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**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK
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9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Friday, July 16, 2010

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 18, 2010

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

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 - c. Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation
 - d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
7. Status Reports (Oral)
 - a. River Park Projects

8. Jurisdictional Status Reports

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

9. Communications

THE NEXT REGULAR JPA MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 17TH.

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

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TO: JPA

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: Resolution Accepting State Coastal Conservancy Grant Funds

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Attached Resolution Accepting Grant Funds

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION:

In April 2008, the JPA applied for Proposition 84 grant funding through the State Coastal Conservancy to be used to plan and permit the “Reach the Beach” segment of the Coast to Crest Trail, to construct Segment 8 of the trail (between San Andres and Horsepark) and to permit and construct the Mesa Loop Trail. Although a \$317,000 grant was recommended by SCC staff, due to the State freeze on bond funds, nothing could move forward. When the freeze was lifted, the State Coastal Conservancy took action in May of this year to award the grant funds to the JPA. To receive the funds, it is required that the JPA adopt the attached resolution agreeing to spend the funds in accordance with SCC requirements.

Resolution No. _____

Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space
Joint Powers Authority

Approving the Grant of Funds from the
State Coastal Conservancy

For San Dieguito Lagoon Trails

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California has established the State Coastal Conservancy (“Conservancy”) under Division 21 of the California Public Resources Code, and has authorized the Conservancy to award grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations to implement the provisions of Division 21; and

WHEREAS, the Conservancy awards grants for projects that it determines are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code and with the Conservancy’s Strategic Plan and that best achieve the Conservancy’s statutory objectives, in light of limited funding.

WHEREAS, at its May 27, 2010 meeting, the Conservancy adopted a resolution authorizing a grant to the San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority (“grantee”) to “*construct a trail segment of the Coast to Crest Trail; 2) construct the Mesa Loop Trail and 3) develop alternative alignments and complete engineering design, environmental review and construction documents for the Reach the Beach segment of the Coast to Crest Trail*” (“the project”). The resolution was adopted by the Conservancy pursuant to and is included in the Conservancy May 27, 2010 staff recommendation, a copy of which is on file with the grantee and with the Conservancy..

WHEREAS, the Conservancy requires that governing body of the grantee certify through a resolution that it approves the award of Conservancy grant funding and authorizes the execution of a grant agreement in substantially the form of the agreement attached to this resolution as Exhibit 1;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the grantee hereby:

1. Approves the award of grant funding from the Conservancy for the project.
2. Acknowledges that it has or will have sufficient funds to complete the project and, if any property is acquired as part of the project to operate and maintain the property, and, if any facilities are constructed as a part of the project, to operate and maintain the facilities for a reasonable period, not less than the useful life of the facilities.
3. Agrees to provide any funds beyond the Conservancy grant funds necessary to complete the project.
- 4.. Agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions of the grant agreement and any other agreement or instrument as may be required by the Conservancy and as may be necessary to fulfill the terms of the grant agreement and to complete the project.

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5. Authorizes any of the following named officers or employees of the grantee to act as a representative of the grantee, to negotiate and execute on behalf of the grantee all agreements and instruments necessary to complete the project and to comply with the Conservancy's grant requirements, including, without limitation, the grant agreement: Dick Bobertz, Executive Director, or his designee, Susan Carter, Deputy Director.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED _____, 20__.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the above Resolution No. _____ was duly adopted by the grantee by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Richard Earnest, Chair

ATTEST:

Jan Lines, Office Manager

TO: JPA

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: Resolution Modifying Employee "Offset" Contribution from 7% to 3.5%

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Attached Resolution Confirming Your Board's Action of June 18th

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION:

At your June 18 meeting, your Board adopted the FY 10/11 budget that included a change in the amount of the offset (the amount of the employee's share of the retirement contribution covered by the JPA) from a maximum of 7% (of payroll) to 3.5%. Attached is a resolution to formally recognize the change to the offset payment amount. The purpose of the resolution is to formally document the change since the prior resolution in 1989 had set the original offset amount at 7%.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN
DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK JOINT
POWERS AUTHORITY AMENDING THE AUTHORITY'S OFFSET PAYMENT TO
ITS EMPLOYEES' RATE OF CONTRIBUTION TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS, The San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park Joint Powers Authority ("JPA") employees participate in the San Diego County Employees' Retirement Association pursuant to Government Code §§ 31468 and 31557(b); and,

WHEREAS, the JPA presently contributes seven percent (7%) of each officer's and employee's actual prescribe rate of contribution to the San Diego County Employees' Retirement Association ("SDCERA") to offset, but not to exceed, each officer's or employee's actual prescribed percentage rate of contribution; and,

WHEREAS, as part of its FY 10/11 budget adopted June 18, 2010, the JPA intends to reduce its contribution rate on behalf of each officer and employee to three point five percent (3.5 %) of each officer's and employee's actual prescribed rate of contribution to SDCERA; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. The Board hereby confirms the reduction of its contribution on behalf of each officer and employee to three point five percent (3.5 %) of each officer's and employee's actual prescribed rate of contribution to SDCERA to offset, but not to exceed, each officer's or employee's actual prescribed percentage rate of contribution.
3. The Board authorizes its Executive Director, Dick Bobertz and/or Deputy Director, Susan Carter, to take any and all further actions and approval of further documents, which may be required to complete the reduction in the offset payment. It is the express intent of this Board in adopting this Resolution that no further action of this Board is required and that the JPA's Executive Director and/or Deputy Director are fully authorized to complete the reduction in conformance with its terms of this Resolution.

