

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Minutes of February 21, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Cunningham- Chair
Don Mosier
Olga Diaz
Dave Zito
Dave Roberts
Dianne Jacob
Tom Golich
Becky Bartling

REPRESENTING

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

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Wayne Brechtel
Dick Bobertz
Susan Carter
Shawna Anderson
Brenda Miller
Jan Lines
Jacqueline Winterer
Bill Michalsky
John Degenfelder
Phil Pryde
Ed Spaeth
Julie Matibag

JPA Counsel
San Dieguito River Park JPA
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SDRP Volunteer, Retiring JPA Office Manager
Friends of the San Dieguito River Park
Del Mar Lagoon Committee
Ramona Trails Assoc.
San Diego Audubon Society
Ramona Trails Assoc.
SDRVC

Introduction and Announcements

Chair Cunningham convened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302/303, San Diego, CA 92101

New Boardmember Dave Zito from Solana Beach was introduced; he will be replacing former Solana Beach representative Lesa Heebner. It was announced that long-time JPA office manager Jan Lines is retiring. Brenda Miller, who will be taking her place, was introduced.

Approval of Minutes of December 6, 2013

Boardmember Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of December 6, 2013 and Boardmember Golich seconded the motion. Boardmember Zito abstained.

Chair's Report

Chair Cunningham said that it was a very interesting year full of challenging issues. He was proud of the River Park for uniting in the common goal of accomplishing controversial issues. Mr. Cunningham read the accomplishment report for 2013 which included the \$5 million dollar, 54 acre, former "Villages" property at Via de la Valle, that was deeded to the River Park from SCE, \$25,000 from the County of San Diego Neighborhood Reinvestment Program for the creamery at Sikes Adobe and \$250,000 of completed projects that was confirmed by the California Coastal Conservancy as qualified from Prop 40 funding. The latter item resolved a pending issue with the Coastal Conservancy concerning the right for SANDAG to restore wetlands on the former Boudreau property. He announced that \$254,100 annual contribution was reinstated by the City of San Diego for their membership dues. He mentioned a variety of additional grants that were received in 2013 to help the JPA accomplish its goals. He described the satisfaction and enjoyment of completing the 70 mile Coast to Crest Trail hike with Director Bobertz and Conservancy Board member Bill Simmons. He said that the completion of the hike was celebrated on February 11th at Dog Beach in Del Mar. He also noted that there were 1000 participants at the annual Lagoon Days event last year.

Public Comment- Phil Pryde reported on the San Diego Foundation program "opening the outdoors initiative" where they are providing funding for River Parks, although he said that the San Dieguito River Park was not listed among the River Parks that are eligible for funding under this program.

CONSENT

1. Receive and Distribute Audit for Year- Ending June 30, 2013
2. Concur with CAC Election of Chair and Vice- Chair
3. Application for County Enhancement Program Grant Funds
4. Approve Easement Agreement for Entrance at San Andres Drive
5. Approve Restoration Easement on JPA's Santa Ysabel Gorge Property
6. Reinstate Lomas Serenas Homeowner Association to the CAC

Boardmember Dave Roberts made a motion to approve the Consent agenda and Boardmember Mosier seconded. All in favor.

ACTION

7. Election of JPA Officers and Committee Appointments
Recommendation: Approve Nominating Committee's Recommendations for JPA Chair and Vice-Chair and Committee Assignments for 2014.

Director Bobertz turned this item over to Tom Golich who said that he and committee members Don Mosier and Olga Diaz were recommending Dave Roberts for Chair and Don Mosier for Vice Chair. Boardmember Golich made a motion to approve the nominated slate of officers and committee assignments and Boardmember Jacob seconded. All in favor.

Newly elected Chair Roberts assumed chairing the meeting. Chair Roberts said that he is pleased to take over as chair but acknowledged all the hard work by the outgoing chair Jim Cunningham, and

thanked him for being so involved and supportive during his term of office. Boardmember Cunningham was presented with a plaque of appreciation.

