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**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Friday, January 15, 2016
County Administration 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

Roll Call

Approval of the Minutes of November 20, 2015

Executive Director's Report

- a. Mid-Year Budget Status (page 9)
- b. Personnel and Organizational Chart Update (page13)

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

1. Approve and File FY 15/16 Second Quarter Budget Report (page 9)
2. Approve Citizen's Advisory Committee Chair-Elect, Jeff Barnouw

DISCUSSION/ACTION

3. Elect 2016 Officers: Chair Dianne Jacob, Vice-Chair Dave Grosch
4. Approve 2016 Committee Assignments (page 14)
5. Approve Dustin Fuller as the Ex Officio Board Member Representing 22nd District Agricultural Association (page 16)
6. Approve Draft Policy Interpretive Features and Program P16-01(page 17)
7. Discuss and Approve Support Letter re:Intersection Improvements at Jimmy Durante Boulevard and San Dieguito Drive (page 20)

INFORMATION

8. New Board Member Alternate for the City of Poway, Barry Leonard
9. Park Project Status Reports (oral)
 - a. Lagoon Ranger Station
 - b. Pamo Valley Trail
10. Coordination Reports (oral)
 - a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
 - b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
 - c. Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation
 - d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
11. 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.

12. Communications
13. Adjourn to Closed Session
 - a. Conference with Legal Counsel to Discuss Liability Claim Pursuant to California Government Code Sec. 54956.9(d)(2): City of San Diego Fee Dispute

b. Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) to evaluate the performance of the Executive Director

THE NEXT REGULAR JPA MEETING WILL BE February 19, 2016

If you have any questions, please call Kevin McKernan at (858) 674-2270 Ext. 15

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**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Minutes of November 20, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Don Mosier - Chair
Dianne Jacob – Vice Chair
Olga Diaz
Dave Grosch
Dave Roberts
Dave Zito
Tom Golich

REPRESENTING

City of Del Mar
County of San Diego
City of Escondido
City of Poway
County of San Diego
City of Solana Beach
Citizens Advisory Committee

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sherri Lightner
Mark Kersey
Becky Bartling

REPRESENTING

City of San Diego
City of San Diego
22 District Agricultural Association

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Wayne Brechtel
Kevin McKernan
Shawna Anderson
Brenda Miller
Bill Michalsky
Terry Kopanski
Jeff Barnouw
Keith Corry
Nate Northup
Trish Boaz

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San Dieguito River Park JPA
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Sierra Club
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
Friends of the San Dieguito Lagoon
Supervisor Roberts Staff
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy

Introduction and Announcements

Chair Mosier convened the meeting at 11:02 a.m. in the County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302/303, San Diego, CA 92101

Approval of Minutes of

Boardmember Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of September 18, 2015. Boardmember Grosch seconded the motion.

Yes Votes: Mosier, Roberts, Golich, Diaz, Grosch, Zito
Absent: Jacob, Kersey, Lightner

Vice-Chair Jacob arrived to the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director McKernan reported that Anne Cooper the Sikes Adobe Museum Manager has left the JPA and taken a position with a museum in Northern CA. Time is being taken to reevaluate the Sikes position and staff is looking for the best way to integrate the position into the education, interpretation and outreach program. Sikes is being used for the Sunday Farmers Market and tours are being led by the docents. Interim duties are being done by SDRP Interpretive and Outreach Ranger, Leana Bulay. There are also onsite residents that oversee the property. Staff is asking for support and input from the board members. Executive Director McKernan presented an overview of the draft Trails Management Plan and Management Standards document being created as a requirement of the JEPA agreement. The plan is approximately 50 pages and should be finished early next year. Executive Director McKernan provided an update on the Fenton North Mitigation Credit Sale to SDG&E with San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, the landowner, and San Dieguito River Park owning the easement. There has been a change at the Regional Water Board regarding allowing mitigation credits for wetlands properties similar to the property in this proposal. This property will not be accepted under the new criteria. SDG&E has rejected the proposal and will not complete the purchase. The property is the old Fenton Ranch in San Pasqual Valley.

Public Comment – No public comment.