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Passed and Adopted this _____ Day of July, 2010 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Richard Earnest, Chair

ATTEST: Jan Lines, Clerk

TO: JPA
FROM: Staff
SUBJECT: Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead Master Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that your Board approve the proposed activities in concept, direct staff to identify which activities can be implemented immediately and which need further investigation, authorize the in-house preparation of a Master Plan for the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead, and authorize the Executive Director to enter into agreements as necessary to carry out those proposed activities which can be implemented immediately.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION:

At your Board's June 18 meeting, speakers Tom Cook and Dan Winne said that there was considerable revenue potential at the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead, and they cited the recent successful trial run wagon rides as an example. Mr. Winne also mentioned a seasonal produce market and pony rides as potential moneymakers that would be consistent with the zoning and with the historic value of the site. They stressed that developing these programs would require the oversight and management of the Sikes Adobe Museum Manager. Your Board retained the half-time Museum Manager position in the FY 10/11 budget, and directed staff to evaluate the feasibility of these potential revenue prospects at the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead.

Subsequently, staff met with Mr. Cook and Mr. Winne to review the proposals. Staff also took a trip down to take a look at Mr. Winne's existing operation in the South Bay, to get a better understanding of his proposal.

The proposal is for a complex at the JPA's 5.742 acre property called (optionally) "San Pasqual Old-Fashioned Family Farm" or "Sikes Adobe Old-Fashioned Family Farm" or "Bernardo Old-Fashioned Family Farm Historic District". It includes the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmhouse, the trail that leads out to the interpretive signage at Mule Hill and the Town of Bernardo, the future Visitor/Interpretive Center (which will interpret pioneer farming history), and a new activity area outside of the "interpretive boundary" for the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmhouse. A concept site map will be handed out at today's meeting. The proposed activities include: pony rides (not on the trail, at least for now, but in a wheel or track on the site), produce stand and farmer's market, an exhibition/educational farm (not-for-profit), group picnic areas, barnyard animals such as lambs and goats, particularly heritage animals such as the Jacob lambs, special events such as weddings and square dances, and continuation of the current wagon rides on the trail

The new activities are proposed for weekends only, at least initially. All animals (horses, goats)

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would be at the site just during the activities and would not remain at the site overnight. Any necessary structures would be portable. Mr. Winne would prepare the site for the proposed activities and provide advertising. Mr. Winne has explained that his goals for the project are to earn enough from the activities to break even; to help the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead and the San Dieguito River Park financially and to provide historical education.

Staff notes that additional information must be developed in order to determine how feasible some of the proposed activities are. For example, it is probable that some of the activities will require a permit, and if so, that will take some time to obtain. Also, while these activities appear to be allowed within the agricultural zoning on the property, in some cases there are further restrictions, such as in the case of the produce stand. The zoning code says that 25% of the produce sold at the stand must be grown on the site.

Staff agrees that there does appear to be revenue-producing potential from these suggestions, and notes that an old-fashioned family farm has educational value and is consistent with what the JPA has long envisioned for this area. However, staff cautions that new uses introduced to the site must fit the San Dieguito River Park's goals for the River Valley and must not diminish the historic significance of the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead, so carefully restored. We believe that the proposed "old-fashioned family farm" will be more successful if it is carefully designed and integrated into the site. Therefore, staff proposes to prepare (in-house) a Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead Master Plan. The Master Plan, which will be brought to the CAC and JPA Board for review and approval, will delineate the themes and uses that are appropriate for the site, provide a site plan to show where the uses will be located, and establish design criteria, among other things.

Despite the cautions that we have raised, staff notes that the proposed activities are not permanent, and can be discontinued and/or removed should your Board later decide that the uses are not appropriate for the site. Therefore there is no reason we cannot move forward immediately with some of the proposed activities, such as the pony rides, which can be instituted quickly.

Staff has sent this staff report to the Chair of the San Pasqual Planning Group, and will be attending their August meeting to provide more information. If we are to be successful with the proposed Farmers Market, we would like, if possible, to have the farmers and lessees from the San Pasqual Valley sell their locally-grown produce at the Farmers Market.

The table below lists the various activities that have been proposed, a tentative timeline for implementation, and very sketchy income potential during this startup period.

