

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
Minutes of July 16, 2004**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Pam Slater-Price  
Jerry Finnell  
Ed Gallo  
Betty Rexford  
Brian Maienschein  
Dianne Jacob  
Tom Golich  
Phil Pryde  
Darlyn Davenport

**REPRESENTING**

County of San Diego  
City of Del Mar  
City of Escondido  
City of Poway  
City of San Diego  
County of San Diego  
City of Solana Beach  
Citizens Advisory Committee  
22<sup>nd</sup> Agricultural District, Ex Officio

**VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT**

Wayne Brechtel	JPA Counsel
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
Jacqueline Winterer	Coastal Property owner
Freda Reid	San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
Anne Gardner	Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
John Ingalls	Santa Fe Irrigation District

**Introduction and Announcements**

Chair Slater-Price convened the meeting at 9:40 a.m. in the County Administration 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302/303, San Diego, CA 92101.

Boardmember Pryde introduced the members of the CAC in attendance today as Ann Gardner, Freda Reid, Jacqueline Winterer and John Ingalls.

**Approval of Minutes June 18, 2004-**

Boardmember Betty Rexford made a motion to approve the minutes of June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004 and Boardmember Golich seconded the motion.

Jacqueline Winterer- asked that her statement on the minutes of June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004 (page 5, item 6, paragraph 3) be corrected to: Jacqueline Winterer was "concerned that the Del Mar Foundation has the authority to choose how the funds are distributed" and wanted the words "manage the funds for the Wetlands in the future" deleted. The corrected wording should be: "Speaker Jacqueline Winterer was concerned that the Del Mar Foundation has the authority to choose how the funds are distributed. She felt that the River Park has given away decision making authority that it should not have given away."

### **Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Bobertz reported on the Strawberry Stand/ Wetland Learning Center Grand Opening that was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June. Mr. Bobertz said that the representation from the member cities was great and the speakers were very supportive of the center and the educational value of the site. He said that a special honor was bestowed on the former director of the River Park, Diane Coombs. Ms. Coombs was honored with A plaque citing her dedication to the River Park. The plaque will be installed at the Learning Center and at a future permanent facility to be built on the site.

Director Bobertz spoke about Project Clean Water's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Clean Water Summit which he had attended last week. The summit was attended by Assemblymember Christine Kehoe, Supervisors Cox and Slater-Price and he was very happy to receive a Clean Water Champion award that was given to the San Dieguito River Park. Mr. Bobertz said that he accepted the award on behalf of the Park and was very grateful for the recognition.

Executive Director Bobertz said that the Bernardo Mountain parcel owned by Caltrans has been transferred to the San Dieguito River Park along with an endowment. Mr. Bobertz stated that we will close escrow on Friday or Monday on the 75-acre Boudreau parcel next to El Camino Real.

### **Public Comment**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Ramona Community Planning Group's Request for Consideration of Naming SR78 a State Scenic Highway through the San Pasqual Valley

Boardmember Maienschein made a motion to support the Ramona Community Planning Group's request and Boardmember Rexford seconded. All in favor

#### **ACTION AGENDA**

2. Public Hearing for Newton Acquisition- Director Bobertz stated that the JPA set this day for the public hearing and described in detail the location of the property on a map on page 17 in the agenda. Mr. Bobertz said it has been appraised at \$747,000 which is based on there being no legal access to the property. He noted that the JPA does not require legal access for the purposes for which we are buying the property.

Boardmember Pryde made a motion to approve the acquisition of the property and Boardmember Golich seconded. All in favor

3. San Pasqual Valley Vision Plan- Boardmember Maienschein asked for this to be continued so that the staff and CAC requests for changes to the language can be reviewed. Mr. Maienschein said that he would report back when the plan is ready for review.

Boardmember Pryde stated that the CAC is supportive of this item and asked Boardmember Maienschein to let us know if there are any "speed bumps" in its approval. Boardmember Maienschein said he would inform staff and Boardmember Pryde of its progress.

