

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
Minutes of January 18, 2008**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dianne Jacob Chair  
Dave Roberts -Vice-Chair  
Pam Slater-Price  
Dick Daniels  
Crystal Crawford  
Betty Rexford  
Scott Peters  
Phil Pryde

**REPRESENTING**

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

**VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT**

Wayne Brechtel	JPA Counsel
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
Candicee Bowman	Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
Freda Reid	San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
Jacqueline Winterer	Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
Jan Fuchs	Carmel Valley Planning Group
Anne Harvey	Carmel Valley Planning Group
Terry Sinnott	Del Mar Resident
Jim Benedict	Del Mar Resident
Bill Proffer	SDRVC
Peter MacLaggan	Poseidon Resources

**Introduction and Announcements**

Vice -Chair Roberts convened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. in the County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302/303, San Diego, CA 92101.

Boardmember Pryde introduced the CAC members in attendance as Jacqueline Winterer , Freda Reid, Jan Fuchs, Anne Harvey.

Betty Rexford introduced her husband Paul Rexford.

**Approval of Minutes November 16, 2007**

Boardmember Daniels made a motion to approve the minutes of November 16, 2008, Boardmember Slater-Price seconded the motion. All in favor

**Chairs Report-**

Boardmember Jacob said that it has been a pleasure to serve this year. She read the accomplishment from 2007 which covered awards/grants, Lagoon Wetland Restoration project, planning, land acquisition, trails and fire recovery. Ms. Jacob noted funds that were donated or received from grants and the support from member agencies and the construction of the Del Dios Bridge, Lake Hodges Bridge and the Boardwalk along with the 22 District Agricultural offer to complete a section of trail west of I-5 to free the River Park rangers to work on the devastated trail system. She asked that the River Park staff be given a round of applause for their work in accomplishing all they do with a small staff.

**Executive Director's Report-** Executive Director Bobertz reported that the River Park staff has been working with the insurance company and FEMA. Mr. Bobertz said that we are doing well but the bigger issue is working with FEMA's requests for detailed paperwork and reports.

a. Photo Report on River Park Fire Damage and FEMA Coordination

Director Bobertz reported that FEMA has visited the River Park to see the damage to the trails and the bridges that burned in the fire. A PowerPoint presentation showed the Santa Fe Valley, Del Dios, Sikes Adobe and some of the bridges on the trails and the cantilever that was destroyed. Some of the pictures showed the erosion problems across the trails and a few before and after shots that showed the impacts. Mr. Bobertz said that we are slowly opening the trails as they become safe.

**Public Comment-** Paul Rexford thanked the River Park for the tour he attended in Santa Ysabel. He also asked that there be a waiting period established for taking down trees after a fire to give the trees a chance to revive themselves. He felt that some of the well established trees could have been saved after the 2003 fires.

Chair Jacob agreed with Mr. Rexford and said that she felt that considerable thought and expertise went into the removal of trees after the 2003 fire.

**ACTION AGENDA**

1. **Nominating Committee Report and Recommendations**

**Recommendation:** *Approve the recommendations from Nominating Committee*

Boardmember Pryde said that the Nominating Committee consisted of himself, Boardmembers Rexford and Slater Price. Mr. Pryde said that it is customary for the Vice-Chair to move up to the Chair position and the Vice-Chair is selected from a rotation of Boardmembers who have been the longest without being Chair. Boardmember Rexford made a motion to approve the nominating committee's recommendation and Boardmember Daniels seconded. All in favor.

The sub-committees usually stay the same and so we have another month to establish the sub-committee changes.

Chair Jacob turned the meeting over to the new Chair, Dave Roberts to complete the meeting. Chair Roberts thanked Boardmember Jacob for her leadership this year after stepping in for Chair Gallo when he was

called to serve on another board. Mr. Roberts said that he has learned from her teamwork and presented her withflowers and a gift.

2. Citizens Advisory Committee Officers: Chair and Vice Chair

***Recommendation: Approve CAC Chair and Vice-chair as recommended by CAC***

Deputy Director Carter said that the CAC's Nominating Committee made a recommendation to have Phil Pryde and Diane Coombs continue with their Chair and Vice-chair positions. It will be the last 2 year term for Mr. Pryde under the CAC's Bylaws.

Boardmember Daniels made a motion to approve the recommendation and Boardmember Rexford seconded. All in favor.

Deputy Director Carter announced that Boardmember Pryde will have served on the CAC as Chair for 20 years.

Authorize Establishment of Fire Recovery Fund and Amend FY 07/08 Budget

***Recommendation: Establish new Fire Recovery Fund at the County Auditor/Controller Office: Amend FY07/08 Budget to Adopt budget for new Fire Recovery Fund: Amend FY 07/08 Budget (Staffing and Salary Schedule and Operating Fund) to include additional full-time permanent ranger.***

Deputy Director Carter said that we have received some funds from the insurance that we have deposited in an account at our attorney's office. Some of those funds needed to be spent to keep operations going during the transaction time after the fire. Ms. Carter reported that we have our regular budget that is approved by the JPA Board and now we need to have a separate budget to account for the insurance and FEMA funds that will restore our office, Sikes Adobe, trails and bridges. Director Bobertz said that the Lake Hodges Bridge will be coming on line and we were going to ask for another ranger for that project but because of the disaster conditions of October 2007 we need to hire another ranger to free up time for Trails Manager, Jason Lopez to work with FEMA matters. Ms. Carter said the Conservancy has generously offered to reimburse the River Park for the first 6 months of the new rangers time and we hope that FEMA monies will pay for the rest of the year.