TABLE 1

Activity	Timeline	JPA Income FY 10/11	JPA Income FY 11/12	Responsibility	Issues
Exhibition/Educational Farm (1/4 acre)	6 months	0	0	Winne	
Wagon Rides – expand to twice a month; split income with RBHS.	Now	\$6,000	\$6,000	Winne	
Produce Stand	6 months	?	?	Winne	25% grown on site; permit required?
Farmer’s Market, weekly (charge \$25 per table first year, \$50 per table after that)	6 months	\$6,000	\$25,000	Winne	Coordinate with other Farmer Markets; permit required?
Pony Rides (50’ wheel at first, expand to track subsequently)	1 month	\$12,000	\$36,000	Winne	
Special Events					
Weddings, 6 per year		0	\$3,000	JPA	
Square Dances, Other events, 6 per year		0	\$ 900	JPA	
Barnyard Animal (demonstration shearing/spinning)	1 month	0	0	Winne	Permit required?
Docent Tours of Sikes free	Immediate	0	0	JPA	
School Group Tours of Sikes free	Immediate	0	0	JPA	
Sikes Membership Fees		1,950	2,050	JPA	
Souvenir/Gift Sales		500	525	Winne/JPA	
Total Income		\$26,450	\$73,475		
Expenses					
Museum Mgr’s Salary & Benefits		26,908	26,908		
Insurance for Sikes		1,600	1,600		
Utilities, Security Service		3,722	3,722		
Repairs, Maintenance		500	500		
Education & Marketing Materials		500	500		
Gift & Book Sales		250	250		
Total		\$33,580	\$33,580		
Net Income (Loss)		(\$7,130)	\$39,895		

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve staff recommendation
2. Revise proposed activities
3. Give staff other direction

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that your Board approve the proposed activities in concept, direct staff to identify which activities can be implemented immediately and which need further investigation, authorize the in-house preparation of a Master Plan for the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead, and authorize the Executive Director to enter into agreements as necessary to carry out those proposed activities which can be implemented immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Bobertz
Executive Director

TO: JPA Board

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: Issues Relating to work on City of San Diego Property or in City Jurisdiction

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider modifying direction to staff to suspend any work on property belonging to the City of San Diego.

SITUATION:

Summary and Recommendation

On January 15, 2010 the JPA Board voted to approve a motion to “Suspend any work on property belonging to the City of San Diego as of the final day of payment to the River Park”. At the February 19, 2010 JPA meeting the Board resumed consideration of that direction to staff and discussed the potential negative impacts that could result because most of the trails that serve other member agencies are located on City of San Diego property. The discussion did not result in a decision to modify the 1/15/10 direction to staff.

Staff recommends that the Board review the specific services and projects that would be terminated if all work on property belonging to City of San Diego were suspended and consider modifying the 1/15/10 direction to staff.

Issue. One of the most recognized benefits to JPA member agencies is the construction, maintenance and patrol of an extensive recreational trail system to benefit citizens. Most of the existing recreational trail system and ongoing projects to expand the system are located within the City of San Diego jurisdiction or on property owned by the City of San Diego (Attachment 1).

1. The current River Park trail system is composed of approximately 40 miles of trails. More than sixty percent or 25 miles of the trail system (primarily Lake Hodges Dam to Bandy Canyon Road/Hwy 78 intersection) is located within the City of San Diego jurisdiction on City-owned property. The following list shows the functions that would be terminated in that area:
 - a. Ranger and volunteer trail patrol.
 - b. Maintenance of trails, erosion control and trash removal. Maintenance of facilities such as bridges, kiosks, fencing, benches and interpretive signs.

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- c. Provision of five staging areas: Bernardo Bay, Sunset Drive, Highland Valley, Ysabel Creek Road, and Bandy Canyon/Hwy 78 - gates to be closed and locked.
- d. Access to the Lake Hodges Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge – gates to be closed and locked.
- e. Four portable toilets at Bernardo Bay, Lake Hodges Bridge, Ysabel Creek Road and Bandy Canyon/78 – removed.
- f. Supervision of Boy Scout projects and volunteer work.
- g. Coordination with City Planning groups, Police and Fire Departments, San Diego animal and vector control, HOA’s, Federal and State Resource Agencies, City of San Diego leaseholders, and charitable event organizers.
- h. Organization of events and activities.

The result of eliminating these functions is expected to be rapid deterioration of the largest continuous part of the currently available Coast to Crest Trail and extensive destruction of natural habitat areas through off-trail mountain bike and vehicle activity. Not least, water quality would suffer due to lack of patrol for dogs off leash, lack of portable toilet service, overflowing trash receptacles, etc.. Lacking assignment of City of San Diego rangers to the area, public safety will also be diminished.

- 2. The River Park currently has \$2,227,000 of ongoing funded projects located within City of San Diego jurisdiction or on City owned property related to expanding the trail system or habitat restoration:

a. Heritage Trail Link	\$ 15,000
b. Invasive Species Control Program	\$100,000
c. West Bernardo Bike Path/Cantilever	\$1,350,000
d. Lagoon Trail (San Andres to Horsepark)	\$115,000
e. Horsepark Trail (Horsepark to El Camino Real)	\$350,000
f. Mesa Loop Trail	\$172,000
g. Salt Marsh Mitigation	<u>\$125,000</u>
	\$2,227,000

Canceling these projects would require return of the funds obtained through grants and, in the case of the Salt Marsh Mitigation project, subject the River Park to legal sanctions for failing to mitigate impacts of a constructed project. Additionally, some of the projects are planned to include ranger labor which provides revenue to the River Park.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

This item has not been reviewed by the CAC.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Potential loss of \$2,227,000 of grant funding and undetermined amount of revenue from ranger labor.