ACTION AGENDA

1. Approve and File FY 15/16 First Quarter Budget Status

RECOMMENDATION:

Board action to approve and file FY15/16 first quarter budget report

Executive Director McKernan presented the first quarter budget, showing that he had consolidated the income and expense groups for easier reading. The total budget lines were included in the agenda packet. Executive Director McKernan explained how moving to a once a year member assessment has changed the cash position as well as having endowments for all of the Habitat Management Plans and the transfer of \$200,000 from the Fidelity Investment Account to the Operating Fund. The report included the overall Operating Budget, Coast Budget, Comparison to FY 14/15 and FY 15/16, 1st Quarter Recap of staff hours spent in each jurisdiction, and the remaining cash balance of all funds as of November 2, 2015. There was a discussion regarding the staff time spent in each jurisdiction report.

Boardmember Roberts made the motion to approve and file the FY 15/16 First Quarter Budget Report. Boardmember Diaz seconded the motion.

Yes Votes: Mosier, Jacob, Roberts, Golich, Diaz, Grosch, Zito
Absent: Kersey, Lightner

2. Appoint Nominating Committee for Next Year's Chair, Vice-Chair & committees

Boardmember Golich mentioned that it is the responsibility of the CAC chair to head the nominating committee. It was determined that the 2016 Chairperson will be current Vice-Chair, Jacob. Boardmember Golich proposed that the committees will remain the same. The slate of officers for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions as well as the committee members will be proposed at the next meeting.

3. Review and Approval of JPA Comments on El Camino Real Bridge/Road Widening Project Recirculated Draft EIR

RECOMMENDATION:

Direct staff to send attached comment letter in response to the El Camino Real Bridge/Road Widening Project Recirculated Draft EIR

Environmental Planner Anderson presented the Recirculated Draft EIR and mentioned that the public comment period ended November 9. Executive Director McKernan advised staff to submit the letter after receiving board approval even though it will be past the deadline and staff is hopeful that the City staff will acknowledge the JPA's comment letter. Ms. Anderson stated that many things remain the same in this version of the Draft EIR stating that the Eastern Alignment is the same and is the preferred alignment. The big issue regarding the El Camino Real project is that it stands in the way of the Coast to Crest Trail as El Camino Real is a gap in the trail. When the new bridge is built it will have an undercrossing allowing for the connection on both sides to the Coast to Crest Trail. All of the bridge alternatives allow for a cantilever on the west end of the bridge for equestrians to cross from Gonzalez Canyon to the Coast to Crest Trail. The city funding will not cover the cost of the cantilever however it is noted in the EIR that if funds can be raised at a later date, the cantilever could be installed at that time. There is a mitigation area planned west of the project at the W-19 restoration area location. The Clapper Rail bird habitat is impacted by this project. The changes since the original EIR are that this board considered the option of taking ownership of the El Camino Bridge and took action not to take ownership. The old bridge will be removed. The other alternative added in the Recirculated Draft EIR will be the possible addition of roundabouts at San Dieguito Road, the entrance to Horsepark, Via de la Valle, and Via de la Valle at East El Camino Real. It was stated that roundabouts operate well however they take up more land area and were not selected in the preferred alternative and the benefits of roundabouts were not discussed in the new EIR. The Clapper Rail habitat issue is unresolved in the EIR and it is not clear if the resource agencies are satisfied with the resolution for the Clapper Rail habitat in the EIR. Unfortunately not much is known about the Clapper Rail behavior. After the CAC meeting staff added comment number 2 "roundabouts" to the original letter. The draft letter in this agenda packet is the updated version. Boardmember Golich quoted Dr. Phil Pryde stating the potentially detrimental effect on Ridgeway Rail bird. The Clapper Rail and Ridgeway Rail are the same bird (Clapper Rail – East Coast, Ridgeway Rail – West Coast).

Boardmember Jacob moved to send the comment letter. Boardmember Roberts seconded the motion.

Yes Votes: Mosier, Jacob, Roberts, Golich, Diaz, Grosch, Zito.

Absent: Kersey, Lightner

Boardmember Roberts left the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

INFORMATION

4. Review Draft Policy on Interpretive Features and Programming P15-02

Executive Director presented this information item and stated staff will bring it back for action at the next meeting. Boardmember Golich stated that this policy was presented to the CAC and the CAC has approved the document.

