

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
Minutes of May 19, 2017**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dave Grosch - Chair  
Kristin Gaspar – Vice Chair  
Dwight Worden  
Olga Diaz  
Mark Kersey  
Dianne Jacob  
Judy Hegenauer  
Jeff Barnouw  
Dustin Fuller

**REPRESENTING**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Barbara Bry

**REPRESENTING**

City of San Diego

**VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT**

Wayne Brechtel	JPA Counsel
Kevin McKernan	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Brenda Miller	San Dieguito River Park JPA
John Barone	City of San Diego
Jacqueline Winterer	Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
Justin Garver	Boardmember Kersey's staff
Bill Michalsky	Sierra Club
Alice Brown	San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
Felipe Franco	JPA Ranger
David Hekel	JPA Senior Ranger
Jason Lopez	JPA Trails & Resources Manager
Steven Hadley	Boardmember Bry's staff
Deborah Moseley	County of San Diego
Ellie Haviland	City of Del Mar Councilmember

**Introduction and Announcements**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Grosch asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes of**

Vice-Chair Gaspar made a motion to approve the minutes of March 17, 2017, Boardmember Hegenauer seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Grosch, Gaspar, Worden, Kersey, Hegenauer, Barnouw

Absent: Bry, Diaz, Jacob

**Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director McKernan reported that the Volunteer Appreciation Party was held the last weekend at Surf Cup Sports Park. Awards were presented to the Volunteers of the Year. Supervisor Gaspar also awarded the Volunteers of the Year proclamations signed by Supervisors Gaspar and Jacob. The event was a combined celebration with the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy. Over 100 people attended and the location was a hidden gem. The Del Mar Rotary Club volunteers came out earlier the same day to do a project of weed pulling and mulching mitigation sites near the Dust Devil Nature Trail. The Del Mar Rotary donated money to cover the cost of the mulch. A report was presented on the quotes received and the different vehicles researched before the decision was made to purchase a 2017 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 from a local dealer for the amount of \$30,592. Executive Director McKernan introduced Ranger Felipe Franco. Felipe works half time at the Coast and half time inland. Currently the rangers are doing the annual task of weed clearing and making fire breaks. Felipe reported that he is always happy to work with different volunteer groups, boy scouts, and help with events held in the park; for example the Belgian Waffle Ride this weekend. Felipe has been with the River Park for almost 4 years. Felipe worked for the County of San Diego Parks Department for 7 years prior to coming to the River Park, and stated that he is honored to be here today. Executive Director McKernan introduced Senior Ranger David Hekel. David has been a Senior Ranger for 10 years, has been with the River Park for 18 years and volunteered prior to being hired for 7 years. David runs the events in the park (5ks, marathons, bike races and rides), and works with the volunteers. David leads the Mountain Bike Patrol consisting of 30 volunteers. David would love to see the Coast to Crest Trail to completion and has biked the 72 miles of trail in 6 hours. Executive Director McKernan provided the information considered, prior to making the decision to purchase a John Deere tractor from a local dealer for \$36,630. Staff looked at the products of John Deere, Mahindra, and Kubota. Past experience was that John Deere outperformed Kubota. The Mahindra tractor was a higher cost to purchase with repairs and parts purchases inconvenient, due to location of dealer. Staff also looked into lease options and none were available.

Boardmember Jacob arrived to the meeting at 11:10 am and Boardmember Diaz arrived to the meeting at 11:13 am.

**Public Comment** – No Public Comment

**ACTION AGENDA**

1. Approve DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT RESOLUTION FOR NON-STATE AGENCIES for Potential FEMA/CAL OES Financial Assistance Related to River Park Storm Damage

Recommend Board motion to authorize the attached resolution and designate the "Executive Director" as the JPA's Authorized Agent.

Executive Director presented the agenda items stating that a kick off meeting will be held the next week with FEMA/CAL OES personnel. The request is for the Board to authorize the resolution and designate the Executive Director as the JPA's authorized agent to sign documents. The previous resolution from 2007 has expired. Vice-Chair Gaspar moved to approve the action and Boardmember Jacob seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Jacob, Grosch, Gaspar, Worden, Barnouw, Diaz, Hegenauer, Kersey

