

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Minutes of August 21, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dianne Jacob-Vice Chair
Dwight Worden-Alternate
Olga Diaz
Dave Grosch
Dave Zito
Tom Golich
Becky Bartling

REPRESENTING

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Don Mosier- Chair
Mark Kersey
Sherri Lightner
Dave Roberts

REPRESENTING

City of Del Mar
City of San Diego
City of San Diego
County of San Diego

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Wayne Brechtel
Kevin McKernan
Shawna Anderson
Brenda Miller
Trish Boaz
Jacqueline Winterer
Jeff Barnouw
Bill Michalsky
Terry Kopanski
Keith Corry
Adam Wilson
Cheryl Goddard

JPA Counsel
San Dieguito River Park JPA
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San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
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Sierra Club
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
Supervisor Dave Robert's Staff
Supervisor Jacob's Staff
San Diego County Parks

Introduction and Announcements

Vice -Chair Jacob convened the meeting at 11:04 a.m. in the County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302/303, San Diego, CA 92101

Approval of Minutes of June 19, 2015

Boardmember Golich made a motion to approve the minutes of June 19, 2015, Boardmember Zito seconded the motion. Yes votes: Jacob, Diaz, Grosch, Zito, Grosch.
Absent: Mosier, Kersey, Lightner, Roberts
Abstain: Alternate Worden

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director McKernan reported that he is becoming oriented with the River Park and is getting familiar with the budget and accounting processes. Executive Director McKernan showed a Powerpoint presentation on the recent items of interest at the River Park including events of the Boys and Girls Club at the Birdwing, the Peter Douglas Memorial event, REI Trails fundraising initiative, an emerging issue of a conservation easement violation, the opportunity of an application for a Pamo Valley River Parkways Program trail grant, made announcements of the addition of a button on the SDRP website to convert the website to the Spanish language and the Julian Film Festival August 22nd-23rd.

Public Comment- No public comment

ACTION AGENDA

1. Approval of Financial Transactions

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board authorize the Executive Director to carry out the following transactions:

- 1) ***Request close out of the following accounts held at the County Treasury: PIEDRAS(44630); Trail (44635); SDRV RV PKWY LAKE HODGES (44636); SDRV RV PKWY DEL DIOS (44637); FIRE RECOVERY (44638); EDUCATION (44640); LAND (44645); SDCF PERP TRAIL (44650); SAN DIEGUITO TRUCK REPL (44657)***
- 2) ***Request disbursement from Fidelity Long-Term Fund in the amount of \$200,000. The funds are to be deposited in the Fire Recovery Fund in an amount that brings its balance to \$0.00 (approx. \$35,236) and the remaining funds are to be deposited into Operating Fund.***
- 3) ***Future funds, up to \$200,000, received through the sale of mitigation credits will be deposited into the Fidelity Long-Term Fund or as directed by the Board.***
- 4) ***Transfer \$70,000 from the Reserve Fund to the Capital Projects Fund for planning, permitting, loan initiation, construction and loan payments related to the Coast Ranger Station.***
- 5) ***Close out the Trails Fund and transfer balance to Operating Fund.***

Executive Director McKernan gave some background and an update on the finances of the River Park. Executive Director McKernan also explained why some of the funds have negative balances for example doing capital projects that are paid later by grant reimbursement. The previous plan to deposit funds into the accounts to correct previous negative balances was to wait until funds come in from the sale of mitigation credits closer to the end of this calendar year. He explained that some accounts have zero or small balance and that he would like to transfer the balances in these funds to the operating fund and close the funds out. Executive Director McKernan continued to say that the JPA has two accounts at Fidelity Investments. One is for HMPs management funding and the other is more of a savings endowment account. Executive Director McKernan is requesting to withdraw \$200K from Fidelity Investments savings endowment account to deposit into the Fire Recover Fund and the Operating Fund at the County to solve the negative cash situation. The JPA is slightly under budget so far this year and he is comfortable that the budget will stay in line. Executive Director McKernan is requesting to transfer funds in the amount of \$70,000 for the Lagoon Ranger Station from the Reserve Fund to the more appropriate Capital Project Fund. Executive Director McKernan is also

seeking authorization to move the cash balance in the Trails Fund to the Operating Fund. More information is provided in the agenda packet.

Discussion of these agenda items consisted of the statement that the Truck Fund balance has always been zero. Current member agency funding has been timely and is ok at this time. Executive Director McKernan is proposing that we bill all member agencies once a year, at the beginning of the year. The annual dues payment change will be stated in the new JEPAs bylaws. There was some discussion regarding the amount of money that the City of San Diego did not pay in the past and the fact that we do not anticipate this amount being paid. Boardmember Grosch said this is sorrowful and Vice-Chair Jacob stated that the priority has been to get the City of San Diego back in the game and this has been accomplished. Executive Director McKernan stated that in the future, we hope that the Capital Projects will not put us into a negative fund balance situation and that these projects will be monitored closely. The Ranger Station capital project will get a loan and then pay for the loan with the Southern California Edison funds.

