

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Minutes of March 18, 2011**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sherri Lightner, Chair
Don Mosier
Mike Nichols, Alt.
Pam Slater-Price
Tom Golich
Becky Bartling

REPRESENTING

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

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
Bonnie Hepburn	San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Bill Proffer	San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Rand Newman	San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Freda Reid	Del Mar Resident
Lucy Zizka	self
JanMcMillan	San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
Leslie Woollenweber	San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Craig Adams	San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy

Introduction and Announcements

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

a. **Introduction of new San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy Board Officers and new Board Members:**

Bill Proffer, outgoing President, stated that the Conservancy has added new board members: Dr. Bonnie Hepburn, Greg Robertson, Chris Anderson, Peter Shapiro, Charlotte Cagan.

New Officers are Rand Newman, President, Eric Lodge VP, Susan Lenz, Secretary, Al Tarkington, Treasurer.

Returning to the Conservancy are Chris Khoury, Charty Bassett, Karen Berger

Rand Newman said that he was very honored and pleased to be on the Board of the Conservancy.

Chair Lightner asked for the Board members and staff to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes of January 21, 2011

Chair Lightner asked if there were any corrections or additions for the minutes of January 21, 2011. Seeing none Ms. Lightner deemed the minutes approved. All in favor

Executive Director's Report- Director Bobertz said he was proud to announce that an award has been given to the David Kreitzer/Lake Hodges Bridge by the American Concrete Institute. The West Bernardo Bike Path has been completed and we will be having a ribbon cutting on April 8 at 10:00 a.m.; he extended an invitation to everyone to attend. Mr. Bobertz stated that the San Dieguito Lagoon has become an educational resource for grade school children and we anticipate that we will have had 1,000 students participate in our coastal educational programming by the end of April. On March 12th the Oceans Discovery Institute in cooperation with the San Dieguito River Park, SCE, SDGE and Marathon Construction hosted an event with Supervisor Slater-Price in attendance to educate the students about the lagoon and environmental career options.

Ms. Slater-Price said it was a great day out at the lagoon with the kids from City Heights. The students were intrigued with the information and some of the kids stated that they hope to become biologists and marine biologists in the future.

Boardmember Mosier announced that Lagoon Day will be held on April 17 at 11:00 a.m. at the Powerhouse in Del Mar. The topic of discussion will be "The Great Pacific Garbage Patch" where all the garbage bags and plastic debris end up in the ocean.

Public Comment : None

CONSENT

1. Resolution Approving Application for County Enhancement Program Grant Funds
2. Receive and Distribute Audit Report for Year Ending June 30, 2010
3. Requests for Reinstatement to CAC Membership
 - a. Fairbanks Ranch Association
 - b. Council of Homeowners Association
4. FY 10/11 Budget Amendment
5. Request for 30 Day Review Period for Fairgrounds Master Plan Final EIR

Boardmember Slater-Price made a motion to approve the Consent agenda and Boardmember Golich seconded. All in favor

ACTION AGENDA

6. Polo Club Site Development Permit

Recommendation: Approve letter of support for Rancho Santa Fe Polo Club Site Development Permit

Chair Lightner explained that because she will have to recuse herself from this item there would be no quorum to vote on this issue. Therefore this item is removed from the agenda, and staff will send a letter from staff to the City supporting the Rancho Santa Fe Polo Club Site Development Permit with thanks to the Polo Club for their cooperative efforts.

7. Del Dios Gorge Habitat Restoration and Recreation Project
 - a. Approve CEQA addendums concerning Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Recommendation: Adopt resolution approving CEQA Addendums to the San Dieguito Watershed Invasive Species Control Program Final MND and Santa Fe Valley Specific Plan Final Environmental Impact Report

Environmental Planner Shawna Anderson said that we received a grant from the State Resources Agency for two projects in the Del Dios Gorge area. As part of the grant, we were asked to meet the current CEQA requirements for evaluating impacts of greenhouse gases from these projects. Both of the projects have had independent analysis and neither project would create any significant impacts so staff is asking the Board to adopt the two resolutions before them.

Boardmember Slater- Price made a motion to adopt the resolutions approving CEQA addendums to the San Dieguito Watershed Invasive Species Control Program final MND and Santa Fe Valley Specific Plan Final Environmental Impact Report and Boardmember Mosier seconded. All in favor.

- b. PowerPoint Presentation of Project

Leslie Woollenweber gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Resources Agency grant to remove the Eucalyptus from the Del Dios Gorge area. The work is occurring from the Santa Fe Valley staging area to the Lake Hodges Dam. A map showed the watershed area and the invasive plants that are in the area. They will be removing 21 acres of Eucalyptus trees.

8. Background Check Policy

Recommendation: Adopt resolution approving the Criminal Background Check Policy

Counsel Brechtel said that this is the third time that this item has come before the Board. He said he was given direction at a previous meeting to make the policy as simple as possible. Mr. Brechtel stated that this policy is directed towards folks that might work with or supervise minors. Anyone who is supervising or directing minors would be required to have a background check. He said that since the agenda had been mailed out, he had made a revision to recognize that some of the organizations that volunteer at the River Park already have policies in force, and would not be required to also have a background check with the JPA.