ALTERNATIVES:

- a. Direct staff to continue work on projects within the City of San Diego.
 - b. Direct staff to suspend ranger services within the City of San Diego, but continue work on projects and ranger services funded through outside sources such as SCE, and grants.
 - c. Give staff other direction.
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RECOMMENDATION:

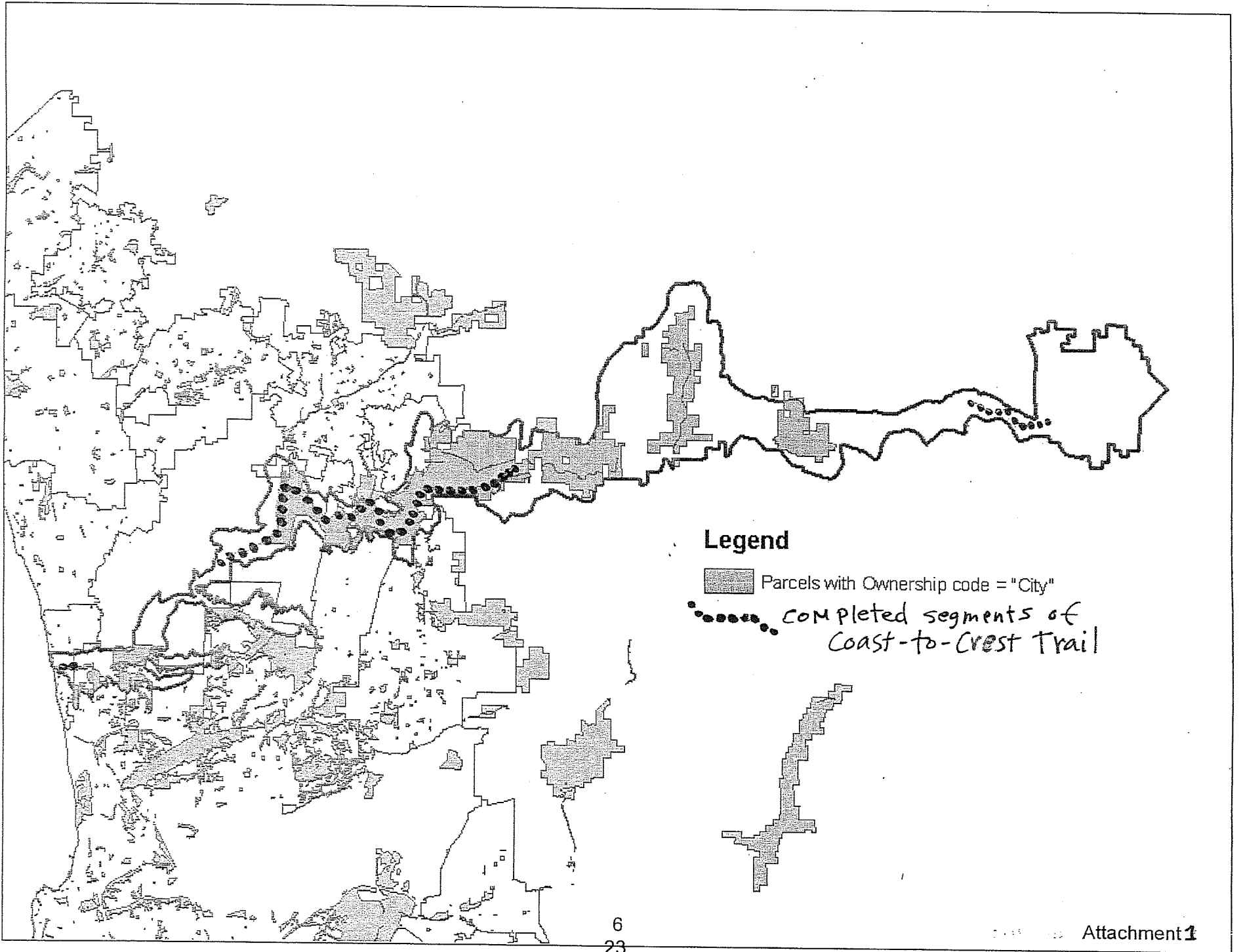
Consider modifying direction to staff to suspend any work on property belonging to the City of San Diego.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dick Bobertz
Executive Director

Attachment:

1. Map showing portions of Coast to Crest Trail within the City of San Diego



TO: JPA Board
FROM: Staff
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2010/11 and 2011/12 Budgets

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that your Board adopt the attached amended FY 2010/11 operating and project fund budgets, authorize the Executive Director to withdraw funds as specified from the Fidelity Endowment Fund, and assign responsibility for identification and development of alternative funding sources to your Board's ad hoc Acquisition and Financing Strategies Committee.

