

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Roberts, Chair
Pam Slater-Price, Vice-Chair
Dick Daniels
Richard Earnest
Dianne Jacob
Phil Pryde

REPRESENTING

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

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	San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
John Degenfelder	Ramona Trails Association
Martha Baker	Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation
Craig Adams	San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
J.C. Thomas	Sempre Energy

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

Approval of Minutes June 20, 2008

Boardmember Daniels made a motion to approve the minutes of June 20, 2008. Boardmember Earnest seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Boardmember Pryde introduced the CAC members in attendance: Jacqueline Winterer, Craig Adams, Martha Baker, and John Degenfelder.

Chair Report: Chair Roberts gave an update on the Thoroughbred Club meeting scheduled for this afternoon. This meeting was called by Assemblymember Garrick which will include the Mayor of Del Mar, City Managers of Del Mar and Solana Beach along with Chair Roberts. This meeting had been called to see if there are any funds available for the River Park and the Cities with the upcoming lease being negotiated by the Thoroughbred Club.

Chair Roberts reported that he attended the last CAC meeting and was interested in how the members address issues that are recommended to the JPA Board.

Executive Director's Report- Executive Director Bobertz stated that our coordination with the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy has resulted in successfully applying for 4 grants which total \$350,000. In addition to these 4 grants another grant has been approved for \$50,000 from Fish and Wildlife Service for habitat restoration. Mr. Bobertz said that we have installed a solar automatic gate control for our staging area at Sikes Adobe. This type of gate that can be opened and closed without the use of service will be the model for other gates in the River Park if this is successful. Using a solar powered gate on an automatic timer saves the River Park money because we do not have to hire a service to do this task for us.

Public Comment- None

CONSENT

1. Accept Open Space Easement on 17 Acres West of I-5:

Recommendation: *Adopt attached resolution accepting an Open Space Easement Deed on approximately 17 acres of property west of Interstate 5 and south of the Wetlands Restoration Project and authorizing the Executive Director to execute all documents associated with accepting and recording the deed.*

2. Accept 15 – acre The Environmental Trust Parcel at Lake Hodges

Recommendation: *Direct the Executive Director to accept TET's transfer of its interest in Lake Hodges Preserve Properties.*

Boardmember Pryde made a motion to approve the Consent calendar and Boardmember Jacob seconded. All in favor.

ACTION AGENDA

3. Award Contract for Santa Maria Creek Bridge Deck Repair

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

Deputy Director Carter said that we received 3 bids on the repair of the Santa Maria Cantilever ranging from \$ 46,000 to \$106,000. The low bidder, at \$46,000 was Salas Contracting, the contractors that built the cantilever originally. Boardmember Daniels made a motion to approve the contract and Boardmember Earnest seconded. All in favor.

4. Award Contract for Green Valley Creek Bridge Replacement

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

Deputy Director Carter said that we would like to continue this item to a future meeting because we did not receive any bids on this project. Boardmember Daniels made a motion to continue this item to a future meeting and Boardmember Earnest seconded. All in favor.

5. Rancho Santa Fe Polo Club Code Violations

Recommendation: Authorize the Chair to send a letter to the Mayor requesting resolution of the Rancho Santa Fe Polo Club Grading Violation.

Director Bobertz said that we have been working on this project since before 2003. The situation stems from the Polo Lease that clearly states that a trail will be preserved on the property but the north bank was disked for use of cooling down the polo ponies. This is a violation of the lease and over the years there have been code violations charged and hearings on the matter but nothing has been resolved. Mr. Bobertz said that this is a mile and ½ vital link in our Coast to Crest Trail and it needs to be restored to a public hiking trail. We are recommending that the Board send a letter to the Mayor asking for immediate lease violation sanctions or the lease should be terminated.

The JPA Boardmembers made comments to direct staff to add stronger language to the letter. Boardmember Earnest felt that this item should be agendaized by the San Diego City Council with a 45 day response date included in the letter.

Boardmember Jacob made a motion to send a letter to the Mayor and each City Councilmember to address this problem. Boardmember Earnest seconded. All in favor.

6. Power Pole Undergrounding East of I-5

Recommendation: Consider CAC and Staff recommendation to be reported orally at today's meeting.

