

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of August 3, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Golich
Jim Kuhlken
Austin Melcher
Phil Pryde
Deborah DeBow
Jan Fuchs
Diane Coombs
John Degenfelder
Will Haifley
Jeff Barnouw
Margaret Schlesinger
Ben Hillebrecht
Carol Carr
Nola Michel
Bob McClure
Alice Brown
Rand Newman
John Ingalls
Bill Michalsky
Terry Badger
Arthur Schmitz
Jacqueline Winterer
Cory Ha'o

REPRESENTING

CAC, Chair
American Society of Landscape Architects
Association of Environmental Professionals
Audubon Society
California Native Plant Society
Carmel Valley Planning Board
Citizens Coordinate for Century Three
Equestrian - Ramona Trails Association
Fairbanks Ranch Association
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
League of Women Voters
San Diego City Agricultural Advisory Board
San Diego County Bicycle Coalition
San Diego County Trails Council
San Diego Safari Park
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Santa Fe Irrigation District
Sierra Club
Central Property Owner
Eastern Property Owner
Coastal Property Owner
Coastal Property Owner

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

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
Freda Reid	Del Mar Resident
Laurie Walsh	RWQCB
Stephanie Gaines	County of San Diego
Mike McSweeney	Building Industry Association

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Golich convened the meeting at 10:35 a.m. at the Hope United Methodist Church, 16550 Bernardo Heights Parkway.

Deputy Director Susan Carter took the roll call. A quorum was met, with 20 in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- June 1, 2012- Jacqueline Winterer made a motion to approve the minutes and Bill Michalsky seconded. All in favor

CHAIR'S REPORT- Chair Golich reported that there was no JPA meeting in June.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT- Director Bobertz said that he will be speaking about the issues on the agenda when we get to them.

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

ACTION AGENDA

1. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Project Review Committee (oral report)-** Jan Fuchs said that the PRC took a field trip to the lagoon to see the proposed Open Air Classroom location. They also went to the wildlife undercrossing at El Camino Real. There will be a grand opening sometime in October. Shawna Anderson said that the next meeting of the PRC is August 20th at 1:30 p.m. at the Fairbanks Clubhouse. Ms. Anderson reported that the PRC is still tracking the Rancho Del Mar project and waiting for the RFP on the Polo Fields.
 - b. **Trails Committee (oral report)-** Carol Carr said that the Trails Committee made a site visit to the Dust Devil Nature Trail in an effort to find locations for benches and possibly shade structures. There are three loops on the nature trail and some viewing areas which include views of the nesting sites, one site west to the ocean and fairgrounds and a nice view of the area that will become the Open Air Classroom. She reported that the Trails Committee is developing maps for the Lake Sutherland area to Hwy 79 which is about 10 miles. Ms. Carr said if you are interested in joining the Trails Committee to please speak to her after the meeting.
2. **Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) Storm Water Requirements-** Chair Golich reported that we have 3 speakers today on the topic of the proposed new storm water requirements. Director Bobertz said that the new requirements are very complex and the main goal is to improve water quality. Mr. Bobertz stated that new federal legislation requires entities to take action to improve water quality. The Water Quality Control Board has the task of establishing regulations to produce cleaner water and pass the enforcement of these regulations on to the co-permittees (cities, county and the BIA (Building Industries Association)). The JPA Chair, Olga Diaz, requested that the CAC hear this item and the speakers that will explain the issues.

A representative from the BIA, Michael McSweeney, stated that he does not want the CAC to offer support for any proposal today because they are only in the concept phase of the process and would just like the members to hear the facts. The RWQCB is created by state law and has jurisdiction on the 8 watersheds in San Diego County. Mr.

McSweeney explained that the new rulings will cause the rain runoff to be stored and slowly released costing excessive expenses to each home in a new developments. These new rulings call for mandatory inspections and if a building is sold the new owners will have to have another inspection. The building association would like to address the overall water quality problem and not by each home built. The BIA feels that each building site should be reviewed to see how the regulations would work and possibly require mitigation as an answer to the situation.

