

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Minutes of February 19, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dianne Jacob – Chair
Dave Grosch – Vice Chair
Don Mosier
Dave Roberts
Dave Zito
Jeff Barnouw

REPRESENTING

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Olga Diaz
Mark Kersey
Sherri Lightner
Dustin Fuller

REPRESENTING

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

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Wayne Brechtel
Kevin McKernan
Shawna Anderson
Brenda Miller
Bill Michalsky
Terry Kopanski
Trish Boaz
Keith Corry
Adam Wilson

JPA Counsel
San Dieguito River Park JPA
San Dieguito River Park JPA
San Dieguito River Park JPA
Sierra Club
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Supervisor Roberts Staff
Supervisor Jacob Staff

Introduction and Announcements

Chair Jacob convened the meeting at 11:00 a.m. in the County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302/303, San Diego, CA 92101

Chair Jacob and Boardmember Zito reflected on the life of Margaret Schlesinger and Chair Jacob asked for a moment of silence to honor Margaret Schlesinger.

Approval of Minutes of January 15, 2016

Executive Director McKernan noted a change in the minutes of January 15, 2016. The correction is on page 5, Coordination Reports, 10 a, Del Mar River Path will be changed to read River Path Del Mar in the second and third sentences.

Boardmember Mosier made a motion to approve the minutes of January 15, 2016 with the change noted above. Boardmember Barnouw seconded the motion.

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

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director McKernan presented a Power Point with pictures of the Sikes Adobe Ribbon Cutting upon the completion of infrastructure improvements made with a County of San Diego Neighborhood Reinvestment Program Grant recommended by Supervisor Roberts. The grant funds were used to revamp the well for irrigation, create and install an entry gate and sign, and create an access pathway from the parking lot.

Executive Director McKernan also showed an updated Organizational Chart with names and showed a screen shot of the SDRP.org website with the River Park staff bios and contact information. Staff pictures will be added at a later date. Executive Director McKernan shared photos of the Watershed Explorers Program Launch held February 11, 2016. Executive Director McKernan also stated that he would like to meet with the Finance Sub-Committee to discuss the 2016/2017 budget. He suggested having the meeting March 18th, in place of the board meeting. Executive Director McKernan shared the news that the JPA's pro bono investment manager, Bill Carter, is retiring.

Public Comment- No public comment

INFORMATION

1. San Dieguito River Park Trails Management Plan and Standards draft for public review

Executive Director McKernan reported that the draft can be viewed on the SDRP.org website. The draft was originally shared with the board only prior to public release before this meeting and now it will be displayed in a more prominent location on the website with the link sent to all interested parties, for comments due March 18th. The final draft is planned to be on the April 15th board meeting agenda.

2. San Dieguito River Park Bylaws draft for review

Counsel Brechtel reported on the bylaws draft. The bylaws mirror the JEPA and are a requirement of the JEPA. The only item different from the JEPA is the member agency payment schedule, transitioning into a single yearly payment, instead of quarterly payments. These bylaws are taken from the SANDAG model. The bylaws will bring the JPA into compliance with the new JEPA. The bylaws do not require that the board members come from certain districts. If there are any inconsistencies between the bylaws and JEPA, the JEPA is followed, however counsel will double check to make sure they are consistent. There was a discussion regarding article XI.f, page 13, of the bylaws. The comment was made that the bylaws are easier to amend, if necessary, than the JEPA document. Chair Jacob asked that the duties of the officers be rewritten and that the duties of the Executive Director be added. The suggestion was made to include the definition of excused versus unexcused absence in article XI. f. The question came up regarding alternates for representatives for the City of San Diego and the County of San Diego.

3. SDRP time spent by jurisdiction report

Executive Director McKernan showed the second quarter report for time spent in each jurisdiction and noted that the percentages will change after the Coast to Crest Trail is completed. Staff complete daily work logs and timesheets. The general hours are made up of administration time, vacations, holidays and sick hours.

4. Citizens Advisory Committee update

Jeff Barnouw reported that warning letters had been sent to four members of the Citizens Advisory Committee. A replacement has been made for Margaret Schlesinger's position on the League of Women Voters.

ACTION AGENDA

5. Approval of Resolutions for County NRP/CE grant submittals

a. SDRP Infrastructure Grant

Executive Director McKernan showed pictures of the aging water tank at the headquarters building and asked the board to approve the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program Grant Application. The grant funds will be used to replace the water storage tank and upgrade the well at the headquarters building. The grant funds will also be used to repair the leaking roof at Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead and install adequate drainage to prevent moisture in the ground from being absorbed by the Adobe walls.