Shawna Anderson said that a draft letter has been included in the agenda for the Board's consideration regarding the utility lines surrounding the Wetland Restoration project. The letter calls for removal of 33 utility poles located south of Via de la Valle and request that the lines be transferred to the newly installed poles. Ms. Anderson said that these old poles are an eyesore to our project. It was explained that the City of San Diego did not have the funds to underground these lines and they feel that this is not a priority issue at this time. It is our goal to underground these lines in the future but in the interim we are asking the City of San Diego to direct Sempra Energy to transfer the lines from the old poles to the new utility poles.

Speaker JC Thomas from Sempra Energy showed a map of the transmission lines that have been on poles for about 40 years and are a critical link to utilities in the area. Mr. Thomas explained that they have looked for different options and alignments for the poles that went through the lagoon area when the wetland project started. The mitigation only called for relocation of the lines and not undergrounding so the poles were installed on an easement along Via de la Valle.

Boardmember Slater-Price suggested that we interested parties in the area meet to go over all these issues including the 22 District Agricultural District, City of Del Mar and other agencies involved in the area.

Boardmember Daniels made a motion to direct staff to send the letter to the Mayor of the City of San Diego and copies to the Councilmembers requesting Sempra Energy to consolidate the power lines onto the new transmission poles and remove the old poles. Boardmember Earnest seconded. All in favor.

INFORMATION

7. Coordination Reports (Oral)

- a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy- Craig Adams reported that the Conservancy is entering into agreements with the River Park to allocate the responsibilities and establish deadlines for any funding that they give the River Park. This system is in place due to the many projects being entered into to keep everything running smoothly.
- b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley- Jacqueline Winterer said that the 22 District Agricultural Association provided an opportunity for the River Park to have a booth at the Fair this year. This was the first time that the River Park was at the Fair and there were a number of volunteers spending time explaining the purpose of the River Park. A large map of the park was provided by the fairgrounds and the fairgoers were interested in small maps that they were able to take with them. Ms. Winterer said there were expenses that the Friends absorbed but she felt that the JPA Board should allocate funds for future fair attendance. She said that recognition should go to Becky Bartling who offered the booth and helped with the graphics. All volunteers were offered free tickets from the 22nd DAA and funds for parking from the Friends of the SDRV. Jacqueline recommended that the JPA Board plan to do the exhibit again next year. She said that she and JPA staff should sit down and debrief about what worked and what didn't work. She said that the JPA board would need to commit staff and find funds to continue. She said that she had committed a lot of time to the display this year, but will not be able to do that next year. Boardmember Earnest requested that the exhibit display discussion be scheduled for a future meeting.
- c. Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation- Martha Baker reported that this is the day the International Board of the Nature Conservancy is voting on the purchase of phase 1 Rutherford Ranch property. An appraisal came in lower than expected and environmental report came back with a notation of a diesel spill but overall there is a very positive addition of 200 acres for the Volcan Mountain Preserve.
- d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee- Freda Reid commended Jacqueline Winterer for her time spent at the fair booth this year. Ms. Reid said that the Lagoon Committee reviewed the NOP for the Master Plan issued by the 22 District Agricultural District and they sent a detailed comment letter addressing important issues. The Lagoon Committee also reviewed the Riverview EIR and the developer has agreed to put in a DG surface. Ms. Reid said there is a small part of the south parking area that is considered wetlands and there is interest in returning it to wetlands and have the overflow parking usage be addressed by the Coastal Commission.

8. Status Reports (Oral)

a. River Park Projects

i. "Day at the Races" August 30th

Deputy Director Carter said that the Day at the Races is an important fundraising event for the park and we encourage the Board to take measures to promote this event in their newsletters and fliers to their staff members. Tickets are available on our website www.sdrp.org.

9. Jurisdictional Status Reports

Boardmember Pryde asked about the Poseidon mitigation issue. Deputy Director Carter said that Edison is concerned that they might need this mitigation area for their own use in the future and they are not in favor of another mitigation project on the site, therefore these issues still need to be worked out. The Coastal Commission will be looking at the Poseidon mitigation site and will make a ruling at the August 3, 2008.

Chair Roberts said that the lagoon Boardwalk needs some additional work and a way to protect visitors from stray golf balls that are coming from the driving range in the area.

Chair Roberts adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

These minutes approved by Board Action

Date

Executive Director