Stephanie Gaines, representing the County of San Diego, spoke about the well attended April 25th workshop to discuss the new Storm Water Permit. Ms. Gaines said they hope that with the workshops and input by all industries they can come up with regulations that will work for everyone. There is flexibility in the permit language that will allow them to implement the regulations if something is not working efficiently. All development must be inventoried and inspected. For more information you can go to <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/>. The next workshop is in Vista on August 20th and 30th.

Laurie Walsh representing the Regional Water Quality Control Board said that Storm Water Permit is a draft and will allow the RWQCB to address the storm water issues in our region. In the permit, planning, water quality improvement, strategic and adaptability plans are the items that need to be addressed to make these regulations something all entities can comply with. Ms. Walsh said that they are eager to have suggestions and hope to revise the permit to the point that the draft can be issued to the public in the fall. There is a deadline of September 14th to submit comments.

A question and answer session was made available to the CAC members.

Terry Badger made a motion to tell the JPA that we have heard the information on the Storm Water Permit issues but there is no recommendation at this time. We feel strongly about the quality and the quantity of water in the River Valley and we feel this is an issue to be followed. Phil Pryde seconded. Vote: Yes 16 No 3 abstaining

INFORMATION

3. Lagoon Trailside Open Air Classroom- Shawna Anderson said that SDRP staff had a very good meeting with city staff at Development Services and we are proceeding with the permitting for the Open Air Classroom. We will also be submitting a Coastal Development application to the Coastal Commission in mid August. The intent is to amend the existing Edison restoration permit to add the Open Air Classroom and get a new Coastal Development Permit at the same time. A PowerPoint presentation was shown to explain what the structure would look like and some of the issues that would be addressed.

4. Status Update Rancho Del Mar- Shawna Anderson said that she and members of the Protect River Valley Coalition met with San Diego Council member Laurie Zapf who is chair of the Land Use and Housing Committee to discuss the JPA recommendation to have a workshop on Prop A. The City Attorney released a memo addressing issues on Prop A and we are going to ask our JPA Board to formally respond to the letter. Our attorney, Wayne Brechtel, wrote a response letter expressing concern that this issue still has not been resolved Ms. Anderson said that the groups that are involved in this matter do not believe that the proposed project meets the definition of a care facility due to the fact that only 50 of the 224 units meet the criteria. On Prop A land for agricultural use this facility is not permitted to obtain a conditional use permit without the vote of the people. Ms. Anderson said that there will be a new City Attorney memo coming out in two weeks.

5. Park Projects Status
 1. Entry Monuments- Deputy Director Carter said that the entry monuments are to be installed on August 16th. One will be on Jimmy Durante and one in Escondido at Via Rancho/Sunset.
 2. August 18, Event- Mile Markers, Trail App, Bilingual Materials Deputy Director Carter stated that we are having a big event at the lagoon with dedication of the entry monuments, mile markers, app for the phone and bilingual materials.
 3. Other- Ms Carter was pleased to announce that Tim Jachlewski with In-Site Design did a pro bono landscape site plan for the Sikes Adobe Farmstead and is helping us write a grant to the American Society of Landscape Architects to begin implementing the plan. Ms. Carter showed the postcard of the potential site for weddings at Sikes that was done for us pro bono by the wedding coordinator “Affairs by Amy”.

Chair Golich asked about the lighting on the Lake Hodges/ Dave Kreitzer Bridge. Ms. Carter said that Caltrans owns all the pull boxes near the bridge and they have initially stated that we cannot hook up to them. We are still going to try to get approval through persistence to connect using that power source.

6. Communications - Bill Michalsky brought up the 22nd Ag District’s Cease and Desist Order and said he has some concerns on how they are performing their wetland delineation.

Rand Newman, President of the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, announced that they will be having their 3rd annual River Valley Fest at the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead on Oct 7th.

Diane Coombs apologized to the Peter Douglas Committee as she has not been available to organize efforts to find a proper site to honor Mr. Douglas. She asked the committee to see her after the meeting to set time to work on this important project.

Jeff Barnouw said that the property owners near the Rancho Del Mar's proposed project need to be informed of its status.

The next CAC meeting will be on October 5th.

Chair Golich adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

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