Absent: Bry

2. Review Staff Letter to California Coastal Commission Regarding Support for the County of San Diego's LCP/LUP

Executive Director McKernan reported that the JPA was approached by the County Parks and Recreation Department two weeks ago regarding the pending action by the Coastal Commission to limit the multi use of the trail system in the coastal portion of the unincorporated County area, east of the cities of Encinitas and Solana Beach and north of the San Dieguito River Park JPA's jurisdiction. A draft letter supporting the County of San Diego, stating that the JPA Board had not reviewed, was taken to the Citizens Advisory Committee where it was unanimously endorsed the staff letter. The CAC members also sent comments from their individual organizations. The JPA received a letter from the Coastal Commission staff stating that the Coastal Commission would strike the language in dispute, however wording was added stating that the amount of miles of trails in that location would be capped. The letters in the agenda packet are for information purposes. County Park's representative Deborah Mosley commented on the details of the issue. The reason for the California Coastal Commission concern is the impact in this sensitive area, two miles east of Interstate 5. There are no wetlands in the County plan area. The County currently has four miles of trails in the ESHA area and the Coastal Commission has allowed up to six miles of trails for any use in this area. The County staff are not happy with the cap requirement and the issue will go back to the County Board of Supervisors. The boardmembers discussed the subject of this being a policy issue and setting a precedent. The issue came about due to the County attempting to streamline the permit process in the Local Coastal Plan area. The importance is that the policy will be made in perpetuity and County staff would like it to work well with the policies in place.

Vice-Chair Gaspar left the meeting at 11:35 am.

Boardmember Worden made the motion to ratify the JPA staff letter to the California Coastal Commission and send the letter with a cover note expressing our concern of a trail cap, suggesting that a better way would be to address trails on a case by case basis and mitigate their impacts and hope that they will work with the County to come to a compromise along this line. Boardmember Jacob seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Jacob, Grosch, Worden, Barnouw, Hegenauer, Kersey

Abstain: Diaz

Absent: Bry, Gaspar

### INFORMATION

3. Project Status Updates

a. Founders Tribute

Executive Director McKernan reported that the Founders Tribute committee is moving forward, with funding from the County of San Diego grant. An artist has been contracted. The concept will be brought to the CAC and JPA at a later date. The founders have been identified as nine individuals who had a vision of the River Park.

b. Pamo Valley Trail

Executive Director McKernan reported that JPA staff has all of the permits and are looking forward to breaking ground this summer. He also thanked the City and County staff for their help in working through the complex permitting process.

c. W19

Executive Director McKernan reported that the public comment period has closed on the Environmental Impact Report. The team is working through the comments received. JPA staff will bring the document to the Board for certification at a future meeting.

4. Coordination Reports

a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy – no report

b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley – no report

c. Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation – no report

d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee – Alice Brown announced the annual Lagoon Day event that will be held at the Birdwing tomorrow morning, beginning at 8:30 am.

5. Jurisdictional Status Reports

Boardmember Fuller reported that the SOL restoration project is going well with a mid June completion date and a ribbon cutting/trail opening celebration planned for mid July. The update on the Horsepark trail is that Coastal Commission staff will not support an amendment to the permit allowing restoration of the bank that was damaged in the winter storm. Boardmember Fuller stated that it may be a good idea to submit the amendment and see what happens and to pursue the bridge option. Boardmember Fuller also reported on the issue of predator control at the Least Tern nesting sites and asked the Board for thoughts and ideas on the subject. The 22<sup>nd</sup> DAA has spent 8 years and almost \$1 million dollars and has nothing to show for the effort. Boardmember Fuller asked what is appropriate and asked for the subject to be added to the JPA agenda. Boardmember Worden is looking into how to get the Coast to Crest Trail from Interstate 5 to the beach at Del Mar. He will bring the issue to the Board at a future date and will also take the plan to the City of Del Mar. Chair Grosch reported that the City of Poway is working with FEMA to seek reimbursement for winter storm damage around Lake Poway. Boardmember Jacob reported on the Santa Ysabel Nature Preserve. The County Board of Supervisors approved the design on May 3rd. All planning is scheduled to be done the Summer of 2018 with project completion in the Fall of 2019.

6. Communications

Executive Director McKernan thanked Jacqueline Winterer for her donation for beverages for the Volunteer Appreciation Party. He also acknowledged that Freda Reid gave the JPA a donation of \$20,000 for the expansion of trails, or to acquire land, or whatever need the JPA has.

7. Adjourn to Closed Session

- a. Closed session pursuant to California Government Code Sec. 54956.8  
To confer with Real Property Negotiators regarding potential terms for Acquisition of property: Property Location – 0 Blum Road, Poway, CA;  
Agency Negotiators – Kevin McKernan and D. Wayne Brechtel;  
Property Owner Negotiator – Blum.

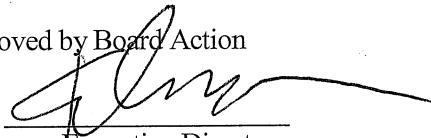
The Board met in closed session for the item previously disclosed, provided direction to their negotiators and no reportable action was taken.

The next meeting will be June 16, 2017

Chair Grosch adjourned the meeting at 12:05 pm.

These minutes approved by Board Action

5/19/17  
Date

  
Executive Director