

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Minutes of May 15, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Don Mosier - Chair
Dianne Jacob – Vice Chair
Olga Diaz
Dave Grosch
Mark Kersey
Dave Roberts
Dave Zito
Tom Golich

REPRESENTING

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

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Wayne Brechtel
Mark Ochenduszk
Shawna Anderson
Brenda Miller
Brenda Hunt
Jacqueline Winterer
Leana Bulay
Alice Brown
Bill Michalsky
Gary Hagar Hager
Catherine Blakespear
Jeremy Blakespear
Adam Kaye
Adam Wilson
Allison Don

JPA Counsel
San Dieguito River Park JPA
San Dieguito River Park JPA
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Hosaka, Rotherham & Company
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
San Dieguito River Park JPA
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
Sierra Club
Councilman Kersey's Staff
Deputy Mayor Encinitas

Supervisor Robert's Staff
Supervisor Jacob's Staff
Council President Lightner's Staff

Introduction and Announcements

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

Roll Call

Roll call was taken with all persons in room introducing themselves.

Approval of Minutes of April 8, 2015 and April 17, 2015

Boardmember Zito made a motion to approve the minutes of April 8, 2015 and April 17, 2015. Boardmember Grosch seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Mosier, Jacob, Roberts, Golich, Grosch, Zito, Kersey. Abstain: Diaz. Absent: Lightner

Executive Director's Report – No Report

Public Comment- No Public Comment

CONSENT

1. **Receive and File Third Party Auditor's Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014**

Recommendation: *It is recommended that the Board of Directors receive and file the Audit Report as of June 30, 2014 for the San Dieguito River Valley Open Space Park Joint Powers Authority prepared by Hosaka, Rotherham & Company.*

Vice-Chair Jacob moved to receive and file the third party auditor's report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. Boardmember Roberts seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Mosier, Jacob, Roberts, Golich, Diaz, Grosch, Zito, Kersey. Absent: Lightner

ACTION AGENDA

2. **Approval of Grants for Passenger Vans for the Watershed Explorer Program.**

Recommendation: *Approve the purchase of two 15-person vans for the Watershed Explorer Program.*

A. Adopt Resolution R15-2 authorizing the Interim Executive Director to apply for and accept a County of San Diego Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant for \$53,500 to purchase a van to be owned and maintained by the JPA.

B. Authorize staff to accept the \$53,500 from the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy to purchase ad own a van for the Watershed Explorers Program.

San Dieguito River Park Interpretive Ranger Leana Bulay presented the new week long Watershed Explorer Program available to under-served students throughout the County of San Diego, ages 8-14, of an opportunity to experience the San Dieguito River Watershed from Volcan Mountain to the San Dieguito Lagoon. Ms. Bulay presented a PowerPoint program showing what the students experienced during the week and explained the need for transportation vehicles for program success. Two 15 passenger vans would enable a class of 30 students to participate. The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy has received a grant from The San Diego Foundation to pay for one 15 passenger van. Ms.

Bulay stated that board approval is being requested before purchasing the van. Ms. Bulay also stated that staff is seeking board approval to apply for a Neighborhood Reinvestment Program grant of \$53,500 through Supervisor Jacob's office to acquire a second van. The students will be oriented to the San Dieguito River Watershed and Park by watching a DVD while being driven to the Watershed Explorer Program location. The first group of 25 students from High Tech High, were hosted from March 23 through March 27. The program was a great success except for the daily problems with transportation.

The Board discussed maintenance, new vehicle warranty, seeking grants to fund maintenance needed in the future, the use of the vehicles by partner organizations, and the need for additional grants to purchase DVD equipment.

Boardmember Kersey moved staff recommendation, to approve the purchase of two 15-person vans for the Watershed Explorer Program. Boardmember Diaz seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Mosier, Golich, Diaz, Grosch, Zito, Kersey. Abstain: Jacob, Roberts. Absent: Lightner.

3. Coast to Crest Trail Status Update

Shawna Anderson presented a PowerPoint and explained the status of the Coast to Crest Trail and the importance of this primary goal of the San Dieguito River Park. The Coast to Crest Trail is 71 miles long. The completed trails are 45 miles; 5 miles are in the permit process and 21 miles are gaps of non completed trails. Ms. Anderson stated that there is an additional 23 miles of trails in the San Dieguito River Park that connect to the Coast to Crest Trail. Two examples are the Piedras Pintadas Trail and the Old Coach Trail.

Supervisor Jacob explained that the County of San Diego has negotiated to purchase 175 acres of property that will allow for the connection of the Santa Ysabel East and West Preserves and showed on a diagram where the proposed nature center will be built in Santa Ysabel.

Speaker Catherine Blakespear, advocated for continued focus to finish the Coast to Crest Trail from Del Mar to the Safari Park. Boardmember Golich suggested looking into connecting the San Elijo Lagoon to the Escondido Creek.

Speaker Jeremy Blakespear spoke regarding the political will to finish the Coast to Crest Trail from the Polo Fields to Safari Park.

Boardmember Roberts made a comment about adding the City of Encinitas as a member agency of the San Dieguito River Park JPA in the future and that the JPA.

4. Update Re Lagoon Ranger Station Design/Location

Shawna Anderson presented the issue of the lagoon ranger station design and location. The JPA is on track to have this issue heard at the California Coastal Commission meeting in June. An application to construct the lagoon ranger station was submitted to the California Coastal Commission in September of 2014. There have been discussions with the California Coastal Commission regarding the long term planning and the deed restrictions regarding certain uses of the property. The California Coastal Commission staff is asking where the future interpretive center will be located in relation to the ranger

Station. The JPA's architect prepared conceptual drawing of an expansion scenario which has been submitted to the California Coastal Commission showing the potential expansion of an interpretive center attached to the ranger station. With approval of the ranger station, the JPA is not committed to this expansion nor would it preclude the JPA from pursuing another interpretive center location in the future.

INFORMATION

5. Park Project Status (oral) – No Reports

6. Coordination Reports (oral)

- a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy – No Report
- b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley - Jacqueline Winterer announced that \$5,000 will be given to the City of Del Mar for the River Path Expansion Project.
- c. Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation – No Report
- d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee – Alice Brown reported on the Annual Lagoon Day held April 19. Ms. Brown stated that Jacqueline Winterer presented a history of the San Dieguito Lagoon and that work is continuing with the Del Mar River Path Extension.

7. Jurisdictional Status Reports

Boardmember Zito reported that the Solana Beach City Council unanimously agreed to approve the fifty year extension of the Joint Exercise Powers of Authority Agreement.

8. Communications – No communications.

9. Adjourn to Closed Session – It was not necessary to adjourn to closed session.

Chair Mosier adjourned the meeting at 11:56 AM

These minutes approved by Board Action

Date

Executive Director