Boardmember Golich made a motion to adopt the resolution approving the Criminal Background Check policy for employees and volunteers. Boardmember Nichols seconded. All in favor.

9. Report on Proposed Trail parking/Staging Area in Del Mar Director Bobertz said that Board took an action at a previous meeting to request the use of the parcel at the corner of Jimmy Durante Blvd and San Dieguito Road in Del Mar for open space/parking use. The action was to send a letter to the City of Del Mar and another letter to NCTD asking them to deem the parcel surplus. Before we sent the latter letter, Boardmember Roberts suggested that we have a meeting with NCTD which we did, and the representative spelled out the process in which the letter would be given to the NCTD Board and they would offer the parcel for lease for 55 years. A question will be what is the fair market value of the property. The NCTD representative said that the City of Del Mar has asserted that almost nothing can be done on the property, including parking, while NCTD does not agree that the uses are so limited. The current lease is set to expire in June 2011. The NCTD representative

said that NCTD was in the process of hiring a consultant to evaluate the potential constraints and uses of the site. For these reasons, staff is recommending that the letter to NCTD not be sent at this time.

Boardmember Mosier said that NCTD 's vision for a commercial use for that parcel does not fit with the current zone restrictions in the flood plain and is not realistic. Mr. Mosier said that that location would only allow for about 10 cars in a staging area. However, he said that the City of Del Mar only has a limited role in the process as it will respond to whatever NCTD proposes to do on the property.

Boardmember Slater-Price asked Counsel Brechtel how much sway does the zoning that the City of Del Mar places on this parcel have to do with NCTD wants. This parcel was previously used for a recycling center by the Coast Waste Management. Ms. Slater-Price asked if NCTD could ignore the zoning codes set up by the City of Del Mar on this parcel. Counsel Brechtel said that this is always a tug of war because NCTD does have some jurisdiction in matters concerning their property but they must comply with the Coastal Act.

Boardmember Mosier reminded the Board that the City of Del Mar owns the property around this site and no one can access the NCTD parcel without crossing Del Mar property.

Boardmember Nichols asked if the suggested proposal for the City of Del Mar and NCTD to swap property was discussed. Mr. Bobertz said that this discussion was taken under advisement.

Boardmember Golich said that he was concerned about the parking for the Boardwalk area and there is not much that we can do at this point but he has hope that it will all work out in the future

Chair Lightner asked that we keep this item on the agenda and have progress reports in the future.

10. Report from Budget Committee

Recommendation: Appoint AD Hoc Committee to Review Existing JPA Agreement and Make Recommendations on Potential Changes.

Chair Lightner stated that the Budget Committee discussed many items and it was suggested that a Ad Hoc Committee be appointed to review the current JPA Agreement that is going to expire. Ms. Lightner said that she will be on the committee along with Boardmembers Roberts, Cunningham and Boardmember Slater Price.

Boardmember Nichols made a motion to ask the Ad Hoc Committee to also discuss and make recommendations on potential changes to the membership contribution formula.

Boardmember Golich seconded. All in favor

INFORMATION

11. Coordination Reports

- a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy Craig Adams had three items to discuss: 1) we are doing a trails survey because they feel they need to know who is using the trails. They are asking the users if they know if they are in the River Park and what jurisdiction do they

live in. 2) We recently received a major bequest from people want to leave a legacy . 3) The Conservancy is having a hike on April 2nd at Pamo Valley.

- b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley- None
- c. Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation- None
- d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee- None

12. Status Reports

a. River Park Projects

Deputy Director Carter said that the West Bernardo Bike Path/Cantilever is complete and open to the public, and we will be having a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The Heritage Trail will be opening in a few months and the Lagoon Trail is being completed. Shawna Anderson said that the Heritage Trail is near completion and there are some street lights/flashing beacons that still need to be installed and she was pleased to announce that the City of Poway has been great to work with on this project. Ms. Anderson discussed the Reach the Beach segment from Jimmy Durante Blvd to the beach and how staff is working with the Lagoon Committee, City of Del Mar staff, and the CAC for ideas that will help us with the alignment. Ms. Anderson said we will be having a public workshop in late April which will address options and constraints for the trail to reach the beach. .

13. Jurisdictional Status Reports- Becky Bartling said that on March 28th Bingo permits application will be reviewed by the City of Del Mar and the Del Sol Lions are considering participating as one of the non-profits, and helping the JPA with a sizable percentage of the profits .

Deputy Director Carter said that she had a meeting at Sikes Adobe Farmstead with Steve Dasher , the 4H Youth Development Advisor with San Diego County UCCE. He had ideas on home arts and agriculture in the classroom with field days for school kids. Ms. Carter said that we are going to rejuvenate the farmers market with a fundraiser on April 17th in the afternoon with free food and activities for kids.

14. Communications

- a. Letter from JPA to California Coastal Commission re 22nd DAA Proposed Tent and Pre-Fabricated structure at Surf & Turf Golf Center.
- b. Request by 22nd DAA to Postpone Item above at Coastal Commission.

Chair Lightner suggested that the JPA Board have a summer break and the possibility of having the board meetings in different location to accommodate all boardmember jurisdictions.

Chair Lightner adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

These minutes approved by Board Action

Date

Executive Director