

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
Minutes of March 20, 2009**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Pam Slater-Price Chair  
Betty Rexford- Vice-Chair  
Olga Diaz  
Richard Earnest  
Dave Roberts  
Dianne Jacob  
Sherri Lightner  
Carl DeMaio  
Phil Pryde  
Becky Bartling

**REPRESENTING**

County of San Diego  
City of Poway  
City of Escondido  
City of Del Mar  
City of Solana Beach  
County of San Diego  
City of San Diego  
City of San Diego  
Citizens Advisory Committee  
22 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
Cheryl Goddard	County of San Diego Parks and Recreation
John Ingalls	Santa Fe Irrigation District
Ray Kelly	Property Owner
Freda Reid	Lagoon Committee
Tim Ristine	Property Owner
John Degenfelder	Ramona Trails Association

**Introduction and Announcements**

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

Chair Slater-Price recognized Councilmember Carl DeMaio as a first time JPA Boardmember and thanked the City of San Diego for their attendance at the JPA Board meeting.

Ms. Slater-Price thanked Becky Bartling of the 22 District Agricultural Association for her participation on the JPA board and their continued support of the River Park.

Boardmember Pryde introduced the CAC members in attendance as John Degenfelder, Freda Reid and John Ingalls.

**Approval of Minutes February 20, 2009**

Boardmember Lightner requested that the minutes of February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 list her name as the Boardmember who abstained to agenda item #2 on the El Camino Real Road Widening.

Boardmember Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of February 20, 2009 as amended.  
Boardmember Pryde seconded the motion. All in favor

Chair Slater-Price reported that there is an urgency item to add to the agenda today. She requested Counsel Brechtel to explain the need to add the item. Mr. Brechtel said that the reason for adding an item to the agenda this meeting was the approval of an agreement that was finalized a day after the agenda was mailed out. This agreement relates to the Lake Hodges Bridge private donation in return for naming rights and the donor is requesting that his father's name be listed on the plaque at the entrance of the bridge. The recipient of the honor is a long time River Park supporter and his son is making a large donation that will be used to pay the final billing to the bridge contractor. Another generous part of the bridge final financial situation is a loan to the River Park for \$275K that must be paid back in a year. Deputy Director Susan Carter added that the reason for urgency is the need to have the funds committed as soon as possible, in order to know that there will be sufficient funds to pay the contractor.

Boardmember Roberts made a motion to add this item to the agenda today. Boardmember Rexford seconded. All in favor.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Bobertz reported that the second phase of the Lake Hodges Bridge is the cantilever structure that will extend the trail to our West Bernardo Drive trailhead. We have been looking for funds for that phase and we are pleased to announce that the California Transportation Commission will be considering funding for our project in April of this year. Their portion will be \$350,000 if approved which is partial payment for the \$1.775 million dollar project. Mr. Bobertz reminded the Boardmembers that the From 700 is due and will need to be submitted to the River Park by March 27<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bobertz stressed how important it is for the recorded minutes to be heard that everyone speaking turn on their microphones.

**Public Comment-** Speaker, Raymond Kelly, Lomas Serenas Homeowners Association, said the San Dieguito River Park put up a fence after the fires that has detoured hikers and bikers to his property. After his objection to this fence detour the JPA put up barriers but the route is still being used by the public and he stated that this is not acceptable.

Tim Ristine, property owner at Lomas Serenas stated that he has signed a petition on this illegal connecting path that leads to his property and wants action taken to correct it immediately.

Chair Slater-Price said that the board is interested in discussing this situation but would like staff to bring recommendations and solutions to the next meeting.

Counsel Brechtel stated that this is a complicated situation involving different jurisdictions and may need to be discussed in closed session due to threatened litigation.

Boardmember Diaz stated that she would like to be included in meetings on this subject because this is in her jurisdiction.