Alternate Worden made the motion to approve financial transactions 1-5 amending the motion to include seeking payment of member assessments once a year, at the beginning of the fiscal year, adding that Executive Director McKernan will communicate this change to all of the member agencies. The motion was seconded by Boardmember Golich.

Yes votes: Jacob, Worden, Golich, Diaz, Grosch, Zito

Absent: Mosier, Kersey, Lightner, Roberts

2. Update Re Budget

This agenda item was discussed under agenda item 1.

3. Update Re JEPAs Items

a. Review Draft Policy No. P15-01 Relating to P90-1 Requirement

Executive Director McKernan reported on JEPAs policy P90-01, including policy P14-1 and P96-2. Executive Director McKernan is proposing to restate and combine three policies into one policy named P15-01. Executive Director McKernan stated he is not looking for action at this time and asked the boardmembers to read the Draft Policy No. P15-01 paying specific attention to the strike through of the language showing the proposed changes and encouraged them to have their staff look at the document. Executive Director McKernan concluded that the board may be asked to take action at the next meeting.

b. Trails Management Plan Update

Executive Director McKernan met with the member agency working group and discussed an approach to creating the Trails Management Plan as part of the JEPAs. During the years that the San Dieguito River Park has been in existence formal and informal agreements regarding trails management have been made. The plan of creating a Trails Management Plan is to use the standard trail plan and apply this to the SDRP trails with a primary level of management, secondary level of management, providing support of the Cities and County trails system, and the third level of management for future trail projects. The River Park Staff is looking at an outline of a document for future presentation.

4. Discussion on Schedule for Future Meetings

Executive Director McKernan proposed a discussion of future meetings asking whether monthly or bi-monthly meetings are necessary. After discussion it was determined that monthly meetings should remain on the calendar until December 2015. If there is not enough business for a substantial meeting, the meeting may be cancelled.

INFORMATION

5. Park Project Status

a. Lagoon Ranger Station

Environmental Planner Shawna Anderson reported that all discretionary permits for the project have been received. The construction plans are ready to submit to the City for the building permit and a cost estimate is being prepared. The next step is to prepare for the bid process and securing building permits.

6. Coordination Reports

a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy

Executive Director Trish Boaz announced more exciting news about the REI Every Trail Connects promotion. Ms. Boaz said that REI was very impressed with the support for the San Dieguito River Park and called to say that they are donating an additional \$10,000 to the San Dieguito River Park for a total donation amount of \$43,000. The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy has received River Path Del Mar funds in the form of a \$20,000 grant from the Walter J and Betty C Zable Foundation, a possible grant in the amount of \$20,000 from the Parker Foundation and a possible grant from the Doe Family Trust in the amount of \$5,000. There will be a Rattlesnake class at the Birdwing on August 29, a full moon hike on September 27, and the annual River Valley Fest will be held October 11 at Morgan Run Resort. There are several restoration projects in process. Coming up this Sunday on iHeart radio is an interview by Cliff Albert about the River Park. It is a 30 minute interview with Trish Boaz and Kevin McKernan that will air on iHeart radio stations from 6 A.M. to 6 P.M.

b. Friends of San Dieguito River Valley

Jacqueline Winterer reported on some activity at the South East corner of the intersection at El Camino Real and Via de la Valle. Ms. Winterer reported that the Polo Fields lease expired in 2012 and the City of San Diego has issued request for proposals. The Friends of San Dieguito River Valley is monitoring the responses and will be commenting on projects in reference to parking and event duration issues. The Rancho Del Mar project is planned for 264 units, and is only zoned for 4 units.

c. Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation – No Report

d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee – No Report

7. Jurisdictional Status Reports

Becky Bartling reported that in the Polo grounds request for proposal the new owner will be responsible to complete the trail. Ms. Bartling also reported that the restoration of the South Overflow Lot will begin December 2015 or January 2016.

Supervisor Jacob reported that the Santa Ysabel Nature Center is moving forward.

Dwight Worden reported that the Del Mar River Path is in process.

8. Communications – No Communications

9. Adjourn to Closed Session

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel to discuss liability claim pursuant to California Government Code Sec. 54956.9(d)(2): City of San Diego Fee Dispute

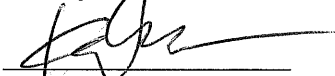
Counsel Wayne Brechtel announced that no reportable action was taken during the Closed Session.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 18, 2015.

Vice-Chair Jacob adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

These minutes approved by Board Action

9/18/15
Date


Executive Director