AGENDA
SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Friday, November 1, 2019
10:30 a.m.

Location: San Rafael Parish
Pastoral Center, Rooms D & E
(The Pastoral Center building is located on the south side of the parking lot)
17252 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo
(north of Rancho Bernardo Drive)

The Chair cannot start the meeting until a quorum is present. PLEASE ARRIVE BY 10:25 A.M. The CAC may take action on any item listed on the Consent or Discussion/Action agenda, but only when a quorum is present. If a quorum is temporarily lost during the meeting, no further discussion will take place until the quorum is regained. If the quorum is not regained, the meeting will be adjourned. Please advise the Chair at the beginning of the meeting if you must leave before 12:15 p.m.

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Roll Call and Introductions
Chair

Late arrivals should speak to staff to make sure their attendance is noted.

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Executive Director’s Report
Staff

Public Comment
Public

DISCUSSION/ACTION

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INFORMATION

3. Park Project Status (oral)
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4. Communications An opportunity for any CAC member or the public to bring to
   the CAC’s attention a project or activity not reviewed by the Project Review
   Committee in their reports

Adjournment                   Chair

The next meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2019

If you have any questions, please call Kevin McKerman at (858) 674-2270
MEMBERS PRESENT
Jeff Barnouw
Joseph Esposito
Phil Pryde
Jan/Fuchs
Diane Coombs
Linda Oster
Maggie Brown
Judy LaVine
Liz Gabrych
Don Wendt
Jeremy Blakespear
Ben Stone
Carol Kerridge
Beth Nelson
Peter Shapiro
Bill Michalsky
Pat Whitt
Colleen Bradley
Carol Carr
Terry Badger
Jacqueline Winterer

REPRESENTING
CAC, Chair
American Society of Landscape Architects
Audubon Society
Carmel Valley Planning Board
Citizens Coordinate for Century 3
Del Dios Town Council
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
Lake Hodges Native Plant Club
League of Women Voters
Ramona Trails
San Diego Bicycle Coalition
San Diego Mountain Bike Association
Del Mar Lagoon Committee
San Dieguito Planning Group
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Sierra Club
Torrey Pines Community Planning Group
Volcan Mountain Preserve
Walkabout International
Central Property Owner
Coastal Property Owner

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT
Kevin McKernan
Brenda Miller
Shawna Anderson
David Hekel
Victor Sheldon
Jay Issell
Michelle Barrett

San Dieguito River Park JPA
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Quick N Dirty
Belgium Waffle Ride
Local Resident

Roll Call and Introductions
Chair Barnouw convened the meeting at 10:32 a.m. at the San Rafael Parish, 17252 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo. Individual introductions were made and a quorum was met with 20 members in attendance.

Approval of Minutes- July 12, 2019
Maggie Brown moved to approve the minutes of July 12, 2019 and Bill Michalsky seconded the motion. Colleen Bradley and Jacqueline Winterer abstained from voting, with all other members in favor.
**Chair’s Report** – Chair Jeff Barnouw mentioned that Phil Pryde will present Climate Change San Diego and You Saturday, Sept. 14th, 10:00 a.m. at the Del Mar Library. The presentation will be very exciting.

**Executive Director’s Report** – Executive Director McKernan welcomed all members and guests. Director McKernan reported that the Ranger Station in Del Mar is going along nicely, on budget and on time. The exterior siding is on and the interior is drywalled and painted. The roof will be put on soon. Our contractor has saved us over $100,000 on the project so far. Director McKernan thanked Jeff Barnouw, Carol Carr and Tom Carr for their generous donations toward the Ranger Station. The CAC thanked the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy for their pledge to pay for the solar panels on the new Ranger building. The JPA is in escrow on the Blum property, 6.4 acres of the Sycamore Creek Preserve. A Conservation Easement will be sold to Camp Pendleton for $84,000 on this parcel. Paying off the loan early will save $20,000 in interest and the property will be owned free and clear.