**CONSENT**

1. Resolution Approving Application for Community Enhancement Funds

***Recommendation:*** *Adopt the attached draft resolution approving the filing of an application for County of San Diego Community Enhancement Program funding for the County's 2009=10 Fiscal Year.*

Boardmember Rexford made a motion to approve the filing of an application for Community Enhancement funding and Boardmember Roberts seconded. All in favor.

**ACTION AGENDA**

Added item, Donation and Loan agreement : Counsel Brechtel explained that at the January 2009 JPA meeting we discussed the \$675,000 shortfall that was needed to complete the Lake Hodges Bridge. Gary Kreitzer who is the son of a long time River Park supporter expressed interest in making a donation of \$400,000 and a \$275,000 loan to the park to complete the bridge. The proposed donation agreement would require the JPA to name the bridge after David Kreitzer and put up a monument with a plaque with the name on it. The plaque would be prominently mounted at the entrance to the bridge along with another plaque citing the other funding sources that made this structure possible.

The Boardmembers discussed the situation and agreed that the JPA should adopt a naming policy for this type of situation in the future. It was recommended that staff draft a naming rights policy that the board could consider in the next 90 days.

Boardmember Jacob expressed concern about the \$275,000 loan for the bridge and how we are going to pay it back. Counsel Brechtel explained that there is a plan for that – he said that there is mitigation property that we are about to add to our inventory, the Maderas property, and that we are in negotiation with the Navy to sell mitigation credits on that property. The mitigation credit sale will pay off the \$275,000 debt.

Boardmember DeMaio said that he would like to recognize the other financial participants and donors. Mr. DeMaio made a motion to approve the agreement with the requirement that the monument design and costs come back to the committee and encourage the staff to have it not exceed 5% of the donated amount. The motion also asked staff to draft a naming rights policy that will be presented to the Boardmembers within 90 days. Boardmember Roberts seconded the motion and requested that the maker of the motion amend the language to state that the donor or another organization would pay for the plaque with private funds, not the JPA. Boardmember DeMaio agreed.

Chair Slater-Price said that in this case the Board is happy to name the Lake Hodges Bike/Ped Bridge after David Kreitzer because he has been such a long-time supporter of the Park, and so involved in the community that he has been a true asset and deserves this honor. Boardmember Lightner asked staff to add further whereases to the resolution that describe David Kreitzer's role and why the JPA is naming the bridge after him.

Vote - All in favor

2. Cavallo Farms-

***Recommendation:*** *Support the revised site plan for the Cavallo Farms project.*

Shawna Anderson said that this that has been before the board at a previous meeting. This item is a 20 acre parcel that the PRC reviewed and had concerns that have been resolved by the project proponent. This parcel had been primarily used as a horse farm and the new owner has downsized the facility but added a two story office building and some horse arenas along with an access road that will be graded for proper drainage. There were some other issues that included restoration of the creek that runs along the property but the property owner does not want to disturb the area due to underground gas lines. The CAC and PRC are satisfied that the changes that were made by the owner in cooperation with the PRC and recommended that the JPA Board support this project. There is an important trail linkage in the area which we will be working with the parcel owner to continue our trail through Gonzales Canyon

Boardmember Roberts made a motion to approve the revised site plans for the Cavallo Farms. Boardmember Rexford seconded. Boardmembers Sherri Lightner and Carl DeMaio abstained.

3. Work Program for Fiscal Year 2009/2010-

Executive Director Bobertz said that agenda items 3 and 4 go together because the budget relates to the work projects that are on the Work Program. Mr. Bobertz showed a chart that shows the cumulative member agency assessments since the JPA was formed compared to the grants/gifts and other funding that we were able to obtain over the years. Mr. Bobertz gave an overview of the Work Program and showed the realignment of rangers to projects that will be coming up. We have an agreement with So. Cal. Edison for ranger services in the lagoon area and this will bring in \$106,000 in new revenue to pay for maintenance and enforcement in the wetland area. Mr. Bobertz said that we are recommending a decrease of 14% to member agencies in part by suspending our Endowment contribution until the economy improves and in part by shifting rangers to income producing work.