Boardmember Rexford made a motion to continue this item and Boardmember Golich seconded All in favor.

4. Cleveland National Forest Management Plan- Environmental Planner Shawna Anderson said that the U.S. Forest Service is updating the Cleveland National Forest Management Plan. She said that staff looked at the management plan in detail and there are 6 alternatives and policy strategies. Of the alternatives we found that alternative 3 most closely met the goals and objectives of the River Park. Ms. Anderson referred to the list of specific comments, many of which concern Orosco Ridge target shooting and the debris it leaves behind. She also said that the River Park was not mentioned enough or with the correct name, and that greater emphasis should be placed on the placement of the Coast to Crest Trail. She said that these points were supported by the CAC.

The Boardmembers' discussion emphasized support for non-motorized trails and the need for equestrian and bicycle riders to share the trails without conflict. It was suggested that the JPA needed additional policies regarding shared use.

Boardmember Pryde made a motion to support alternative # 3 and the comments in the staff report to be sent in a letter to the U.S. Forest Service. Boardmember Rexford seconded. All in favor

### INFORMATION

5. Status Reports
  - a. Fairbanks Ranch Country Club/ Polo - Director Bobertz stated that we have nothing new to report except that we are following the site review permit process because we want to make sure that our trail is included in the plans. Mr. Bobertz said that you can walk along the trail by the polo club at this time.
  - b. Wetland Restoration Project/Coastal Trail- Deputy Director Carter said that we are making permit applications to Del Mar and San Diego. These will be followed by a Coastal Development Permit application. She pointed out that there is a letter in the agenda packet from the 22<sup>nd</sup> District Agricultural Association discussing their concerns about the Wetland project. Ms. Carter said that Director Bobertz and David Kay from Edison will be meeting with the Ag District manager next week to resolve the issues. In the meantime, the SCE and JPA engineers have been working on the construction documents for the permit application submittals. Ms. Carter said that the State Lands Commission will be reviewing our permit application on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Director Bobertz stated that the Board's Wetland Advisory Committee met last week and went over all the issues that pertain to the project and different ways to resolve the concerns.
  - c. Sikes Adobe Farmhouse Restoration- Deputy Director Carter said that the issue was first to procure the lease for the site but the City of San Diego has now asked the River Park to purchase the

property. In response, we proposed the potential land swap with the water department or alternative funding for the purchase. Director Bobertz said that the alternative funding is from a fund that was set up when the Hodges Golf Improvement Center was approved and it was specifically set up to establish funding for recreation in the valley and historic rehabilitation and restoration. This fund was used to pay for fees on the Mule Hill/San Pasqual Trail permits. Deputy Director Carter said that a meeting had been held with the new Water Department director last week, and he was considering these options.

- d. Lake Hodges Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge- Deputy Director Carter said that the 3<sup>rd</sup> submittal to the City of San Diego has been completed. Ms. Carter said that Water Department's request for an enclosure completely around the new bridge would be counterproductive to the goal of keeping people from jumping off, because people could climb out on top of the enclosure. She said that she and Director Bobertz had discussed the enclosure with the new San Diego Water Department director last week and he said he would discuss the matter with his staff. Ms. Carter said that the environmental document will have a design variation for a full enclosure in it but that it is not our preferred plan.
  - e. Del Dios Gorge Trail- Shawna Anderson said that we are proceeding on this trail that will be built on property owned by the County of San Diego. The County of San Diego and the River Park will have an agreement where the River Park will pay for the design and construction of the trail but the trail will be a County Parks "project". An agreement of this type will streamline the number of permits required. Boardmember Slater-Price said to let her office know if problems are encountered.
6. Jurisdictional Status Reports

Boardmember Rexford said that the Gooden Ranch will have a re-grand opening after the fire last fall.

Chair Slater-Price adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

These minutes approved by Board Action

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Executive Director