5. Coordination Reports (oral)

a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy

Trish Boaz thanked everyone for attending the RiverFest. She stated that net proceeds of over \$55,000 were made at the event. The funds will be used to benefit many programs in the Park. Ms. Boaz thanked Supervisor Jacob for recommending Neighborhood Reinvestment Program funds to purchase a van for the Watershed Explorers Program. The Program will now have two vans. The Conservancy will celebrate its 30th anniversary at the Wax and Wine event to be held at the Knorr Candle Factory on Via de la Valle. A Furry Friends hike will be held Saturday at Bernardo Bay. You can also donate a pet toy to the Helen Woodward Center. The Conservancy will partner with San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy and the Escondido Creek Conservancy for Trail Ale events. Supervisor Roberts was thanked for recommending a grant in the amount of \$60,000 for the River Path Project in the City of Del Mar. Ms. Boaz recommended reading the Riverscape and visiting the Conservancy Facebook page. Snooze will be participating in the December 1 Giving Tuesday by promoting donations to the Conservancy.

b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley – No Report

c. Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation – No Report

d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee – Terry Kopanski – No Report

6. Jurisdictional Status Reports

Chair Mosier gave an update on the Del Mar River Path project due to be completed in February. Chair Mosier stated that the Lagoon Committee is working on purchasing furniture. He also stated that there was a land exchange providing one more lot and that a lot was given as a gift from SDG&E making a total of 7 lots owned by the City of Del Mar. The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy owns 2 lots. Chair Mosier continued to say that there is a plan to open a brewery in the old Pottery Barn, at the west end of the trail segment.

7. Communications

Executive Director McKernan stated that the JPA has been granted a trail easement through Rancho Santa Fe Homeowners Association property and thanked Supervisor Jacob for the recommendation of the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program grant to fund a second van for the Watershed Explorers Program.

Counsel Brechtel announced the adjournment to closed session at 12:10 p.m.

8. Adjourn to Closed Session

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel to Discuss Liability Claim Pursuant to California Government Code Sec. 54956.9(d)(2): City of San Diego Fee Dispute

Counsel Brechtel stated that no reportable action was taken during the closed session.

Chair Mosier adjourned the meeting at 12:35p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 11, 2015

These minutes approved by Board Action

Date

Executive Director

DRAFT

DATE: January 15, 2016
TO: JPA Board of Directors
FROM: Executive Director
SUBJECT: FY 15/16 Second Quarter Budget Status

RECOMMENDATION:

Board action to approve and file FY15/16 second quarter budget report

BACKGROUND:

On April 17, 2015, the Board of Directors reviewed and approved the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 (FY15/16). The JEPA working group also recommended: *“The specific requirement to report on how and where member agency contributions and the operating budget are spent should be documented in by-laws or an operating guidelines document...”* There was also a suggestion to begin quarterly financial reporting to the JPA Board. Although these recommendations were not captured in the final JEPA language, it was recommended that they be included in the bylaws (which are still under development) and/or operating policies. The JPA’s cash balances at the County Treasury were also raised as an issue by some member agencies during the JEPA renewal process. Attached is a table showing the cash balances at the beginning of FY15/16 through January 1, 2016.

This report includes: 1) second quarter status of the Operating Budget and fourth quarter status of the Coast Budget (Coast Budget follows calendar year per SCE agreement); and 2) year-to-date cash balances. Note, the approved budget was included for reference in the previous quarter report, however it was not included here to reduce redundancy. The approved 15/16 budget can be found online at <http://www.sdrp.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/SDRP-FY15-16-Final-Budget.pdf>.

The budget status presents both revenue and expenditures. The target for the second quarter of the Operating Budget is 50% of the overall revenue/expense as outlined in the approved FY15/16 budget. Since the Coast Budget operates on a calendar year, the 4th quarter status is represented.

The second quarter Operating Budget is within budget (37%). Revenues are above the mid-year target due to the advanced payments by member agencies (71%). Remaining revenues expected include Habitat Management Funds and grant reimbursements.

The Coast Budget is slightly under budget. This is due to the transition of sequestered Coast Budget and the allocation of staff time. Staff has been working with the County on the best way to track Coast staff time (wages and benefits) in the new system. Some adjustments are still being made.

Staff did not have time to compile the accounting of JPA Operating Budget by jurisdiction during this quarter, but will continue in the 3rd quarter and/or year end.

The cash balance table reflects the change in how the budget is arranged based on the approved budget and budget justification for FY15/16. Notable changes are a factor of the Board approved withdrawal of endowment reserve funds to close out old accounts with negative balances and reconcile current operating account deficits. Also notable is the fact that the JPA has transitioned into an annual assessment of the member agencies, which was implemented in the 2nd quarter. The remaining three quarters of FY15/16 were assessed and paid by all member agencies.

