

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
Minutes June 20, 2008**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**REPRESENTING**

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

**VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT**

Terry Gibbs	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
John Degenfelder	Ramona Trails Association
Dustin Fuller	22 <sup>nd</sup> District Association

**Introduction and Announcements**

Chair Roberts convened the meeting at 9:38 a.m. in the County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302/303, San Diego, CA 92101.

Boardmember Pryde introduced the CAC member in attendance as John Degenfelder.

Mr. Degenfelder showed a picture of the new monument that he and his wife Arvy were instrumental in building at the entrance of Ramona. Deputy Director Carter announced that the Degenfelders received a special achievement award at the annual Trails Conference that was held in San Diego at the end of May.

**Approval of Minutes May 16, 2008**

Boardmember Rexford made a motion to approve the minutes of May 16, 2008, Boardmember Pryde seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Bobertz said that the San Diego County Fair has begun and Becky Bartling enabled the JPA to set up a booth this year for us to publicize the River Park. Mr. Bobertz stated that Boardmember Pryde had manned the booth and asked him to describe the situation. Mr. Pryde reported that it is a nice booth with a beautiful map and information about the Park. Mr. Pryde suggested that we have a map with

the trails that are open to the public after the fires closed some of them. To draw people to the booth, there is a "Wheel of Fortune" and the participants are able to win free tickets to the fair.

Mr. Bobertz said that another event we had in Del Mar at the Boardwalk introduced 55 third graders to environmental issues. Shawna Anderson said that the children had a tour of the area and planted some pickleweed.

Deputy Director Carter said that we had an unexpected donation from a Trails Committee member who heard that we did not have fencing on a part of the trail west of I-5 because of finances. The member came in the next day gave us a check for \$5000.00 to complete the purchase of materials.

**Public Comment- None**

**ACTION**

1. Award Contract for Santa Maria Creek Bridge Deck Repair- This item was continued to a future meeting.
2. Award Contract for San Pasqual Valley Trail Fencing Replacement

***Recommendation: Award contract to lowest responsible bidder, as announced at today's' meeting.***

Deputy Director Carter said that we lost a lot of our fencing during the fires last October. FEMA has agreed to pay for this fence in the San Pasqual Valley and after opening 3 bids the lowest price was from Safari Fence Company, at \$92,604.

Boardmember Slater Price made a motion to approve the contract to Safari Fence Company for the fence replacement and Boardmember Rexford seconded. All in favor.

3. Legislative request for recognition of impact from Del Mar Thoroughbred Club operations and impacts of AB2205

***Recommendation: Authorize the Chair to request a meeting with Assemblyman Martin Garrick to discuss consideration of sponsoring legislation to direct the State Race Track Leasing Commission to include a requirement for mitigation of community impacts in the operating agreement for the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club.***

Director Bobertz stated that during our recent budget deliberations we were reminded about the gradual decline of the dedicated funds we receive from para mutual betting. Our budget situation forces us to explore other resources from the 22<sup>nd</sup> District Agricultural Association and the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club. Mr. Bobertz said that he would like direction from the JPA Board to meet with Assemblyman Garrick about mitigation funds from these sources.

Becky Bartling clarified that the funds that the JPA receives is only from Off Track Betting. The live track betting is not included and reported that a big part of the decline of OTB is because of the numerous

casinos in the area. Ms. Bartling said that if the fairgrounds had slot machines it would increase funds to the River Park, Del Mar and Solana Beach.

Boardmember Jacob suggested that the letter should not focus exclusively on community impacts, because it may be difficult to quantify those impacts. She suggested more flexibility in the reasons for the fees that would go to the River Park.

Boardmember Slater-Price made a motion to approve the Chair to meet with Assemblyman Garrick to discuss being included in the 22<sup>nd</sup> DAA's negotiations and contracts with the flexibility to negotiate other avenues of funding. Boardmember Rexford seconded. All in favor

4. Annual List of Potential Acquisition parcels in the unincorporated area

***Recommendation: By motion, recommend approval of the attached list of parcels for possible acquisitions in the unincorporated area, and convey list to Board of Supervisors for their approval in compliance with Board of Supervisors Policy I-120.***

Deputy Director Carter said that every year we adopt a list of parcels for potential acquisition in the unincorporated area. Each year we send the list to the County of San Diego to be adopted by the Board of Supervisors to ensure that the River Park and County Parks are not competing for the same parcels. This year we added a five acre parcel on Del Dios Highway for acquisition. Ms Carter said that the County of San Diego Parks Dept. had done an appraisal on the property but then decided not to pursue acquisition. She said that Parks had no objection to the JPA pursuing acquisition of the parcel.

Boardmember Slater-Price made a motion to approve the list of parcels for acquisition. Boardmember Pryde seconded . All in favor

**INFORMATION**

5. Coordination Reports(oral)
- a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy-
  - b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley-
  - c. Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation-
  - d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee-

No reports were made at this meeting.

6. Status Reports (Oral)

- a. River Park Projects:
  - i. Fire Recovery- Director Bobertz said that a partial proof of loss payment of \$212,000 for the Sikes Adobe Farmhouse was approved by our insurance company.
  - ii. Poseidon Mitigation Project at San Dieguito Lagoon—Deputy Director Carter said that the SONGS Science Advisory Panel reported to the Coastal Commission staff on the proposed Poseidon mitigation plan and were very positive on the project, although they indicated that they would likely require Poseidon to create additional mitigation above the 37-acre proposed San Dieguito project. Southern California Edison (David Kay and Samir Tanious) were at the Science Panel meeting and

asked questions about the project and did not raise any strong objections at that meeting.

She said that we hope to bring a draft MOU between Poseidon and the JPA to address various issues to the Board at a future meeting.

- b. Rancho Santa Fe Polo Club - Director Bobertz said that the Polo Club issues have not been addressed by the City of San Diego Mayors' office and he said that something needs to be done to highlight this very important matter. He indicated he would be bringing this item back to the Board at the next meeting.
- 7. Jurisdictional Status Reports - Becky Bartling introduced Dustin Fuller who is the new Environmental Land Planner for the Ag District.
- 8. Communications- Boardmember Jacob said that she and Supervisor Cox brought a motion to the Board of Supervisors this week to establish Sweetwater River Park in the south bay. Ms. Jacob said that by establishing a River Park they will be able to apply for grant funds for more trails that will join the trail that has been built in the area. Eventually this trail system will join Mission Hills and Goodan Ranch together.

Chair Roberts adjourned the meeting at 10:30

These minutes approved by Board Action

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Executive Director