. Give staff other direction.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Bobertz
Executive Director

Agenda Item 5
September 16, 2005

TO: JPA Board

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: Offer from California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to Reimburse the San Dieguito River Park for water and land used to fight the recent Volcan Mountain Fire.

RECOMMENDATION:

Direct the Executive Director to notify the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection that reimbursement for water and land used to fight the recent Volcan Mountain fire is not required.

SITUATION:

A. Summary - The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection recently made emergency use of pond water from a San Dieguito River Park property to fight the Volcan Mountain fire that occurred in early September. A portion of the property was also used for staging. The Department offered to reimburse the River Park for the water and land which is their standard practice in such situations.

B. Issue - Should the River Park accept reimbursement for water and land from Park property needed for fire suppression?

C. Analysis – The pond on the property recently acquired by the River Park along Farmer Road at the base of Volcan Mountain was used to supply helicopter water drops to fight the fire on Volcan Mountain. A portion of the property along Farmers Road was also used for a staging area. The approximately one acre pond water level dropped about eighteen inches during the fire fighting effort. When the river Park purchased the property the pond was almost dry and was subsequently filled by winter rains. Initial contact with the Department indicates that reimbursements in similar situations were individually negotiated and have ranged from 0 to \$500 per day.

The River Park is not using the pond water for any purpose other than wildlife habitat and no damage to habitat or River Park property occurred. For those reasons and because the actions of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection accomplish the River Park objective of preserving valuable habitat, staff recommends that the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection be notified that no reimbursement for water or use of property for staging is required

CAC RECOMMENDATION:

This item was not reviewed by the CAC.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None identified.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Direct staff to notify the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection that reimbursement for water and/or staging area used to fight the Volcan Mountain Fire is not required.
 2. Direct staff to negotiate a daily reimbursement rate with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.
 3. Direct staff to do additional research on specific items.
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RECOMMENDATION:

Direct the Executive Director to notify the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection that reimbursement for water and land used to fight the recent Volcan Mountain fire is not required.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Bobertz,
Executive Director