**Public Comment** – Carrol Kerridge reported on the Del Mar Resort, Marisol project. The developer presented a new project, with a 40% reduction from the original project. The plan details are not known. An initiative has been started for a vote in March on this project. It has been promised that a formal EIR will be delivered before this date. Ms. Kerridge stated that she wrote a letter to the Del Mar Times. She asked that everyone pay close attention to this matter. Shawna Anderson stated that the project is in the JPA Focused Planning Area and that the PRC reviewed the preliminary project plans last year and will review the new project when it is available. Bill Michalsky said that Marisol will hold an informational meeting at the Powerhouse on Tuesday, Sept. 10th at 3PM. Diane Coombs reported that she and Phil Pryde have information on the Safeguard Our San Diego Countryside ballot initiative to pass out and it will be on the table at the end of the meeting that this initiative will protect the River Park from future general plan amendments and is relevant to what the Park is trying to do overall. Diane Coombs mentioned the idea that Dianne Jacob’s name be on the newly built Santa Ysabel Center when it is completed. Phil Pryde recommends that if the CAC wants to recommend it they should wait until next year. Don Wendt reported that the County of San Diego has opened up on a seasonal basis Old Survey 97 Road. The Road is open Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to Sunset until November 15th. Anyone wishing to go on the Road must obtain a permit from the County of San Diego and present it to the Ranger on duty. Jeremy Blakespear requested that the Trails Committee choose a date to hike the Survey 97 Road, possibly in November when it is cooler. Mr. Wendt also reported that the County is trying to connect the Ramona Grasslands to the Coast to Crest Trail at Bandy Canyon. He said he has received good reports about the Pamo Valley Trail and said they would very much like to get the Lower Santa Ysabel Truck Trail gate open. There was a discussion about the Metzler property being for sale for mitigation credits.
DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. **Committee Reports**

   a. **Project Review Committee** – Jan Fuchs reported that the 22nd DAA is going through a Storm Water permit process at the Fairgrounds. The PRC board went on a field trip to see the Fairgrounds new stormwater collection and treatment system and Ms. Fuchs described it to the CAC members. The two lakes in the infield will filter all surface water from areas where animals come in contact with the ground. The water will be treated at a new stormwater treatment facility located near the infield before being discharged into Stevens Creek. The new system is expected to be up and running in 2020. The next PRC meeting will be held September 16th.

   b. **Trails Committee** – Carol Carr reported that the Trails Committee received a request from the JPA to discuss the topic of electric bikes on SDRP trails (ebikes). Ms. Carr said the Committee is looking into new rules and better signs, etc. For example, more signs are needed regarding passing horses. The Committee discussed concerns about speeds on the trails and interaction with other users. Ms. Carr also mentioned that bicyclists should call out or use bells on certain areas of trails. The Committee is looking into more signs at Del Dios and Raptor Ridge, where the trails are narrow. The signs should be written specific, effective, and communicate well. A discussion for the next meeting will be proper trail user etiquette.

   c. **Interpretation Committee** – Liz Gabrych reported the Interpretation Committee reviewed the 30th anniversary event. Ms. Gabrych said that a volunteer training event coming up soon and that a report is attached for the W-19 renaming.

2. **Discussion of W-19 Suggested Renaming**

   Interpretation Committee Chair Liz Gabrych wrote a report for the CAC on page 6 of the agenda. Ms. Gabrych introduced an overview of the selection process. Jacqueline Winterer originally presented the idea of Portola Wetlands. Ms. Gabrych said the Interpretation Committee did a good job on selections and is now handing it over to the CAC for consideration. Jacqueline Winterer said she is in favor of replacing W-19 with a name that captures the imagination. Ms. Winterer made a motion to rename the W-19 area of the San Dieguito Lagoon the Lost Lizard Wetlands. Maggie Brown seconded the motion. There was discussion regarding the list of names, the description of the area, (160 acres, a portion of the lagoon) and the new restored wetlands will blend in to the rest of the lagoon previously restored by SCE. Eventually there will be a new trail as part of the project and the project will take approximately two years to complete. More discussion was that other portions of the Lagoon have names: after Peter Douglas and Christine Kehoe, and the new trail could be named instead of the wetlands. A vote was taken with 4 in favor and 16 against. The motion was defeated and no new action was suggested.