8. Check Presentation from Supervisor Dave Roberts to JPA

Chair Roberts presented a \$155,000 check to the River Park, which included \$150,000 for the Birdwing shade structure and \$5,000 for replacement of interpretive panels. The grant funding was from the County's Neighborhood Reinvestment Program.

9. Proposed Changes to Donation/Acceptance Policy

Recommendation: Revise Donation/Acceptance Policy

Deputy Director Carter said that on page 82 of the agenda there are proposed suggestions brought forward by Jacqueline Winterer requesting consistency in naming guidelines. These proposals were supported by the Citizens Advisory Committee. Boardmember Jacob made a motion to approve the revised policy and Boardmember Cunningham seconded..

All in favor.

10. City of San Diego Issues- Revised JPA Agreement and Unpaid Invoices

Recommendation: Receive information and appoint JPA Board committee to meet with Mayor of San Diego to consider resolution of issues.

Director Bobertz reported that the County and all the member cities except the City of San Diego had approved the revised JPA Agreement. The San Diego City attorney had raised some legal issues with the agreement, and he and JPA Counsel Brechtel had worked to resolve them. The revised agreement in the agenda packet today reflects their discussions and would remove the legal impediments that the City attorney raised. Counsel Brechtel reviewed the proposed changes and explained that each of the other agencies would need to re-docket the item and approve the revised agreement prior to the expiration date of the original agreement in June. Director Bobertz added that he recommended that the JPA form a committee of Boardmembers to meet with the new City of San Diego Mayor to work out remaining financial issues and to urge that the revised agreement be agendized at the San Diego City Council promptly.

Chair Roberts made a motion to appoint a JPA Board Committee to meet with the Mayor elect. Boardmember Diaz seconded. All in favor. Chair Roberts, Boardmember Diaz and Vice Chair Mosier volunteered to meet with the Mayor elect and report back.

INFORMATION

11. Status of Polo Fields (Trail and Restoration)(oral)- Shawna Anderson said that the Polo Fields are on a month to month lease with the City of San Diego, but have been seeking a longer-term lease for a long time. Without a longer term lease it is difficult to raise funds to do the work to complete the trail and do the required habitat restoration. They are still working on their grading permit and will have to halt work due to bird nesting season which will last until September.

12. Coastal Commission Actions Taken on February 13 Regarding East Overflow Lot and South - Overflow Lot.(oral)

Shawna Anderson said that the Coastal Commission met last week to approve new findings relating to the two coastal permits relating to the East Overflow lot and the driving range (GDR). The first phase of restoration at the South Overflow lot is being worked on now and they are removing non-

native plants and restoring the berm with native plants. The Coastal Commission approved the second annual Horseracing season and issued the 10 year permit for the East Overflow lot, and GDR temporary events and parking with permit conditions. The Ag District will be preparing two parking studies showing the effects of losing all the parking on the South Overflow lot and another for ceasing parking on the lower third of the East Overflow lot. They also approved a grading plan to facilitate better draining on the East Overflow lot to the storm drain. They approved transfer of title of the 4.5 acre of land south of the river at Horsepark. A paved bus lane was approved on the north edge of the South Overflow Lot.