SUMMARY:

At your June 18 meeting, your Board approved a budget for FY 10/11, but directed staff to return to your Board at today's meeting with the amount that is needed to withdraw as a loan from the JPA's discretionary Endowment Fund, based on the decisions your Board made, and to provide a preliminary look at a budget for FY 11/12. In addition, this staff report repeats a discussion and recommendation regarding alternative funding sources that was not discussed last month due to lack of time.

FY 10/11 Budget. The budget that your Board adopted contained the following cost-cutting measures:

1. Convert paid Executive Director position to volunteer position
2. Reduce Environmental Planner position from ¾ time to ½ time
3. Eliminate Bookkeeper services
4. Eliminate payment for attorney at Board meetings (Reduce Board meetings by 50%)
5. Reduce the pension offset paid for employees from 7% to 3.5%
6. Cap health plan flex credit paid for employees at 11% (was projected to increase to 16% in January 2011)
7. Eliminate funding for training/conferences, mileage reimbursement, and uniform allowance
8. Cap maximum vacation accrual at 1.5 times annual. (previously 2.5/2.0)

Please note the following new information:

- After the meeting, it was discovered that a letter from Jan Fuchs, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee's Project Review Committee, had inadvertently not been copied and distributed to your Board. See Attachment 1.

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- Of particular note, your Board's action included the direction to prioritize the use of unanticipated revenue to reinstate the Environmental Planner's position to its usual $\frac{3}{4}$ time. A donation of \$21,015 expressly intended for operational funding was received after your Board's action. This amount allowed the Executive Director to continue the Environmental Planner position at $\frac{3}{4}$ time until the end of December.
- We have been advised by the County Human Resources Department that the actions your Board approved regarding reduction of the offset and capping the flex credit cannot be implemented until the first pay period in August. Therefore, there will only be 11 months of savings, not 12. See Attachment 2.
- In addition, we have been advised that there will be a cost associated with reimbursement for the County staff time necessary to implement the actions, but we do not know yet what the cost will be. \$4,000 has been estimated in the attached budget amendment.
- We have learned that \$19,000 has been awarded from the County of San Diego, at the recommendation of Supervisor Pam Slater-Price, for interpretive exhibit and display materials at the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmhouse.
- Following up on the action of the City of San Diego Natural Resources and Culture Committee (at the request of Boardmembers Lightner and DeMaio) regarding the Integrated Weed Management Program grant that the City's Public Utilities Department received, staff met with the P.U.D. to discuss. As a result, what is most likely is that the JPA staff would handle one of the tasks, the actual writing of the plan, but not the digital aerial photos, the GIS delineation or attribute database, or the actual eradication of weeds. These tasks would be contracted out to other parties, either at the direction of the JPA or the P.U.D. The task that includes the writing of the plan is budgeted at \$21,000. We proposed that Environmental Planner Shawna Anderson would write the plan, with assistance from Resources and Trails Manager Jason Lopez. Nothing has been decided at the time of the writing of this report, so this item has NOT been added to the amended budget. However, if this proposal is accepted, then the Environmental Planner position could be fully restored through the end of the fiscal year in a subsequent budget amendment.
- The contractor working on the office reconstruction discovered that the well had quit producing water. He got a well company he works with out to the job site yesterday and they pulled the well casing. It turns out the casing couplings were rotted out – and will cost \$1,500 to repair. This cost is not covered by the insurance that is paying for the rest of the reconstruction.

Staff recommends that your Board adopt the attached amended FY 10/11 operating and project fund budgets which incorporate the new information above, to the extent that we know it. (Attachment 3)

FY 11/12 Budget. As noted, your Board requested a preliminary look at the FY 11/12 budget. Because there are so many unknowns at this time, please recognize that it is highly speculative. If proceeds from the Sikes Adobe Farmhouse (\$40,000) and bingo operations (\$50,000) are received, it would be possible to continue the Environmental Planner position at $\frac{3}{4}$ time and continue (or potentially increase) the half-time Sikes Adobe Museum Manager position, as shown in Attachment 3, FY 11/12 column.

Withdrawal of Distribution from the Endowment Fund. The expenses identified by your Board as part of the shortfall that should be taken as a loan from the Endowment Fund were the \$19,080 vacation payout for Executive Director Bobertz, the \$3,300 in higher insurance costs, and \$8,500 to replace the stolen solar panels. As noted above, there are various, additional costs amounting to \$6,172. There is a possibility that grant funds may be available for the solar panels, but that is not certain. Therefore staff recommends that your Board borrow \$37,052 from the Endowment Fund to balance the FY 10/11 budget. If the grant is awarded for the solar panel replacement, we will not have to use the endowment funds for that purpose, and they can be reinvested.

