

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of October 5, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Golich
Jim Kuhlken
Phil Pryde
Deborah DeBow
Anne Harvey
Lynda Oster
John Degenfelder
Will Haifley
Jeff Barnouw
Liz Gabrych
Ben Hillebrecht
Carol Carr
Bob McClure
Alice Brown
Dave Kreitzer
Bill Michalsky
Pat Whitt
Arthur Schmitz
Jacqueline Winterer
Brant Bassett
Cory Ha'o
Terry Badger

REPRESENTING

CAC, Chair
American Society of Landscape Architects
Audubon Society
California Native Plant Society
Carmel Valley Planning Board
Del Dios Town Council
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 Wild Animal Park
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Sierra Club
Torrey Pines Community Planning Group
Eastern Property Owner
Coastal Property Owner
Central Property Owner
Coastal Property Owner
Central 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

Roll Call and Introductions

Chair Golich convened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. at the Hope United Methodist Church, 16550 Bernardo Heights Pkwy, Rancho Bernardo, CA.

Deputy Director Susan Carter took the roll call. A quorum was met, with 21 in attendance.

Approval of Minutes August 3, 2012- Jacqueline Winterer made a motion to approve the minutes and Phil Pryde seconded. All in favor

Chair's Report- Chair Golich reported on the last JPA meeting in August with the key items being a letter from the City about the Rancho Del Mar project which will be going to the City Council for review. The JPA also discussed the proposed Bandy Canyon Ranch land acquisition, BirdWing (the Open Air Classroom project at the lagoon) and the Sikes landscaping plan.

Executive Director's Report- The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy is having a fundraiser at Sikes Adobe this Sunday between 4-7. Mr. Bobertz encouraged everyone to attend. Dave Kreitzer will be receiving a lifetime achievement award at the BBQ and auction. It was reported that our volunteer photographer Jim Coffee presented us with a coffee table book of pictures taken throughout the park.

Public Comment- Jacqueline Winterer said that she has seen surfboards at the Grand Ave Bridge area coming from the beach into the lagoon. She wanted to know their destination and if it is legal. Shawna Anderson said that as long as people put their non motorized craft in the water at the beach and paddle in it is allowed.

John Degenfelder said that State Parks Department is doing a general parks update and they need input on parking and charging fees for park use.

DISCUSSION / ACTION AGENDA

1. **Committee Reports**

- a. **Project Review Committee (oral report)-** Shawna Anderson said that the PRC met on September 17th to review several projects. One project is a proposed church on El Camino Real and the ongoing Rancho Del Mar needs additional review of the plans plus the Caltrans I -5 widening project. Ms. Anderson said that the All Creatures Hospital on El Camino Real proposes to double its size and will be reviewed by the PRC. The next PRC meeting will be held on October 15th at 1:30 in the Fairbanks Ranch Club House.
 - b. **Trails Committee (oral report)-** Carol Carr said that determining locations for benches in the park is coming along nicely. The Trails Committee has placed 4 benches on the Dust Devil Trail and 4 new benches on the Lagoon Trail. There is also a proposal for benches in Del Dios Trail with some shade covers. Ms. Carr said that mile markers are in place for the first 3 miles from Jimmy Durante Blvd which The Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley proposed and paid for the markers jointly with the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy. It was reported that the Trails Committee is gathering information for the Lake Sutherland section of the trail.
2. **Proposed Peter Douglas Memorial-Report from Ad Hoc Committee-** The Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Carol Carr, Jacqueline Winterer and Bill Michalski and Diane Coombs recommended that there were 3 appropriate sites for the memorial: the new wetlands by San Andres, a native plant garden, and the wetland between the railroad tracks and the I-5. Ms. Winterer felt that it would be appropriate to name the wetland Douglas Wetlands and then have an interpretive panel about Peter Douglas so that trail

users would know about all his efforts to save this wetland. Chair Golich felt that it would be better to name it the Peter Douglas Wetlands.

Carol Carr made a motion to recommend Option A which is the wetland looking from San Andres and Debra DeBow seconded. Vote 20 Yes 1 No

Debra DeBow made a motion to call it the Peter Douglas Wetlands and Jim Kuhlken seconded Vote Yes 10 No 9

Carol Carr suggested that we tell the JPA that the CAC members had a conflict as to the proper name of the memorial.

3. I-5 North Coast Corridor Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS- Shawna Anderson said this project was proposed in 2010 and there were many comments to the EIR which prompted Senator Kehoe to sponsor legislation calling for a more coordinated approach. Caltrans has now released a supplemental EIR that will be open for comment for a few weeks with a deadline of October 15th. The PRC along with Ms. Anderson reviewed the supplemental EIR and drafted a comment letter to be sent before the next JPA meeting but will be asking the JPA Board to send a follow-up letter that they agreed with the comment letter. Ms. Anderson said that the comment letter addressed the impacts to the lagoons on the corridor as well as the number of lanes that were being proposed. This new EIR details the "8X4 with buffer" proposal with 4 lanes in each direction and 2 carpool lanes with a painted buffer instead of concrete barriers. There will be a dedicated Via de La Valle off ramp and widening the bridge. For these impacts, we are requesting mitigation to implement a portion of the Reach the Beach section of the Coast to Crest Trail system. Ms. Anderson discussed the 14 points of concern to their plan.

Debra DeBow made a motion to add comments from the CAC members to the Caltrans letter and Bill Michalski seconded. There were 18 members of the CAC who agreed with the suggestion.

INFORMATION

4. Park Project Status
 - a. Trail Planning/Status in the gap between Santa Fe Valley and Polo Club(oral presentation)- Director Bobertz reported that we have had a few lucky breaks in our trail planning in this area, because a private property owner is seeking a discretionary permit in the San Dieguito Road vicinity. A PowerPoint presentation of the new proposed trail was shown.

Debra DeBow suggested that we send a letter to the Polo Club to get them working on their trail section next to the Polo Club. Carol Carr concurred with the suggestion.

- b. Smart Phone Trail App. Go to sdrpmobile.org on your smart phone, ipad or computer. Deputy Director Carter said the App is still in development and this is an opportunity to provide input and suggestions. Using the smart phone or ipad if you have one will give you the best idea of how the App will appear to a trail user. Ms. Carter said that we got a SDGE grant to have a Smart Phone App and another set of funds from Supervisor Slater-Price to extend it through the Park. Ms. Carter suggested that trail users click on trails and interpretive walk (lagoon) for directions and maps in English and Spanish.
5. Communications- Santa Ysabel Backcountry store is in the process of being fixed up in cooperation with the Conservancy, Volcan Mountain Preserve and the owner, SOHO. They will be having a soft opening this weekend. Ms. Carter said the lagoon monument was damaged in shipment and could not be repaired to our satisfaction. A new monument is being made and they also have agreed to make another monument for the park at cost.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 7th.

Chair Golich adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.