SUBSEQUENT ACTIONS:

Board review and recommendations on budget status, any adjustments and reporting format/frequency

FISCAL IMPACT:

Meeting budget targets and positive cash balances

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin McKernan
Executive Director

Attachments:

1. First Quarter Operating Budget and 3rd Quarter Coast Budget status
2. Year-to-date cash balances

Attachment 1

SDRP Consolidated Budget Status FY15/16 2nd Quarter (Oct-Dec, 2015)
Operating Fund

Revenues		Thru 2nd Qtr rec'd	2nd Qtr proj.	2nd Qtr target 50%	Total Annual
Member Agencies		700575	921810	76%	921810
Habitat Mgt		10985	46804	12%	93607
Misc		86689	51063	85%	102125
Total		798249	558771	71%	1117542
Expenditures		Thru 2nd Qtr exp'd	2nd Qtr proj.	2nd Qtr target 50%	Total Annual
Education/Volunteer Program		2916	5150	28%	10300
Salaries		308850	428622	36%	857244
Habitat Management		25546	33710	38%	67419
Lagoon Mitigation		3013	2500	60%	5000
Non-Habitat Services		12810	19663	33%	39325
Office Admin		57040	59826	48%	119651
Sikes Adobe		5202	9302	28%	18603
Total		415377	279386	37%	1117542

Coastal Budget Operated on Calendar Year - Status through 4th Qtr (Oct-Dec, 2015)
PREMILINARY

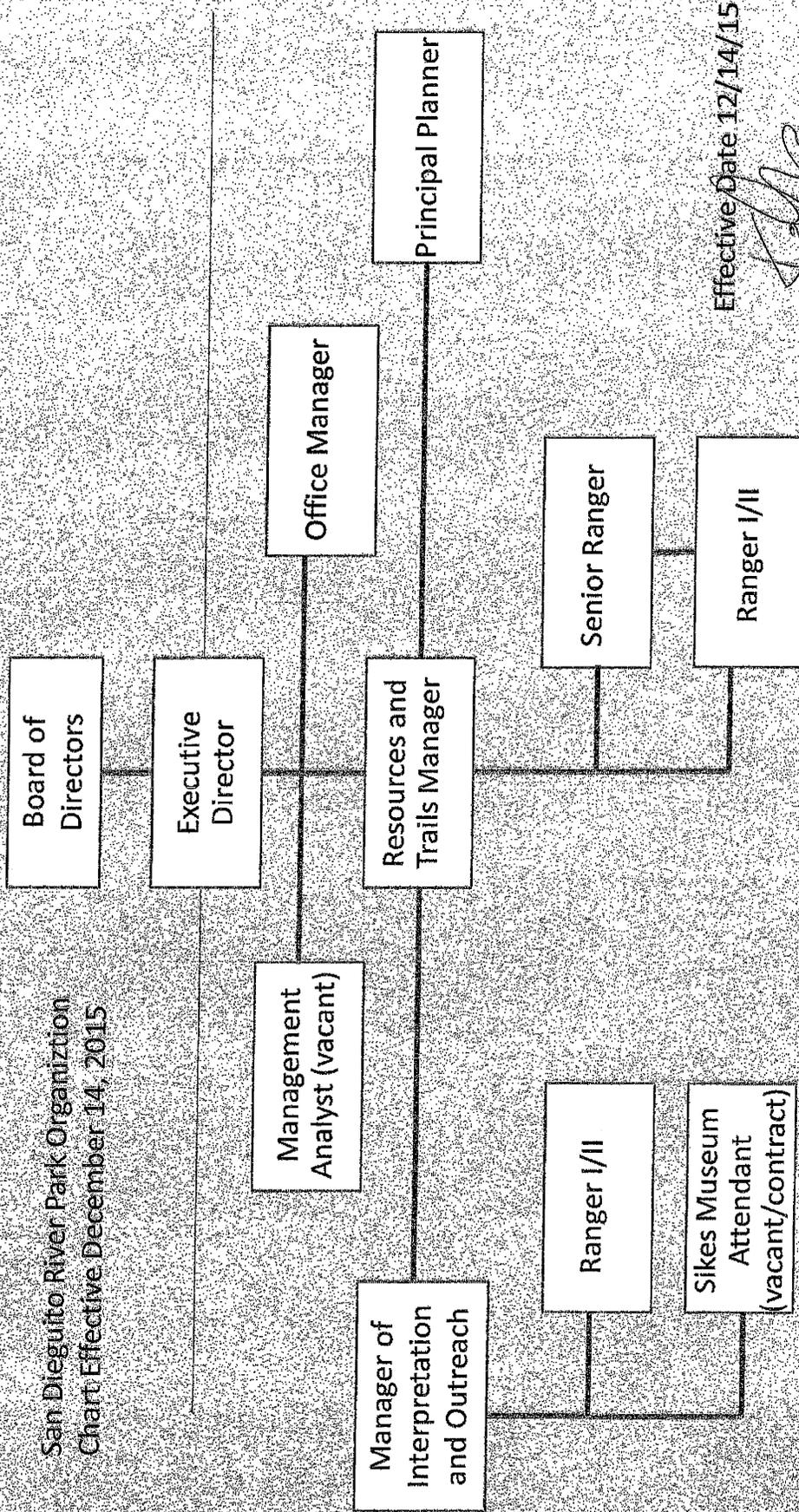
Expenditures		Thru 4th Qtr exp'd	Thru 4th Qtr proj.	Thru 4th Qtr target 100%	Total Annual
Materials		5665	14102	40%	14102
Salaries		165600	190566	87%	190566
Operations		88533	96128	92%	96128
Vehicles		6905	10150	68%	10150
Total		266703	310946	86%	310946

