

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Roberts - Chair
Pam Slater-Price Vice-Chair
Dick Daniels
Richard Earnest
Betty Rexford
Dianne Jacob
Phil Pryde
Becky Bartling

REPRESENTING

City of Solana Beach
County of San Diego
City of Escondido
City of Del Mar
City of Poway
County 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
Jacqueline Winterer	Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
Freda Reid	Lagoon Committee
Martha Baker	Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation
John Degenfelder	Ramona Trails Association
Samir Tanius	SCE
Maeve Hanley	County Parks

Introduction and Announcements

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, John Degenfelder and Martha Baker.

Boardmember Earnest announced that the Del Mar Lagoon Day will be on April 27th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and invited all to attend.

Approval of Minutes March 21,2008

Boardmember Rexford made a motion to approve the minutes of March 21, 2008 , Boardmember Slater-Price seconded the motion. All in favor.

Executive Director's Report Executive Director Bobertz said that we have had an overwhelming volunteer outpouring from such groups as CHOICE, students from Earth Science, scouts and Team Volunteers in Action. Virginia and Minnesota Universities used their spring break to help with projects in the park. The Kiwanis Club did some volunteer work plus handed us a check for \$500.00. Other groups

included Rotarian groups, the San Diego Mountain Biking association, church groups, and HP work day have helped the River Park tremendously. Mr. Bobertz said that you have a flier for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Day at Dave Roberts' home in Solana Beach. Mr. Bobertz stated that we have been very successful recently in applying for grants which include \$48K from the Natural Resources Conservation Service for habitat restoration on Cloverdale Creek. The Conservancy coordinated with us for a \$50K grant from Northrup Grumman for the Green Valley bridge on Piedras Pintadas trail that burned in the fires. A check presentation will be made for that grant on April 24th in Rancho Bernardo. The Conservancy was able to secure two other grants including \$56,250 to restore 47 acres in San Pasqual, and \$123,750 to remove eucalyptus trees in the Del Dios Gorge area. It was announced that Jimbo's stores will be donating 5% of its profits to the Conservancy on April 19th for trail projects in the Park.

Chair Roberts announced that a Solana Beach church is having a volunteer day on Oct 11, 2008 to help the community and wanted to know of any projects that they could do.

Public Comment- None

CONSENT

1. Add Pioneer Room Escondido to Citizens Advisory Committee Membership

Recommendation: Concur with CAC recommendation to add Pioneer Room, Escondido to the membership of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

2. Barkin Easement on JPA Sycamore Creek Property R
Recommendation: Approve Barkins slope easement on JPA Property.

3. Architectural Services Contract for Rebuilding Sikes Adobe Historic Farmhouse

Recommendation: Authorize Executive Director Dick Bobertz to execute contract for architectural services for the rebuilding of the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmhouse.

4. Resolution applying for Office of Emergency Services funds for Storm Damage Following the Witch Fire.

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution applying for Office of Emergency Services Funding for Storm Damage following the Witch Fire.

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

ACTION AGENDA

5. Budget Committee Report and Recommendation: FY 08/09 Budget

Recommendation: The Budget Committee recommends approval of the attached budget and salary/staffing schedule.

Executive Director Bobertz gave an overall view of the budget and stated that the Budget Committee met and determined the member agencies' budgets would not accommodate an increase in the member agency assessment sufficient to provide the COLA and Merit Step Increases included in the Non-Management Employee Salary policy. Staff identified funds in the amount of \$49,818.00 from the fire insurance revenue to replace the furniture and tools that we lost but could be considered as revenue since replacement furniture and tools were donated. These funds were suggested by the Budget Committee to be used for the salary increase this year with the understanding that this is a one-time situation and will not be in the budget next year. The proposed budget did include an increase in the member agency assessments to bring the Endowment Fund up another \$25,000 this year to bring it back to \$100K in this budget, as well as cover approximately \$12,000 of increased costs that exceeded revenues.

Boardmember Slater Price stated that she has concerns about the step increases and does not want to fund recurring budget items with one-time funds but rather have the stipend option. Boardmember Jacob agreed with comments from Boardmember Slater-Price and said that she supported the one-time stipend option and she wanted to see an alternative that would keep the member agency assessments from increasing.

Boardmember Slater-Price made a motion to have the Budget Committee reconsider the budget and come back next month with a budget that does not increase the member agency assessments and reduces the need to use one-time revenue. Boardmember Jacob seconded.

All in favor.

6. Comments on Notice of Preparation for 22nd DAA Fairgrounds and Horsepark Master Plan EIR

Recommendation: Direct staff to send attached letter to 22nd DAA in response to the NOP.