13. Park Project Status (oral)

- a. W19 - Shawna Anderson said that she and Deputy Director Carter are working with the SANDAG Project Design team in partnership with Caltrans to restore more wetland acreage in the San Dieguito Lagoon. SANDAG is doing hydrologic modeling to make sure that the project will be compatible with the SCE wetland restoration project, will not exacerbate flooding or loss of sand to the beach. We have invited Keith Greer from SANDAG to speak at the next JPA meeting about the upcoming project.
- b. Lagoon Ranger Station- Deputy Director said that the architect's designs are being reviewed by staff, and will be coming forward for Board action at a future date. They still need to provide a schedule, elevations and materials for submittal to the City of San Diego and Coastal Commission for permits.
- c. "Birdwing" Open Air Classroom - Deputy Director Carter showed photos of the Open Air Classroom project and said the work is expected to be done by March 15th. Staff will be installing some DG surface material, building two wood bridges, and planting native plants around the area prior to the grand opening on May 13th.
- d. Lighting on David Kreitzer Lake Hodges Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge- Deputy Director Carter said that the lighting equipment has been ordered and the bench vault enlarged to accommodate the batteries.
- e. Sikes Adobe Creamery Restoration- Deputy Director Carter showed photos of the creamery to show the progress. She said that the windows and doors still need to be made and the roof needs to be installed. Our contractor will put plaster and whitewash on the adobe bricks. The Friends of Sikes Adobe will be providing the shelves and gear for the inside of the creamery. We will be having a grand opening later this spring.
- f. Pamo Valley Trail- Shawna Anderson said that we are making some alignments to the trail because we need to avoid some archeology sites and a private parcel of land that the property owner does not want the trail going through. We will be applying for a Site Development Permit with the City of San Diego in the near future.

14. Coordination Reports (oral)

- a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy- Julie Matibag said that the Conservancy is working on the Birdwing events with biking, hiking and art groups to show that this project is an asset to diverse parts of the community. We are applying for more grants from several foundations and we are setting up several fundraisers. There is a pancake breakfast at Snooze benefiting the Sikes Adobe garden on March 4th. Hartford Prestige Properties will be having a happy hour to benefit the Conservancy at 7825 Faye Ave, La Jolla on March 20th- from 5 to 7. We will be at Science Expo at Petco Park on March 22 and Plein Air Exhibit at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. The gala will be held on April 5. Art sales will benefit the conservancy. The exhibit will be open from April 5-April 27.

- b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley- Jacqueline Winterer said that there is a list of names that we use in the park to identify locations and facilities. She said that it is important that names be brief and consistent. She is working with Trails Committee and the Lagoon Committee to accomplish this.
- c. Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation- Deputy Director Carter said that the Volcan Mountain Foundation will be having their 23rd Dinner Dance and auction on March 30th at Camp Stevens. This helps with their land acquisitions.
- d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee. Bill Michalsky said that the Lagoon Committee will be hosting Lagoon Day on April 13th in Del Mar. This year it will be held at 4:30 with speaker John Hildebrand who will speak on archeological sediment. Mr. Michalsky was at the February 11th Coast to Crest party and felt that some of the history of how the River Park was started might have missed an important part. Mr. Michalsky stated that in 1973 some residents were concerned about the lagoon so they convinced the Del Mar city council to form the Lagoon Committee in 1974 with the purpose of overseeing the area. Afterward, the Lagoon Committee started working with other grass-roots organizations in 1987 and were a leader in the efforts to form the multi agency task force which led to the Joint Powers Authority in 1989.

Chair Roberts asked that the Lagoon Committee put together something that we can educate the public on the formation of the River Park. Director Bobertz suggested that we add this information to our QR codes in the park.

15. Jurisdictional Status Reports- Becky Bartling said that along with the South overflow lot restoration we are starting a 7 million dollar project to take the storm water off the roofs and stable area through a piping system which will clean the water and empty into Stevens creek. Boardmember Diaz said that the Escondido Creek Committee is having a dog walk starting tomorrow at Grape Day Park and on March 8th there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the new lights on Escondido Creek Trail . Chair Roberts said the San Diego Water authority gives free tours to see how water is brought into the county. It was a very educational opportunity and you can ask to join a tour.

Chair Roberts presented a Certificate of Recognition to Jan Lines, former Office Manager of the San Dieguito River Park JPA who retired on February 6th.

16. Communications
- a. Letter from Caltrans responding to JPA comments on I-5 widening EIR

Chair Roberts adjourned the meeting at:10:50 a.m.

These minutes approved by Board Action

Date

Executive Director