Attachment 2

Cash Balance

		Date	Date	Date
		12/08/15	12/15/15	1/6/2016
Fund	Description	Amount	Amount	Amount
44625	San Dieguito River Valley	\$ 206,794.97	\$ 253,977.46	\$ 428,047.99
44634	SDRVJPA - Coast	\$ 83,553.25	\$ 80,967.62	\$ 65,262.04
44635	SDRV Trails	\$ 56.26	\$ 56.26	\$ 19,575.26
44655	Capital Project	\$ 66,455.53	\$ 66,251.41	\$ 136,060.23
44656	Reserve	\$ 28,883.20	\$ 28,883.20	\$ 28,883.20
	Total	\$ 385,743.21	\$ 430,135.95	\$ 677,828.78

San Dieguito River Park Organization
 Chart Effective December 14, 2015



Effective Date 12/14/15

San Dieguito River Park JPA
Proposed Board of Directors Subcommittee Assignments for Calendar Year 2016

Land Use Committee

Don Mosier
Dave Roberts
Dave Grosch
Olga Diaz
1st Alternate: David Zito
2nd Alternate:

Duties:

- 1) Review CAC and staff recommendations on pending projects, when warranted. Make project recommendations to JPA Board.
- 2) Consider planning and environmental issues that relate to the San Dieguito River Park.

Acquisition and Financing Strategies Committee

David Zito
Dave Roberts
Jeff Barnouw
Dave Grosch
1st Alternate: Don Mosier
2nd Alternate: Dianne Jacob

Duties:

- 1) Review staff recommendations and advise staff on property negotiation. Make acquisition recommendations to JPA Board.
- 2). Serve as "Investment Committee." Responsibilities as Investment Committee include review of internal and external endowment funds, preparation of annual analysis and report to the Board, and rebalancing of assets in internal fund as appropriate.

Budget/Administration/Policy Committee

Sherri Lightner
Olga Diaz
Don Mosier
David Zito
1st Alternate: Dave Grosch
2nd Alternate: Mark Kersey

Duties:

- 1) Review draft budget and work program and present recommendations to JPA Board.
- 2) Executive Director Performance Review.
- 3) Make recommendations regarding standing policies.

San Dieguito River Park JPA
Proposed Board of Directors Subcommittee Assignments for Calendar Year 2016

Wetlands Advisory Committee

David Roberts

Don Mosier

David Zito

Jeff Barnouw

Jacqueline Winterer, Public Member

Duties:

Review and recommend policies and plans relating to the restoration of the San Dieguito Lagoon.



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22ND DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
State of California

January 6, 2016

Kevin McKernan, Executive Director
San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority
18372 Sycamore Creek Road
Escondido, CA 92025

Dear Mr. McKernan:

I am pleased to share with you that I am appointing Dustin Fuller to serve as the 22nd District Agricultural Association's (22nd DAA) Ex-Officio position on the San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Board.