Shawna Anderson gave a brief description on each of the proposed comment points for the NOP. This NOP is a prelude to the EIR and requests comments on the long-term and near-term projects. Ms. Anderson said that some of the master plan projects include a 40-foot-high sign, and would demolish old exhibit buildings to make way for a hotel and condo project with an exhibit hall and paving next to the San Dieguito River. Proposed is a parking structure and future improvements for Horsepark. The draft comment letter presented to the Boardmembers summarizes the issues that should be addressed in the EIR. Ms. Anderson discussed some of the comments and stated that the River Park requests the Coast to Crest Trail be included in the Master Plan.

Speaker Jacqueline Winterer said that the land owned by the 22nd DAA is only a part of the 1665 acres in the area and she proposes that the other landowners meet each year to discuss matters of mutual public interest.

Becky Bartling said that the Master Plan is a positive economic influence to the community. The fairgrounds is a place where not only the fair and horse races bring in revenue for the Cities of Del Mar and Solana Beach but the proposed hotel will bring in funds and tourism. Ms. Bartling said that she appreciates the comments and that the 22nd District Agricultural District is committed to the trail segment.

The Boardmembers commented on height requirements of the hotel and traffic issues along with some comments on the loading dock placement for the events. The overall feeling was that we need to work together on the issues concerning the Master Plan. It was suggested that the comments of Jacqueline Winterer be included in our comment letter to have the adjoining landowners meet yearly on issues.

Boardmember Rexford made a motion to send a revised letter with the issues discussed in this meeting to the 22nd DAA on the NOP. Dick Daniels seconded. All in favor.

7. San Dieguito Lagoon (oral)

a. Report from Wetlands Advisory Committee

Executive Director Bobertz said that the Wetland Advisory Committee met to discuss the proposed Poseidon mitigation project. Currently Poseidon is conducting a feasibility study. The meeting was attended by David Kay from SCE via telephone and he discussed SCE's concerns about adding additional wetland to the mitigation project being done by SCE. Mr. Bobertz pointed out a letter that had been received from SCE detailing their areas of concern.

Counsel Brechtel stated that the feasibility study is being done by Poseidon and they will have to prove to all concerned parties that there are no fatal flaws, particularly any negative impact to SCE's Wetland Restoration Project.

- b. Report from Southern California Edison (Samir Tanious) Mr. Tanious said that he is the project manager on the Wetland Restoration project being done by SCE. He stated that SCE has made a large investment and spent many years working out all the issues that have made this project so successful. Mr. Tanious stated that the project is on schedule and is running smoothly and SCE is concerned that adding this mitigation from another proponent may compromise their work.. He also described several public outreach activities that have been held by SCE recently.

Jacqueline Winterer said that the Poseidon mitigation is not right for this area and she suggested we not allow it at this time.

INFORMATION

8. Coordination Reports (oral)

- a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy - Craig Adams said that they are working on grants with the River Park.
- b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley- Jacqueline Winterer said that Becky Bartling has offered to supply a large map and area for the River Park to use in the San Diego County Fair this year. We will have an opportunity to speak with the public on the

progress of the park and answer questions from fairgoers. Ms. Winterer said that she is looking for volunteers to stay at our site in the fair for 2 hours a day. These volunteers will be given free passes for another day at the fair.

Becky Bartling said that the 22 Ag District would be interested in helping the River Park in fundraising efforts

- c. Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation- Martha Baker from the Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation spoke about the Nature Conservancy's bid to purchase the remaining 1600 acres adjacent to the Preserve owned by Philip Rutherford. An agreement has been reached between Philip Rutherford and The Nature Conservancy, however a new appraisal has to be completed. This transaction will be carried out in 3 phases upon approval of the appraisal by the owner. Ms. Baker stated that each phase will secure additional parcels including 478 acres in the first phase, 581 acres in the second and 589 acres in the third.
9. Status Reports(oral) Eliminated due to time constraints.
 10. Jurisdictional Status Reports - Boardmember Slater-Price announced that the Sunrise Powerlink will be having hearings in Borrego Springs to discuss the issues. This hearing will be on May 12, 2008 at the Borrego Springs Resort (De Anza Room) with 2 sessions from 1 to 5 p.m. and then from 6:30 to 9:30. Boardmember Jacob stated that this is a very important hearing and encouraged everyone to attend.

Boardmember Rexford stated that Goodan Ranch is open.

11. Communications

_Chair Roberts adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

These minutes approved by Board Action

Date

Executive Director

