

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Minutes of July 21, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Grosch – Chair
Dwight Worden
Mark Kersey
Dianne Jacob
Jeff Barnouw

REPRESENTING

City of Poway
City of Del Mar
City of San Diego
County of San Diego
Citizens Advisory Committee

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kristen Gaspar – Vice Chair
Barbara Bry
Olga Diaz
Judy Hegenauer
Dustin Fuller

REPRESENTING

County of San Diego
City of San Diego
City of Escondido
City of Solana Beach
22 District Agricultural Association

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Wayne Brechtel
Kevin McKernan
Brenda Miller
John Barone
Jacqueline Winterer
Justin Garver
Bill Michalsky
Terry Kopanski
Bryan Ward
Steven Hadley
Dallas Pugh
Brad Bartlett
Shannon Ayala
Adam Wilson

JPA Counsel
San Dieguito River Park JPA
San Dieguito River Park JPA
City of San Diego
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
Boardmember Kersey's office
Sierra Club
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
JPA Ranger
Boardmember Bry's office
County of San Diego
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Davis Farr
Supervisor Jacob's office

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 invited everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes of May 19, 2017

Boardmember Barnouw made a motion to approve the minutes of May 19, 2017, Boardmember Worden seconded the motion.

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

Absent: Gaspar, Bry, Diaz, Hegenauer

Executive Director's Report- Executive Director McKernan introduced park ranger Bryan Ward. Bryan addressed the Board and stated he has been with the River Park for seven years. Bryan has a degree in Environmental Chemistry from UCSD. He enjoys working outside, assisting trail users, and is looking forward to building the Pamo Valley Trail. Bryan was asked what challenges he faces on a daily basis and answered rule violators at the San Dieguito Lagoon, i.e. Illegal fishing. 99% of the trail users are great.

Public Comment – No Public Comment

ACTION AGENDA

1. **Update on Fiscal Year 16/17 Budget Status**

Recommendation: Board acknowledge and file FY 16/17 year-end budget report

Executive Director McKernan reported the status of the Operating and Coastal budgets with a small budget deficit of \$6,093. The Operating budget reflects storm related expenses incurred and staff is submitting claims to FEMA for reimbursement of staff time and expenses. Unbudgeted donations of \$20,000 were received. The Coast budget is close to its target. Executive Director McKernan was asked if there were any areas in the budget that were of concern. There has not been a wage increase on the budget for several years and this should be looked at on the next year's budget. The Sikes Saturday Series brought attention to Sikes Adobe and some revenue. It was a good highlight. Off track betting came in higher than budgeted. A budget adjustment was made last year and a portion was used for employee benefits. Executive Director McKernan was asked to explain the Cash Balance Report of account balances held with the County of San Diego and it was determined that the Reserve Account funds were the only monies not committed. The JPA does not have a reserve policy. It was stated that the endowment accounts were not reflected on this report.

2. **Receive and File Third Party Auditor's Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2016**

Executive Director McKernan introduced Shannon Ayala from Davis Farr as the JPA's new auditor. The endowment funds were added into the financial statement this year. The JPA is in good shape. The value of land assets and pensions were discussed. The JPA does budget for the pension obligation bond repayment. The JPA does have insurance to cover the volunteers.

INFORMATION

3. **Project Status Updates**

a. **Founders Tribute**

Executive Director McKernan presented a report of the background, site, tribute criteria, list of founders, list of key roles, the artist team, and the artist concept for the Founders Tribute. The project is being done with funding from a County of San Diego Neighborhood Investment Program grant. The final design will be presented to the

Founders Tribute Committee, Interpretation Committee, Citizens Advisory Committee, and the JPA for approval. It will be completed by the end of this calendar year.

b. Pamo Valley Trail

Executive Director McKernan reported that staff has received all of the permits, the rangers are staking the area, and work will begin when the weather is a little cooler.

c. W19

Executive Director McKernan reported that letters are being written in response to the CEQA comments. Counsel Wayne Brechtel added that there will be coordination with Southern California Edison and that the comments received are standard for this type of project.

d. Coastal Ranger Station

Executive Director McKernan reported that last year the JPA was unsuccessful in getting bids within our budget. JPA staff has reworked the plans to phase the project. Staff is very close to obtaining the permits and will then go out to bid on phase one; the maintenance building and fenced yard area. The JPA was the victim of tool and equipment theft at the Lagoon storage trailer at the end of June. An insurance claim was filed and staff is in the process of replacing the tools and equipment. The funding for the Ranger Station will be from Southern California Edison, a grant from the Coastal Conservancy, donations, and possibly applying for a County Neighborhood Reinvestment Program grant.

4. Coordination Reports

- a. **San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy** – Brad Bartlett reported that Jess Norton is leaving the Conservancy to take a position at Washington State Parks. Two employees have been hired in her place; Jack Hughes, Conservation Manager and Ana Lutz, Education Manager. Mr. Bartlett continued to say congratulations for the ribbon cutting of the 22nd District Agricultural Association restoration project. The Conservancy has received a \$15,000 grant from REI and \$15,000 grant from the Wolk Nature Fund. The monies will be given to the City of Del Mar for preliminary work to be done on the third phase of the River Path Del Mar, one-half mile from the Grand Avenue Overlook to the trail head at Crest Canyon. Mr. Bartlett said the Conservancy is pleased to be working with the River Park to conduct a survey at the Osuna Valley location to determine the jurisdictions and where to plan the trail. He stated that he is pleased to have helped and is offering to continue to help on the Pamo Valley Trail segment. The Coast to Crest Trail Challenge has begun to get more visitors to the Park at the locations of Volcan Mountain, Clevenger Canyon, Bernardo Summit, Del Dios Gorge, and the San Dieguito Lagoon. The Conservancy also offers guided hikes at these trails. River Valley Fest will be held October 8 from 2 pm – 7 pm at Fairbanks Ranch Country Club. Boardmember Barnouw mentioned that there is a Del Mar City Picnic the same day.

- b. **Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley** – no report
c. **Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation** – no report

- d. **San Dieguito Lagoon Committee** –no report
 - e. **Friends of Sikes Adobe**- no report
5. **Jurisdictional Status Reports** – Boardmember Worden mentioned that the recent wetlands restoration done by the 22nd District Agricultural Association had been planned for many years and is approximately ten acres of salt marsh, including the relocation of the boardwalk and the Coast to Crest Trail.
6. **Communications** – No Communications
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 – 18390 Sycamore Creek Road, Poway, CA; Agency Negotiators – Kevin McKernan and D. Wayne Brechtel; Property Owner Negotiator – Blum
 - b. Closed session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) to evaluate the performance of Executive Director

The Board met in closed session for the items previously announced and approved entering into a purchase agreement for the Blum property for the sum of \$210,000, subject to final approval at a future Board meeting. The Board also reviewed the Executive Director's performance and appointed an adhoc committee of board members to look at the question of salaries for staff and Executive Director. No further reportable action was taken. As a follow-up, it came to the attention that the Board did not take action on agenda item 2 Receive and File Third Party Auditor's Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2016. Boardmember Kersey made the motion and Boardmember Worden seconded the motion.

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

Chair Grosch adjourned the meeting at 12:30 pm.

These minutes approved by Board Action

10/17/17
Date


Executive Director