As you are probably aware, Dustin is a valuable member of our team. He has proven himself to be a diligent worker who truly understands the issues important to the JPA as well as the 22nd DAA.

I am confident that Dustin will continue his commitment to excellence as he begins work in this new capacity.

Sincerely,



Timothy J. Fennell
Chief Executive Officer/General Manager
22nd District Agricultural Association

DRAFT
POLICY 16-01
INTERPRETIVE FEATURES AND PROGRAMMING

PURPOSE:

One of the objectives in the San Dieguito River Park Concept Plan is to “create a scenic trail and *interpretive system* and establish recreational areas, including water related uses, which are compatible with the natural values of the river system”. The purpose of this policy is to provide direction and structure to interpreting the San Dieguito River Park’s many diverse resources in accordance with the San Dieguito River Park Concept Plan while balancing that interpretation with preserving the scenic quality of the River Park. It is the intent of this policy to balance the need for interpretation with the open, undeveloped nature of the River Park by limiting signage and other built features to that necessary for safety, education, and aesthetics in accordance with the design and development standards for park proposals listed in Appendix D of the Concept Plan. This policy is also a mechanism to evaluate the fiscal sustainability of current and proposed interpretive features and programs.

BACKGROUND:

The Concept Plan provides guidance for an interpretive and educational program that tells the story of the San Dieguito River Valley with interpretive facilities and/or signage throughout the Park to identify and describe various topics of interest, such as biological, cultural and geological resources, agriculture, and the importance of water in the River Valley. Such facilities and signage have been built in the Park over the years by the JPA and are maintained by Park rangers. Interpretive programs and digital and web-based information, developed and maintained by JPA rangers, are successful components of educating school children and other interested parties about the Park and its resources, as well as promoting the Park. In order to continue JPA- and volunteer-based interpretive programming and development in a coordinated and consistent fashion, it has become apparent that more detailed written guidance is needed to supplement that provided in the Concept Plan.

POLICY:

It is the policy of the San Dieguito River Park JPA to establish and maintain an interpretive program that serves to educate and inform the Park visitor in an effort to foster a better understanding of and respect for the diverse resources within the San Dieguito River Valley.

- I. The San Dieguito River Park JPA will:
 1. Maintain an existing inventory of physical features (e.g., signs), as well as online resources or links to the SDRP website, and identify actions for upkeep, replacement and removal as necessary.

2. Continue development of interpretive features and programming as required by outside funding sources such as grant and donations.

II. Programs Proposed by Outside Volunteer or Organization

JPA staff shall adhere to the following policies in the cases where volunteers or other organizations offer to develop interpretive features to be placed in the Park or information and/or programs about the Park (e.g., educational hikes and programs) that are to be endorsed or carried out by the JPA.

1. Proposed programs must fulfill a need or meet an educational goal and be consistent with the River Park mission to be considered.
2. Proposed programs must be consistent with the goals and objectives and directives in the San Dieguito River Park Concept Plan including the *Design and Development Standards for Park Proposals* (SDRP Concept Plan, Appendix D).
3. Staff shall advise any citizen or volunteer proposed project that a written proposal must be submitted to staff for review and consideration. The proposal should include details regarding the proposed project objective, project format (e.g., guided hikes or lectures, signage, brochure, website information, etc.), targeted audience, sources of information for the project, anticipated timeline, and any other information pertinent to the project. The proposal shall also include an estimated budget/cost to implement and maintain the project features. The budget may be developed by the proposer and/or JPA staff.
4. Staff shall consult with the Executive Director initially to discuss the implications of outside proposals. Staff should be prepared to present estimated budget and staff capacity to accept outside proposals. Available staff time, priorities, and resources will be considered as factors in accepting proposals.
5. If the Executive Director authorizes the staff to pursue outside proposals, staff will work with the citizen/volunteer to define a work plan that will be agreed to by both parties.
6. Research sources must be cited in the interpretive material (e.g., guidebooks, website information, etc.), as appropriate.
7. When developing new educational programs the information should be peer reviewed by a source approved by JPA staff.
8. If the information is debatable and/or sensitive, professional outside source(s) should be used as approved by JPA staff.
9. Any program referring to Native American history shall be submitted to the appropriate Tribe(s) for input and comment and a reasonable attempt made to obtain approval of the material from such Tribe or representative. The JPA may also consult with Tribal representatives based on the information provided and seek their approval of any such content.
10. Any program referring to the history of cultures residing in San Diego County prior to 1850 should be solicited from known and recognized descendant groups, or if not available, then the most relevant local historical society.