Alternative, Sustainable Funding Sources for the Future. There is an obvious need to identify and obtain alternative funding sources in the future, both to address the temporary crisis occasioned by the elimination of funding from the City of San Diego, but also to address the “chronic understaffing” mentioned in the JPA Employee memo in last month’s agenda. When your Board adopted the FY 09/10 budget in April 2009, member agency assessments were reduced by 14%. This was achieved by eliminating the endowment contribution and by reassigning staff to revenue-producing positions. This language was in the staff report: “Rather than hire new staff, we propose to reduce existing staff costs by transferring existing staff to this new coastal unit [i.e., to be reimbursed by SCE]. This action will impact current programs in other areas and cause deferred maintenance in some cases. It is important to recognize that our responsibilities for habitat and land management under endowment agreements, once assumed, are committed to and cannot be eliminated or scaled back. In order to meet those responsibilities as well as the new responsibilities in the Coastal Unit, ranger staff will no longer be able to continue to keep trails and other park facilities, well-maintained, and the non-native invasive plant species under control so that native habitat can flourish. Staff recommends that the Board plan to add 1½ ranger positions to replace the 1½ existing positions that will be transferred to the Coastal Unit as soon as fiscally feasible when the economy improves.” In January another existing position was moved to the Coastal Unit and is reimbursed by SCE, which action helped to re-balance the budget after the elimination of the City of San Diego’s 4th quarter payment. That means the JPA is currently operating with 2 ½ rangers less than they had previously for all park areas east of the lagoon.

Staff recommends that your Board assign responsibility for identification and development of alternative funding sources to your Acquisition and Financing Strategies Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Bobertz

Attachments:

1. Letter from Jan Fuchs, June 16, 2010
2. Letter to Carlos Arauz, Director of Human Resources, County of San Diego
3. Amended Operating and Project Budgets for FY 10/11; Also, Preliminary FY 11/12 Budget

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June 16, 2010

Richard Earnest, Chair
San Dieguito River Park JPA
and
Members of the JPA

Subject: JPA Meeting Friday, June 18, 2010:
JPA Staff Proposal Regarding Budget Cuts
For fy 2010-2011

Dear Chair Earnest and JPA Members:

As chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee's "Project Review Committee" (PRC) I am writing to ask that you take a studious look at the staff's proposal, and any budget cut proposal in light of the "Environmental Planner" position on the staff.

The CAC previously has formally requested that you make any and all efforts to maintain this position as it stands as this person is critical to the continuation of the strives the PRC, CAC, and JPA have made to preserving and restoring our 55-mile long, incomparable natural, open space parkland.

As PRC chair since its inception in 1988, I am in a unique position to know the crucial role our environmental planner(s) have played in:

- Ensuring that any land use proposal that could potentially impact the park is identified, tracked, researched and brought to my committee's attention;
- Coordinated meetings between developers or jurisdictional staffs and the PRC to provide early and thorough review of proposals;
- Provided the PRC, and then the CAC and JPA all relevant materials relating to proposals, from the smallest residential development to land use policies and procedures, to major ballot measures that affect the park in all its jurisdictions;
- Served as liaison between the PRC, the JPA and its staff, the CAC, jurisdictional land use planners and elected officials;
- Placed all PRC actions on the CAC agenda, often providing much needed background information which nearly always requires countless hours of writing for the PRC, CAC, and JPA agendas;
- Reported on all PRC actions to the CAC, as well as reporting on and composing staff recommendations for the CAC and JPA;
- Writing final CAC positions for the JPA staff and JPA members for all JPA meetings;

- Coordinating all follow-up actions of the JPA on each matter considered, including ensuring that all JPA decisions are communicated to the relevant applicants, land use planners, and elected officials. This includes returning to the PRC, CAC, and JPA any and all feedback regarding these groups' actions.
- Maintaining constant contact with and between me and the PRC so that nothing "slips through the cracks" in our role of being the first line of defense in park protection efforts.

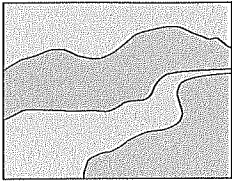
This is just an overview of the environmental planner; if the JPA were to reduce the hours of this position there is no question in my mind that our successes would be jeopardized. The PRC and CAC would greatly be handicapped because the environmental planner is the key to those bodies' relentless and detailed work. As volunteers, it might seem we on the CAC just show up once a month to act or discuss park matters. This is far from the truth: As chair of PRC I average 10-12 hours a week on park matters, not including PRC and CAC or JPA meetings. Others on the PRC work equally hard, focusing on their jurisdictions or on large park matters, such as the long-running issues concerning the Rancho Santa Fe Polo Fields and others. We are the eyes and ears for the park without whom the CAC and JPA would not be so well informed, and without whom we could not effectively act.

We simply could not do this job without the many hats the environmental planner provides. If this position were reduced further, none of us could take up the slack. I couldn't continue to provide the attention I pay to park land use issues without this constant staff support from the environmental planner. I also point out that the people on the PRC are chosen to serve on that committee because they have the professional and personal expertise this work demands.