3. **Discussion on the Status of the Surf Cup/Polo Fields Trail Section**
Maggie Brown read an email correspondence dated August 16 between herself and Steve Hadley with San Diego City Council District 1. It was noted that the trail restoration is required by a City of San Diego issued code enforcement order and associated site development permit, not by the Surf Cup Lease. Ms. Brown also shared Surf Cup Sports correspondence from Rob Haskell and Brian Inge. The nesting season is over September 15th and it will be interesting to see if any progress is made. Surf Cup has not offered a timeline for the trail project. The Friends of San Dieguito River Valley lawsuit is in the appeal process. Principal Planner Shawna Anderson offered appreciation from the JPA to all of the individuals and groups that are following this and voicing their concern regarding this section of the Coast to Crest Trail. Ms. Anderson also clarified that the trail restoration was originally required by a City code compliance violation on the Polo Fields property and it is still on the land, requiring someone to restore the trail. Ms. Anderson said she would send the violation information to Maggie Brown and Jeremy Blakespear. Executive Director Kevin McKernan stated that this issue is a political issue not a legal issue for the JPA. The issue may be brought to the October JPA Board meeting. Shawna Anderson said that CAC member support would be appreciated. Water quality and other issues were discussed.

INFORMATION

4. Park Project Status (oral)

a. Ranger Station – This was discussed in the Executive Directors report.

5. Communications – Executive Director McKernan made the announcement that a new volunteer training will be held Nov. 2nd at Sikes Adobe for Dust Devils, Sikes Docents, and other volunteers.

Jacqueline Winterer made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Maggie Brown seconded the motion.

Chair Barnouw adjourned the meeting at 11:51 AM.
31 Racetrack water treatment (revised)

Dustin Fuller, Supervising Environmental Planner at the 22nd District Agricultural Association, has been introducing interested parties to an elaborate water quality treatment system at the Fairgrounds, specifically the Racetrack, Stables and related animal areas, that will go into effect in 2021. He led a tour for the Project Review Committee of the San Dieguito River Park in late August and another for the City of Del Mar Lagoon Committee in mid-October.

There are two lakes in the infield of the track that are being redesigned to collect and treat all water that has come into contact with horses and other animals associated with other events throughout the year. Rain-gutters on stables and barns will divert uncontaminated roof water runoff through a dedicated storm drain system away from the water quality treatment system as this water does not come into contact with animals. Beyond water quality improvement (purification) the lakes will also serve as flood control during extreme rain events. The East Lake has a lining which isolates it from groundwater. It currently contains 6 million gallons but with an average depth of 4 feet and the ability to hold significantly more runoff during large storm events. The East Lake will serve as the receiving lake to collect runoff associated with animal activity areas. Through an underground connection, runoff will be channeled into the West Lake (Constructed Wetland) through several sorts of artificial wetlands, including “vertical wetlands” (mini-cascades) and a meander in which the rate of flow can be controlled. After the second racing season is concluded the West Lake will also be lined similar to the East Lake and converted into the elaborate artificial wetland. The primary treatment focus for the
constructed wetlands is to reduce metals (copper and zinc) and nutrients (phosphorous and nitrogen).

From the West Lake water will be piped to a newly constructed Water Treatment Plant further to the west. The primary treatment focus of the treatment plant is to reduce fine sediments and treat the runoff with ultra violet light to remove bacteria. The treatment plant will also include continuous water testing sensors for a variety of chemical substances which eventually may be monitored remotely, from another site.

Any water that does not meet strict water quality standards will be circulated back to the East Lake to begin the process again. In the future water of sufficient quality may be used for irrigation., although this would have to be approved by regulatory agencies. Currently the Fairgrounds has a contract to buy water of that quality from the San Elijo JPA. If too much runoff accumulates in the system, the treated runoff can be released into Stevens Creek under a discharge permit issued by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Standards for water quality are governed by CAFO regulations, Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations. Dustin Fuller estimated that the Summer Race Meet brings in over 2300 horses of which a large proportion are washed down daily during racing season. The overall treatment concept and system was developed by a local civil engineer who specializes in CAFO designs and equestrian facility water quality designs statewide. The treatment plant system was developed by an engineer who did similar work for Sea World. The cost of the entire project by the time it is finished will be over $12 million.