11. Program material and/or content may be edited and revised by JPA staff in consultation with the citizen or volunteer who initiated the project.
12. In no instance is a citizen or volunteer initiated effort to use the JPA's name on any materials or in programming without the written approval of the Executive Director.

III. Proposal Submittal Process

Submitted proposals for interpretive or educational materials in the River Park shall follow this process:

1. Once a proposal is developed to the satisfaction of the lead JPA staff person and Executive Director, the item will be put on the agenda for the appropriate subcommittee(s) of the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) (Trails or Project Review committee).
2. If recommended for further consideration by the subcommittee, it will be put before the CAC to consider a recommendation.
3. If the CAC recommends the proposal for further consideration by the JPA, the Executive Director will make a determination as to whether the project warrants JPA Board approval or to move forward with administrative approval.

This policy was adopted at the JPA Board Meeting on September 18, 2015

Motion:

Second:

Vote:

Attest:

Kevin McKernan,
Executive Director

Agenda Item 7

January 15, 2016

TO: JPA Board

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: Proposed Intersection Improvements at Jimmy Durante Boulevard and San Dieguito Drive

RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss and support the proposed intersection improvements.

SITUATION:

The City of Del Mar is proposed to implement intersection improvements at the corner of Jimmy Durante Boulevard and San Dieguito Drive. The City recently prepared a Draft EIR for the project, which is to install a roundabout at this intersection although the EIR also analyzed a traditional traffic signal as an alternative. Public review closes for the EIR on January 15th. The purpose of the project is to “contribute to pedestrian safety and encourage the use of non-motorized transportation” and to slow traffic speeds and “allow for a safer pedestrian and bicyclist experience”. The project area includes the River Path Del Mar trail that is currently being extended east along the lagoon and San Dieguito Drive, as well as a new parking lot/trail head at the same corner.

The traffic analysis in the Draft EIR indicates future traffic flow would greatly improve at the intersection compared to the existing situation (“side street stop” sign) particularly with the roundabout and that there would be less conflict points for pedestrians that would only need to cross a single lane of traffic at a time.

The project is consistent with the recommendation in the JPA’s Reach the Beach Feasibility Study, which identifies a trail connection to the south side of the river to link the Lagoon Trail to the River Path Del Mar trail. Improved pedestrian and bicycle crossings at this intersection would facilitate that recommendation.

Because the roundabout would provide a superior and safer trail experience than the existing situation and would serve San Dieguito River Park users, the JPA staff recommends your Board send a letter of support to the City of Del Mar for this project.

CAC RECOMMENDATION:

The timing of this item did not provide an opportunity for review by the CAC.

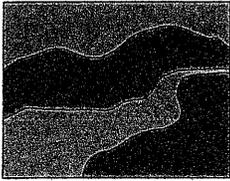
ALTERNATIVES

Agenda Item 7
January 15, 2016

1. Provide direction on additional issues/items.
2. Give staff other direction.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawna Anderson
Principal Planner



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January 15, 2016

Mr. Scott Huth
City Manager
City of Del Mar
1050 Camino del Mar
Del Mar, CA 92014
RE: San Dieguito Traffic Control Improvements Project Draft EIR

Dear Mr. Huth:

The San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority is in support of the City of Del Mar's project to improve the intersection at Jimmy Durante and San Dieguito Drive to better serve pedestrians and bicyclists. Installation of a roundabout at this intersection, as proposed by the City, would greatly enhance pedestrian safety and allow safer crossing to access two trails in the project area – the River Path Del Mar and the San Dieguito River Park's Coast to Crest Trail and boardwalk trail. The project would facilitate trail linkages identified as important in the JPA's Reach the Beach Feasibility Study.

Because the project would provide a superior and safer trail experience than the existing situation and contribute to a more pedestrian-friendly environment along Jimmy Durante, the JPA supports and encourages implementation of this project.

We appreciate the City of Del Mar's long-standing commitment to the San Dieguito River Park vision.

Sincerely,

County Supervisor Dianne Jacob
JPA Board Vice Chair

Cc: Del Mar Public Works Department