

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Minutes of October 16, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Barbara Bry- Chair
Dwight Worden – Vice-Chair
Dave Grosch
Mark Kersey
Kristin Gaspar
Dianne Jacob
Judy Hegenauer
Jeff Barnouw
Dustin Fuller

MEMBERS ABSENT

Olga Diaz

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Wayne Brechtel
Brenda Miller
Shawna Anderson
Jason Lopez
Leana Bulay
Ricky Flahive
Maggie Brown
Bill Farrell
Terry Norwood
Bill Michalsky
Crystal Benham
Quinton Grounds
Carol Kerridge
Monica Demler
Adam Wilson

REPRESENTING

City of San Diego
City of Del Mar
City of Poway
City of San Diego
County of San Diego
County of San Diego
City of Solana Beach
Citizens Advisory Committee
22nd District Agricultural Association

REPRESENTING

City of Escondido

JPA Counsel
San Dieguito River Park JPA
San Dieguito River Park JPA
San Dieguito River Park JPA
San Dieguito River Park JPA
San Diego City Council District 1
Friends of San Dieguito River Valley
Friends of San Dieguito River Valley
Rancho Bernardo Planning Board
Sierra Club
County of San Diego
City of San Diego, District 5
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
Friends of Sikes Adobe
County of San Diego, District 2

Introduction and Announcements

Chair Bry convened the video conference meeting at 11:00 a.m. A quorum roll call was taken with members present : Bry, Worden, Grosch, Jacob, Gaspar, Hegenauer, Barnouw, and Fuller. Boardmembers Kersey and Diaz were absent.

Approval of Minutes of September 18, 2020

Vice-Chair Worden moved to approve the minutes of September 18, 2020 and Boardmember Gaspar seconded the motion. Chair Bry took a roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Yes votes: Bry, Worden, Grosch, Gaspar, Jacob, Hegenauer, Barnouw
Absent: Diaz, Kersey

Boardmember Kersey arrived to the meeting at 11:02 AM

Interim Executive Directors Report- Interim Executive Director Anderson thanked the board for the opportunity to serve the JPA as the Interim Executive Director until the permanent director is hired. Interim Director Anderson said her objective is to have the JPA run smoothly during the recruitment and hiring period. Ms. Anderson said she is preparing for the challenges and opportunities that will come in the future. She said the new board member packets are being updated in preparation for the change in boardmembers. Ms. Anderson said she is preparing for budget sustainability and future goals. She announced that the JPA staff is preparing to resume construction of a one-mile section of the Coast to Crest Trail that fills the gap between the Santa Fe Valley Trail and the Lusardi Open Space Preserve in Rancho Santa Fe. She is working with staff and counsel to restart volunteer and work crew programs within COVID-19 guidelines. Interim Director Anderson said the JPA has made it to the final round of a State Recreation grant that has been applied for to build the Osuna bridge and trail section. The grant applied for is \$1.3 million and staff will hear the award results in November. Interim Director Anderson has been meeting with all staff and has recently met with Manager of Interpretation Leana Bulay to discuss inclusion of more diversity outreach to the underserved communities. The thought is to expand outreach, in addition to the Watershed Explorer Program. Chair Bry said that the City of San Diego Parks Department is working with a foundation called the San Diego Parks Foundation and offered to provide Ms. Anderson with the contact information of the private philanthropy organization.

Public Comment- No Public Comment

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

1. Status Update Report of County Management Proposal and Recruitment Process Including Proposed Schedule

Vice-Chair Worden reported that the County of San Diego has withdrawn their proposal to manage the San Dieguito River Park because of civil service rules of the employees. Vice-Chair Worden thanked Brian Albright County Parks Director for his thorough proposal offering collaboration between the JPA and the County of San Diego. Vice-Chair Worden stated that when the new director is on board, the new director can explore collaboration opportunities with the County. Boardmember Jacob added that the County has resources and staffing along the River Park. There may be partnership opportunities in the future. Vice-Chair Worden reported that Interim Director Anderson submitted a memo to the committee in response to the County proposal.

Vice-Chair Worden stated that the ad-hoc committee will now focus on selection of a permanent director. The director position will now be called General Manager and not Executive Director. The committee is recommending that the position be advertised as soon as possible with an application deadline of November 9, 2020. The subcommittee will review resumes and create a list of finalists to interview on November 20, 2020. The committee consists of Vice-Chair Worden and Boardmembers Grosch, Jacob and Diaz. Vice-Chair Worden solicited other members that may want to be on the committee or current members that may want to get off of the committee. Interim Director Shawna Anderson plans to apply for the permanent position. All resumes will go to Counsel Wayne Brechtel.

Boardmember Jacob made the motion to affirm the job description and timeline as stated by Vice-Chair Worden clarifying that the finalists will be interviewed on November 20, 2020 at 9:00 AM. Vice-Chair Worden seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Yes votes: Bry, Worden, Grosch, Gaspar, Jacob, Hegenauer, Barnouw, Kersey
Absent: Diaz

2. Friends of SDRV Request for Update from JPA Surf Cup Subcommittee

Interim Executive Director Shawna Anderson reported that the Friends of San Dieguito River Valley requested that the JPA Board restart the efforts, which began earlier this year, to meet and resolve the Coast to Crest Trail restoration the City of San Diego's lessee Surf Cup Sports. Ms. Anderson recounted that at the December 2019 board meeting an ad hoc committee was formed and met in January. At this meeting the committee requested information from Counsel Brechtel. Counsel Brechtel provided a memo confirming that Surf Cup Sports is legally obligated by their lease to restore the trail. At the February board meeting the board asked that the committee meet with Surf Cup Sports and establish a timeline for the trail work. The coronavirus pandemic in March stalled the effort and no meeting has been scheduled as of this date. The Friends of San Dieguito River Valley are asking the board to revisit this issue. Two letters of correspondence were received; one from Ann Gardner and one from Surf Cup Sports. Maggie Brown representing the Friends asked the board about approaching the City regarding their obligation in this issue. Chair Bry stated that she is committed to action in this matter. Chair Bry said that the committee should be able to have a meeting with Surf Cup soon and will be scheduled by Ricky Flahive in her office. The ad hoc committee is made up of Chair Bry, Vice-Chair Worden and Boardmember Gaspar. Counsel Brechtel was asked and stated that there is no legal impediment between the existing lawsuit brought by the Friends and Surf Cup's obligation to restore the trail.

Chair Bry made the motion to resurrect the ad hoc committee to meet with Surf Cup Sports. Vice-Chair Worden seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Yes votes: Bry, Worden, Grosch, Kersey, Gaspar, Jacob, Hegenauer, Barnouw
Absent: Diaz

INFORMATION

3. Coordination Reports

- a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy – No Report
- b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley– No Report
- c. Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation – No Report
- d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee – No Report
- e. Friends of Sikes Adobe– No Report

4. Jurisdictional Status Reports – No jurisdictional reports

5. Closed Session – No board members or members of the public requested a closed session.

Chair Bry adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

These minutes approved by Board action.

11/24/20
Date



Interim Executive Director