4. Budget for Fiscal Year 2009/2010-

Deputy Director Carter explained the Budget handout and spoke about the Budget Committee meeting that took place before the JPA meeting today. The recommendation that came from this morning's meeting was to brief the full Board on the budget, but not take action on it to give each Boardmember an opportunity to go back to their agency to confirm whether the proposed 14% decrease in the member agency assessment is acceptable. Ms. Carter discussed the one promotion for the volunteer coordinator for taking on additional duties, at an increase of 5% in her hourly rate. That increase would be reimbursed as part of the planned trails management agreement with SCE. She reviewed all the expected increases in expenditures that cannot be avoided, along with proposed decreases.

No action was taken today so that the Boardmembers could discuss the budget with their agencies.

Boardmember Jacob suggested that Doug Perkins from Workforce Partnership be contacted for further help with funding and crews.

Speaker, Raymond Kelly said that he hopes that the JPA will find funding to block the detour trail that was routed to his private property and stop the steady stream of hikers, bikers and equestrians that invade his privacy.

Speaker, Mr. Ristine expressed his concerns on the River Park's actions in creating an illegal connecting path to his property and then not have the resources to correct it back to regular trail status. Mr. Ristine asked the JPA Board to consider the issue and resolve it as soon as possible.

Chair Slater-Price assured the speakers that this issue will be given consideration at the next meeting and directed staff to work with all jurisdictions and the interested parties to come to a solution.

### INFORMATION

5. Coordination Reports (oral)
  - a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy- None
  - b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley- None
  - c. Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation- None
  - d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee- Freda Reid handed out an invitation to Lagoon Day 2009 which will be on Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6 p.m.
  
6. Status Reports
  - a. State Budget Impacts- Deputy Director Carter said that the signed State budget allowed the travel ban to be lifted to allow final inspections on those projects that are not affected by the freeze. We hope to have a final inspection from the State administrator on several of our projects in April 2009.
  
  - b. Fire Recovery- Director Bobertz said that we have two major items to accomplish which are our office replacement and the Sikes Adobe rebuilding. Mr. Bobertz said that we have reopened all our trails and completed all the burned bridges. We are still working on the final issues with the Sikes Adobe and hope to have a start date soon.
  
  - c. River Park Projects- Deputy Director Carter said that Lagoon Nature Center Conceptual Plan produced 26 proposals from architectural teams and was funded by Sempra Foundation in the amount of \$60,000. We have received a donation of \$1500.00 toward the Interstate 5 Lagoon signs from the House/Childs family. The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy will make up the balance and two signs will be installed specifying the Lagoon.
  
  - d. Rancho Santa Fe Polo Club- Mr. Bobertz said that there is nothing new to report except that the Polo Club is going through the discretionary review process and we will be working with the City of San Diego staff on this issue. He said this item will go to the JPA's Land Use Committee before your next Board meeting. Boardmember Lightner said that her office has been investigating this matter and will be keeping us updated.
  
7. Jurisdictional Status Reports- Becky Bartling said that the Ag District is replacing the sewer line to Del Mar and has started construction today. Ms. Bartling was pleased to announce that SCE has released maintenance and monitoring to them on the nesting sites and Ms. Bartling extended an invitation to the River Park to have a booth at the fair this year. Boardmember Diaz said that she has been contacted by a reporter from the North County Times about an article on the Lake Hodges Bridge. Ms. Diaz asked staff to brief her and provide written information for her to pass on to the reporter. Boardmember Earnest reminded everyone about Lagoon Day in Del Mar. Boardmember Rexford thanked the Boardmembers and staff along with the Friends of the River Park and the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy for all their hard work.
  
8. Communications- None

Chair Slater-Price adjourned the meeting at 11.30

These minutes approved by Board Action

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Executive Director

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