You and the JPA may not realize that the PRC members, such as myself, are former elected officials throughout the SDRP environs: As former planning board chairs, mayors, County Supervisors, and City Council members, these volunteers also continue to serve their communities in other capacities because of their vast experiences with land use and with relationships with other elected officials and key planners. If we were to be faced with significantly reduced staff time of the environmental planner, our work load on behalf of the park would have to be reduced. This would bring a major halt to park progress as the major goal of the park effort is to first preserve the still significantly large amount of land that could be developed rather than saved as vital elements of the overall park composition.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this letter,

Jan Fuchs, Chair
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Dick Bobertz
Executive Director

Date: July 6, 2010
To: Carlos Arauz, Human Resources Director, County of San Diego
From: Dick Bobertz, *DB*
Executive Director, SDRP JPA
SUBJECT: San Dieguito River Park JPA Employee Benefit Cuts

The San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors took actions at their May 21st and June 18th Board meetings to reduce costs in order to adopt a balanced budget for FY 10/11.

The Board approved the following actions applicable to all JPA employees, management and non-management, to take effect July 1st or as soon as practicable thereafter.

- reduce the amount of maximum offset that the JPA pays of the employee's retirement share from 7% to 3.5%. (JPA employees will pay the balance of the employee's share above 3.5%.)
- cap vacation accrual to 1.5 times annual amount earned (see attached policy that the Board adopted)
- keep flex credit amount where it is now, and not increase it in FY 10/11, even though it will be increasing about 5% for County employees in January. (JPA employees will be responsible for paying increased health plan costs).

I understand that the earliest that the offset reduction can be in place is the first pay period in August, due to the amount of time and effort on the part of your staff to put these actions into place. I also understand that there will be a cost for that staff time that the JPA will need to reimburse. If you could give me an estimate of what that will be, it would be very helpful.

Thank you for your assistance in carrying out the JPA Board's requests.

			Adopted	Amended	Preliminary	
1	San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park		FY 09/10	FY 10/11	FY 10/11	FY 11/12
2	Joint Powers Authority Fiscal Year 2010-11 Operating Budget		02/19/10	06/18/10	07/16/10	
3	ORG 91160 FUND 44625					
4						
5	Appropriations					
6	Salaries and Benefits					
7	1000 Object Account					
8						
9	51110	Permanent Wages	593,324	485,807	499,497	494,108
10	51115	Temporary Wages		-	-	-
11	51410	Retirement - CERS	97,364	104,449	107,392	106,233
12	51415	Retire Other Post Retirement (Health Supplement)	12,875	9,036	9,291	9,190
13	51421	Non County POB Contributions	72,208	32,986	33,916	33,550
14	51430	Retirement- CERS - County Offset	42,838	17,003	19,082	17,294
15	51450	Retirement - OASDI & Medicare	44,262	37,164	38,212	37,799
16	51510	Employee Group Life Ins., Disability Ins.,	1,958	1,215	1,249	1,235
17	51530	Worker's Compensation Insurance	4,984	3,809	3,916	3,874
18	51550	Flex Credit	60,460	55,576	57,261	56,526
19	51560	Unemployment Insurance	1,483	1,215	1,249	1,235
20	Subtotal		931,756	748,259	771,064	761,045
24		Furlough Savings	(11,866)			
25	Services and Supplies					
26	2000 Object Account					
27	52062	Telephone/Cell/Fax/Satellite Service	9,988	6,988	6,988	6,988
28		Office Telephone and Cell Service for Rangers (\$4988)				
29		Dish Network (Satellite for Internet Service) (\$2000)				
30	52130	Insurance - General and Property Liability, incl Auto	6,160	10,100	10,100	10,100
31	52134	Insurance - Medical/Liability for Volunteers	600	610	610	610
32	52182	Fuel for Vehicle, incl Tractor	8,000	7,200	7,200	7,200
33	52186	Office Equipment Maintenance/Repair (Service Contracts)	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
34	52220	Office Operation/Maintenance	7,800	8,180	8,180	8,180
35	52220	Recycle (\$180)				
36	52220	Dumpster Rental (\$1000)				
37	52220	Janitorial Service (\$1000)				
38	52220	Maintenance/Repair/Tires for Vehicles (\$6,000)				
	52220	Well Repair			1,500	
39	52220	Uniform Allowance	3,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
40	52220	SDGE		4,000	4,000	4,000
41	52220	Lake Hodges Bike/Ped Bridge Lease	3,201	3,201	3,201	3,201
42	52220	Dept. of Health Services Permit, Hodges Bridge	525	525	525	525
43	52220	Sikes Adobe Historic Farmhouse	5,322	5,322	5,322	5,322
44	52270	Memberships	200	200	200	200
45	52304	Miscellaneous, petty cash	800	800	800	800
46	52330	Office Supplies	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
47	52332	Postage	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
48	52334	Printing (Stationery, maps)	3,200	2,000	2,000	2,000
49	52370	Professional Services	49,900	37,150	37,150	37,150
50		Attorney Services (\$23,000)				
51		Bookkeeping Services (\$0)				
52		Auditor Services (\$8,300)				
		County Services (\$4,350)				
53		Additional County Services for Benefit Changes in System			4,000	
54		Computer/Website Consulting Services (\$1,500)				
55	52304	Stipends for Board Members (10 mtgs x \$100 x 2)	2,000	-	-	-
56	52394	Maps, photos	250	250	250	250
57	52304	Legal Notices	300	300	300	300
58	52550	Volunteer/Event Program	10,575	6,575	6,575	6,575
59		Water/Ice/Refreshments (\$1050)				
60		Volunteer Recognition (\$1,000)				
61		Mailings - Activity Schedule and Newsletter				