Jeff Barnouw
Amphitheatre Drive
Wetland Grading Plan

Issues we solved with this design:

- Size-Limited: only so much space for project
- Need long water residency time
TO: JPA Board

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: Surf Cup segment of the Coast to Crest Trail

The segment of Coast to Crest Trail along the property formerly known as Polo Fields and now leased to Surf Cup Sports has been the subject of several years of delay regarding the trail's status and condition. The property, owned by the City of San Diego, was leased to San Diego Polo Club for close to 30 years and included a clause that the existing public trail would remain open to the public and would not be impacted by polo operations. When the Polo Club lease terminated a new lease was approved in 2016 to Surf Cup Sports. Surf Cup has been operating and holding soccer events at the site and made several "improvements" to the property particularly circulation and parking changes and new soccer fields.

The general timeline regarding the status of the public trail along the south side of the property (north side of San Dieguito River) is:

**June 2005:** Civil Penalty Notice and Order served on Polo Club by San Diego Neighborhood Code Compliance for "illegally grading a horse exercise trail area adjacent to protected wetlands and outside of the leasehold property line for the Polo Fields". Subsequent hearing ruled that Polo Club cease grubbing and grading of the property and submit a permit application for restoring the public trail and damaged wetlands.

**June 2011:** Polo Club received site development permit (SDP) from City to restore trail and wetlands (work covered under a CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration approved by City in April 2011).

**March 2012:** Polo Club lease expired and continued on a monthly lease basis.

**July 2015:** City issued RFP for a new lease of property. RFP stated that new lessee would be responsible for restoring public trail and wetlands per the approved SDP.

**July 2016:** Lease to Surf Cup Sports approved by City. Lease mentions the public trail in several places and requires trail be open to public. Also recognizes recorded SDP for trail and wetland restoration as "covenant running with the premises".

**January 2019:** Grading permit issued to Surf Cup Sports for restoring trail and wetlands.

During the past 19 years the trail has been in various stages of accessibility. During the Polo Club's tenure the trail was unusable and not available to the public (public often asked to leave the premises). Currently, portions of the trail are overgrown with weeds,
sandy in spots, and not clearly delineated. The approved grading plans call for restoring wetland habitat along the edge of the river bank, delineating the trail, surfacing some sandy areas with decomposed granite, and adding trail fencing and signage. Because the permit conditions restrict construction and restoration activities to outside the bird nesting season the window of opportunity to accomplish the work is limited and urgent (mid-September to February).

Respectfully submitted,

Shawna Anderson
Principal Planner
Agenda Item 2
November 1, 2019

From: Rob Haskell <rob@surfcup.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 12:18 AM
To: Shawna Anderson
Cc: Kevin McKernan
Subject: Re: Upcoming JPA meeting and trail

Shawna,

Hope all is well.

I would have no problem going to the meeting, but I’m in New York on the 18th.

I don’t have any good news. Our position hasn’t changed. We’re looking forward to building a great section of the trail, but we’re apprehensive to do any non-essential improvements while there’s a group of folks out there who are hell bent on removing us from the property and trying to break our lease. We have a very difficult time justifying the use of our limited funds to build a trail for some of the folks who are doing anything they can to disrupt/destroy our business. It’s a shame, but the ridiculous amount of money being wasted on fighting what has amounted to nothing but a nuisance lawsuit is at the heart of this delay, and the folks who are responsible for it should understand the role they’re playing.

John Minchin has informed me that we have satisfied our requirements to date and until something changes I’m afraid we’re in a holding pattern.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Rob Haskell
VP, Surf Cup Sports
San Diego Surf Cup
rob@surfcupsports.com

On Oct 15, 2019, at 11:43 AM, Shawna Anderson <shawna@sdrp.org> wrote:

Hi Rob,
I wanted you to know that we have a JPA Board meeting this Friday 10/18. One of the items on the agenda is the status of trail construction on the Surf Cup lease property. Do you have any news to report about the trail status?