Boardmember Peters made a motion to approve the amendments to the budget and Boardmember Daniels seconded. All in favor

3. San Dieguito Lagoon Wetland Restoration Project

- a. Video Presentation on Status of SCE Project – A presentation of the Southern California Wetland Project was shown to update the Boardmembers on the progress of the project.
- b. Poseidon Resources Project at San Dieguito Lagoon

***Recommendation: Direct staff to prepare a Memorandum of Agreement with Poseidon for wetland creation at San Dieguito Lagoon to be returned to your Board for approval: approve attached***

***reimbursement agreement: and consider additional recommendations, if any, of Wetland advisory Committee.***

Peter MacLaggan representing Poseidon Resources spoke about the condition of the Coastal Commission's approval which is to restore 37 acres of tidal wetlands. Mr. MacLaggan put out a RFP for the Carlsbad Desalinization project in the fall and the River Park responded with the wetland project. We need to put more detail into the plans and is asking the JPA board for details to advance the goals for the River Park. We will reimburse the River Park for staff time and consultants to provide more details which will be combined with our plans to be submitted the Coastal Commission for final approval.

Chair Roberts said that the Wetlands Committee met and had some recommendations to the proponent in this planning process.

Counsel Brechtel announced the changes that are to be added to the agreement on this project and make clear that we are not committing to this proponent but have a vested interest in the concept of the project Mr. Brechtel reported that this agreement is for planning purposes only and will only be recommended for approval after the MOU and EIR are reviewed.

Boardmember Crawford made a motion to approve the staff recommendation as amended and Boardmember Rexford seconded. All in favor.

c. Undergrounding of Power Lines in San Dieguito Lagoon

***Recommendation: Consider presentation from proponents of Del Mar power line undergrounding district and direct staff on appropriate follow-up action.***

Jim Benedict and Terry Sinnott, community volunteers gave a presentation about the power lines along San Dieguito Drive, Jimmy Durante along with the fairgrounds area. Mr. Benedict said he has chaired the undergrounding committee in Del Mar and find the power lines to be a distraction and hope that their presentation today will help to generate support for planning and funding of undergrounding these lines.

Boardmember Crawford said that the City of Del Mar supports the underegrounding but have used all the funds for that type of project.

Boardmember Peters made a motion to work with the proponents and send letters seeking mitigation sources for funding to underground poles. Boardmember Slater Price seconded. All in favor.

4. Fairbanks Ranch Country Club Proposal

***Recommendation: Consider the Fairbanks Country Club proposal to the City of San Diego and refer to the Citizens Advisory Committee for review and recommendation.***

Boardmember Peters said that the Fairbanks Ranch has rescinded the letter they sent about forfeiting the 9 hold golf course they just built.

## INFORMATION

### 5. Report on Coordination with San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy and Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley.

Director Bobertz said that the three groups that are working on the goals of the River Valley are the JPA, Conservancy and the Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley. Mr. Bobertz encouraged the Friends and the Conservancy to make a monthly report to the JPA Board.

Jacqueline Winterer said that the Friends are an advocacy group. Since the Friends are not a 501C so they can not generate the kind of funds that the Conservancy can obtain. Ms. Winterer said the Friends are interested in publishing a school book and are looking for funding and help with the promotion of the books.

### 6. Status Reports

#### a. River Park Projects

- i. Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead- Deputy Director Carter said that we are pleased to announce that we are getting close to purchasing the site. As part of the City of San Diego READ sale the transfer of the insurance funds will go with the sale of Sikes Adobe. Ms. Carter said that the presentation earlier showed stabilizing of the adobe walls but there will be an archeologist hired to look at the property before we start reconstruction. We have hired a Museum Manager, Anne Cooper, to help with the coordination of the rebuilding.
- ii. Lake Hodges Bike Ped Bridge- Deputy Director Carter said that we have had a great deal of interest in the trestle that is being built to install the bridge. We are going to install the 2 piers and north abutment by the end of March 2008.
- iii. Coastal Trail/Treatment Ponds- Deputy Director Carter said that the Edison DVD was shown on their part of the project but we are working on the Treatment Ponds and the I-5 Trail along with some bridges that will replace the culverts that were originally proposed. Ms. Carter said that the 22 District Agricultural District used their equipment and crew to work on the grading on the I-5 trail section.

Shawna Anderson said that the Grand Ave Bridge is being worked on by So California Edison but we will be using funds from Pam Slater Price's grant from the Community Enhancement Fund to complete the project.

- iv. Pamo Valley Trail- Shawna Anderson said that habitat consultants assessed the burned areas and felt that the habitat is starting to grow again plus we are working with the City of San Diego Water Department staff on a lease change in that area so we can put the trail that area.

- v. Heritage Trail Link- Shawna Anderson said that we are working with the tree nursery leasee, Mark Colins, to build the trail from Poway and the staging area. We are applying for a permit for that project.

- 7. Jurisdictional Status Reports
- 8. Communications
- 9. CLOSED SESSION- The Board met in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(b)(1)(3) to confer with legal counsel regarding receipt of a claim pursuant to the Tort Claims Act from Mr. Neal Hribar.  
Counsel Brechtel said that the Board met in Closed Session and voted to deny the claim by Mr. Hribar's insurance company, no other action was taken.

Chair Roberts adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

These minutes approved by Board Action

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Date

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Executive Director