OPERATING BUDGET

1	San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park		FY 09/10	FY 10/11	FY 10/11	FY 11/12
2	Joint Powers Authority Fiscal Year 2010-11 Operating Budget		02/19/10	06/18/10	07/16/10	
62		(included in postage & printing line items)				
63		Scout Plaques/Awards (\$625)				
64		Other Events (e.g., Earth Day) (\$775)				
65		Docent Training/Volunteer Patrol Training (\$1050)				
66		Intern Stipends/Education/Outreach (\$1,875)				
67		Kiosk Displays (\$200)				
68	52560	Books/Publications/Subscriptions	200	200	200	200
69	52566	Minor Equipment	200	200	200	200
70	52672	Utilities (at Undercrossing)	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
71	52566	Solar Panel replacement			8,500	
72	52608	Out of County Travel	500			
73	52610	Training (incl Seminars, Trails Conf., Herbicide Applicator	2,250	500	500	500
74	52612	Employee Auto Reimbursement	800	-	-	-
75	52550	Endowment	-	-	-	-
76	52304	Computer Software (Quickbooks, Antivirus renew, etc)	600	600	600	600
77	52304	Email distribution service	400	400	400	400
78	Total Services and Supplies		124,471	104,001	118,001	104,001
79						
80	Other Charges					
81	53426	Lease/Purchase Phone system	-	-	-	-
82	53426	Lease/purchase copier equipment	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800
83	56311	Amortization Reserve (for future truck replacement)	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
84	53426	Loan Payments for Work Truck	5,800	5,800	5,800	5,800
85	Total Other Charges		16,600	16,600	16,600	16,600
86						
87						
88	Total Appropriations		1,060,961	868,860	905,665	881,646
89	Revenues					
90	Account					
91	48117	Transfer from Amortization Reserve	5,800	5,800	5,800	5,800
92	48117	Transfer from Trails/Land Mgmt fund for Admin Costs	271,771	255,093	255,093	248,093
93	48117	Transfer from Project fund for Admin Costs	40,000	70,000	70,000	50,000
		Transfer from Project fund for Sikes Adobe Activities				40,000
94	48117	Transfer from Land Trust Fund (rent payments)	-	-	-	-
95	48117	Transfer from Other Funds	17,865	-	-	-
96	00000	Fund Balance	0	0	0	0
97	47526	Donation for Operations			21,015	
98	44105	Interest	30,000	15,000	15,000	10,000
99	45511	Offtrack Betting	43,000	43,000	43,000	35,000
		Bingo				50,000
100	45918	Member agency assessments	644,417	452,935	452,935	452,935
101	45918	Loan from Endowment Fund			37,052	
102	45918	Stipend Reimbursements	2,000	-	-	-
103	47526	Donations transferred from SDRVC	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
104	47540	Nontaxable Sales	125	125	125	125
105	47615	Taxable sales (t-shirts/videos/books)	2,645	2,645	2,645	2,645
106	Total Revenues		1,060,623	847,598	905,665	897,598

CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET

San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park Joint Powers Authority FY 09/10 Project Budget Fund			Amend. #1 09/10	Adopted FY 10/11	Amended FY 10/11
			9/18/09		7/16/10
Item	Appropriations FUND 44655				
	Services and Supplies				
	2000 Object Account				
1					
2	56311	Transfer to Operating Fund for Admin. Costs	40,000	70,000	70,000
3		(Includes \$20K SCE, \$25K SANDAG and \$25K Water Quality Monitoring)			
4	52396	Concept Design Lagoon Nature Center	55,000	-	-
7	52396	Water Quality Monitoring and Reporting	50,000	25,000	25,000
8	52396	Water Quality Treatment Ponds Landscaping, Irrigation	250,000	40,000	40,000
9	52396	Creation of 2.736 acre salt marsh mitigation site	140,000	80,000	80,000
10	52396	Wetland Concept Planning (W19)			
		Sikes Adobe Interpretive and Display Exhibits			19,000
11		Sikes Adobe Farmhouse Furnishings	12,000	-	-
13	Total Services and Supplies		547,000	215,000	234,000
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15					
16	Total Appropriations		547,000	215,000	234,000
17	Revenues				
18	45429	Southern California Edison	35,000	20,000	20,000
20		San Diego Association of Governments per MOU	440,000	75,000	75,000
21		Sempra via SDRVC for Lagoon Nature Center Designs	60,000	-	-
22	47535	Community Enhancement Program and NRP Grant	12,000	-	19,000
26		Fund Balance	-	120,000	120,000
27	26400	Deferred Credit	-	-	-
24	Total Revenues		547,000	215,000	234,000