You or other Surf Cup reps may want to attend the meeting if you’re available.
The agenda and meeting details can be found on our website at http://www.sdrp.org/wordpress/about/jpa-board/
Scroll down on the page to access the JPA agenda.

Thank you,
Shawna
TO: CAC
FROM: Staff
SUBJECT: Recreational Trails and Greenways Grant Application for Osuna Segment of the Coast to Crest Trail

The Osuna segment of the Coast to Crest Trail is located near the community of Fairbanks Ranch between the end of the Surf Cup trail segment and the San Dieguito Road future pathway (see attachments). The planned trail segment has been a gap in the Coast to Crest Trail for many years. In 2015 the JPA conducted a feasibility study (funded with private donations by the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy) for the trail gap that assessed alternative alignments for a bridge over the San Dieguito River as well as environmental and engineering constraints. A bridge is required to cross the river in this location to connect to existing and future segments of the CTC Trail further upstream. Although planning for this trail and bridge have been ongoing, including consulting and coordinating with stakeholders and securing a trail easement over a private parcel, funding does not exist to prepare engineering designs, secure permits, or construct the project.

The California Recreational Trails and Greenways grant program criteria is an excellent fit for the Osuna trail and JPA staff submitted a grant application on October 11, 2019 through this program. The JPA requested grant funds to pay for final engineering, CEQA, permits, and construction for a total grant request of $1,397,800. The grant requires a 20% match (in non-disadvantaged areas) which is accomplished by a donation by the Conservancy ($114,400), in-kind services, and additional JPA funds. The grant application submission is step one of a three-step selection process. If the JPA's project is selected by the granting agency (Natural Resources Agency), the JPA would be invited to step two which consists of a project site visit with granting agency staff. Step three (if selected) entails submission of additional project documentation including the subject resolution. According to the granting agency, the grant process is expected to take five months with grant awards to be announced in June 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawna Anderson
Principal Planner

Attachment 1: Project Site Plan, Osuna Segment of the Coast to Crest Trail
Attachment 2: Recreation Trails and Greenways Grant Application Overview
Attachment 3: Osuna Project Area Map
PROJECT SITE PLAN
OSUNA SEGMENT OF THE COAST TO CREST TRAIL

CTC Trail Surf Cup segment (existing)

Osuna Bridge

City-owned open space (lease to Fairbanks Ranch Country Club)

Future CTC pathway along San Dieguito Rd.

Public Access point at San Dieguito Road

Grant request is to fund Coast to Crest Trail, Osuna segment (including bridge and habitat restoration)
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**Project Description:**
The project is to build a new 1-mile long segment of the Coast to Crest (CTC) Trail called the Osuna trail segment that will extend the trail, connect existing trail segments, and provide new public access to a waterway. The Osuna trail segment would extend the CTC Trail over a water way and connect it to a public road and future trail pathway. The project includes final engineering of the bridge, project permits, project construction, and habitat restoration (native trees and shrubs). The new trail segment includes a non-motorized bridge across the San Dieguito River, a natural watercourse with native trees within the San Dieguito River Park. The CTC Trail is a public regional non-motorized multi-use trail for hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians planned from the coast at Del Mar to Volcan Mountain near Julian in San Diego County. Approximately 48 miles of the planned 71-mile long trail have been completed.

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**Coordinates Determined Using:**  

**Project Director (Applicant's Representative Authorized in Resolution)**  
*Signature required at bottom of this page*

**Name:** Kevin - McKernan  
**Title:** Project Director: Authorized Representative

**Phone:** 858-674-2270  
**Email:** kevin@sdrp.org

**Project Manager - Person with day to day responsibility for project (if different from authorized representative)**

**Name:** Shawna - Anderson  
**Title:** Project Manager: Day to day contact

**Phone:** 858-674-2270  
**Email:** shawna@sdrp.org

I certify that the information contained in this project application, including required attachments, is complete and accurate.

**Signed:** [Signature]  
**Date:** 10/9/19  
**Print Name:** Kevin McKernan  
**Title:** JPA Executive Director

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**Application Overview**