Boardmember Barnouw made the motion to approve submittal of the County NRP grant for SDRP Infrastructure Improvements and Fire Prevention in the amount of \$50,000. Boardmember Grosch seconded the motion.

Yes Votes: Grosch, Barnouw, Mosier, Zito

Abstain: Jacob, Roberts

Absent: Diaz, Kersey, Lightner

b. Founders Tribute Grant

Executive Director McKernan introduced the Founders Tribute Neighborhood Reinvestment Program Grant. Boardmember Roberts stated that the Founders Tribute subcommittee would like to have this project move forward.

Boardmember Mosier made the motion to approve submittal of the County NRP grant for the San Dieguito River Park Founders Tribute in the amount of \$40,200. Boardmember Barnouw seconded the motion.

Yes Votes: Grosch, Barnouw, Mosier, Zito

Abstain: Jacob, Roberts

Absent: Diaz, Kersey, Lightner

c. Sikes Adobe Event Series Grant

Executive Director McKernan presented the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead Event Series Community Enhancement Grant. The grant funds will be used to promote public awareness and create greater use of the

site. Events may include historic walks, speaker series, historic reenactments and gardening/farming classes. The information received from surveys conducted will help determine an operation plan for Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead.

Boardmember Zito made the motion to approve submittal of the County Community Enhancement Grant for Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead Event Series in the amount of \$30,000. Boardmember Mosier seconded the motion.

Yes Votes: Grosch, Barnouw, Mosier, Zito

Abstain: Jacob, Roberts

Absent: Diaz, Kersey, Lightner

6. Project Status Updates

a. Pamo Valley Trail

Environmental Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the JPA staff is getting ready to distribute a CEQA initial study mitigated negative declaration for 30 day public review and will bring the document to this board for adoption when finalized. Consultations have been ongoing with Native American Tribes to get their input.

b. Coast Ranger Station

Environmental Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the building permit application has been submitted to the City of San Diego. Executive Director McKernan stated that the Coast Ranger Station will be funded by Southern California Edison in the amount of \$480,000 paid over ten years. Executive Director McKernan thanked Keith Corry from Supervisor Roberts office, Adam Wilson from Supervisor Jacobs office and Jeff Collins for looking into options for inter-agency financing options. The cost of the project is estimated at approximately \$450,000. The land is owned by the San Dieguito River Park JPA and is located in the City of San Diego.

c. Horsepark Trail Segment storm damage

Executive Director McKernan reported that the trail is still closed and has eroded more. Coastal Commission staff said the damaged area and the river bank cannot be reinforced in order to be rebuilt. JPA staff spoke with the 22nd District Agricultural Association and the 22nd DAA will not entertain the idea of allowing the JPA to use any additional property to re-route the trail. A bridge over the blown out riverbank segment is an option however, the banks are unstable and the construction is costly. Coastal Commission states the river bank is not to be armored. The Use Permit for Horsepark states that the facilities are temporary and that Hosepark is not allowed torevet the property.

7. Coordination Reports

a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy – Trish Boaz reported that the Watershed Explorers Program has been launched and the next series will be February 22 – 25. She invited the Boardmembers to meet up with the group at one of the scheduled stops. The Valentine’s event at Volcan Mountain was a great

success. Wax & Wine will be held at the Knorr Candle Factory. Trails and Ales will be a series of four hikes (1st Saturday in April, May, June & July) with a visit to a local craft brew pub. The 30th Anniversary celebration will be held October 9 at the Fairbanks Ranch Country Club. Ms. Boaz reported that the Fairbanks Ranch Country Club is in the process of being sold to another entity who is providing two million dollars toward the improvement of the Coast to Crest Trail in that area, as part of an agreement with the City of San Diego. The Conservancy has been working with Alpha Project and is pleased that the invasive removal project was completed early and under budget.

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

c. Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation – No Report

d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee – Terry Kopanski reported on the River Path Del Mar. The Coastal Commission has approved the project extension and the Lagoon Committee is awaiting approval from the California and Federal Fish & Wildlife Departments to extend the completion date to the end of May. The project is estimated to take two months. The ribbon cutting is planned in conjunction with the Lagoon Day event scheduled for April 9. The Lagoon Committee received a concept drawing for the section of trail from the Grand Avenue Bridge to Crest Canyon. This concept trail will be elevated with a panoramic view of the entire lagoon west of Interstate 5 and will provide several miles of contiguous trails. The bids are now out for the S.O.L. restoration.

8. Jurisdictional Status Reports

Boardmember Grosch reported that Iron Mountain has added more parking and a ribbon cutting is planned for next month. He stated that the trails in Poway are better than ever.

9. Communications – None

10. 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 there is no need to have a closed session.

Chair Jacob adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

These minutes approved by Board Action

4/15/14
Date


Executive Director