

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Minutes of September 15, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Barbara Bry
Mark Kersey
Judy Hegenauer

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Wayne Brechtel
Kevin McKernan
Shawna Anderson
Brenda Miller
John Barone
Tori Floyd
Jacqueline Winterer
Dallas Pugh
Jack Hughes
Trish Boaz
Steve Hadley
Ana Lutz
Ed Spaeth

REPRESENTING

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

REPRESENTING

City of San Diego
City of San Diego
City of Solana Beach

JPA Counsel
San Dieguito River Park JPA
San Dieguito River Park JPA
San Dieguito River Park JPA
City of San Diego
Supervisor Jacob Staff
Friends of the San Dieguito Lagoon
San Diego County Parks Department
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Councilwoman Bry Staff
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
San Diego County Parks & Recreation Committee

Introduction and Announcements

Chair Grosch convened the meeting at 11:05 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 July 21, 2017

Boardmember Diaz made a motion to approve the minutes of July 21, 2017, Boardmember Worden seconded the motion.

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

Executive Director's Report-

Executive Director McKernan reported that the JPA staff is preparing to begin work on the Pamo Valley Trail. Director McKernan presented a snapshot update as of August 31 of budgets, cash balances, projects, and endowment funds to each board member.

Public Comment - No public comment.

Vice-Chair Gaspar arrived at the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

ACTION AGENDA

1. **Adopt Resolution No. 17-01 Approving the Purchase of the Blum Property for Park and Open Space Purposes**
Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 17-01 Approving the Purchase of the Blum Property for Park and Open Space Purposes.

Executive Director McKernan presented the agenda item reporting that this acquisition has been brought to the board two times; to approve the concept and to approve the terms of the purchase. Escrow has been opened, due diligence has been performed, the title report has been reviewed, and the City of Poway confirmed that the property could be developed. The main road easement is in favor of the JPA. The City of Poway authorized purchase of property within the City of Poway. The property appraisal is higher than the purchase price and the purchase price is the amount that property taxes have been paid on. The funding is in place and the loan terms have been discussed. The loan will be paid off through fundraising, grants, or selling habitat credits. The notice of purchase was published in a local newspaper for three weeks and no comments were received. The Citizens Advisory Committee endorsed the purchase at their September 8, 2017 meeting. The Board briefly discussed future requirements of the property and expressed their appreciation to Director McKernan for this accomplishment.

Boardmember Worden made the motion to approve Resolution No. 17-01 of the Board of Directors of the San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park Joint Powers Authority approving the purchase of the Blum property for park and open space purposes. Vice-Chair Gaspar seconded the motion.

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

2. **Approve San Diego Zoo Safari Park Membership in Citizens Advisory Committee**
Recommendation: Approve San Diego Zoo Safari Park Membership in Citizens Advisory Committee

Boardmember Barnouw reported that at the September 8, 2017 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting the members voted unanimously in favor of the San Diego Zoo Safari Park becoming a Citizens Advisory Committee member. Safari Park Director McClure will retire in a few months and his successor will then become the representative.

Boardmember Barnouw made the motion to approve the San Diego Zoo Safari Park membership in the Citizens Advisory Committee. Vice-Chair Gaspar seconded the motion.

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

Absent: Bry, Hegenauer, Kersey

INFORMATION

3. Project Status Updates

a. Founders Tribute

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that she, Susan Carter, and Leana Bulay will be going to the artist's studio to work with artists on the design. JPA staff is also working with the videographer, Francine Filsinger.

b. Pamo Valley Trail

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the JPA staff is very excited to begin this project Tuesday, September 19. Staff has been working with John Barone and the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department.

c. Coast Ranger Station

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that JPA staff is continuing to work with City of San Diego to get the final building permit. There is a potential that some drilling may be necessary. The intention is to phase the building however staff is attempting to get a permit for the entire project, phases one and two. The plan is to get bids for phase one with design to finish the building to stand alone, until phase two is ready to build. JPA staff will set the budget for the project. The budget target for phase one is \$500,000 and will request design – build bid.

4. Coordination Reports

a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy – Trish Boaz introduced Jack Hughes, Conservation Manager and new Education Manager, Ana Lutz. Ms. Boaz asked the Board to enter “KFMB.upickem.net” into a browser to vote for Conservancy in the 2017 Eco Ambassador. The winner of the 2017 Eco Ambassador challenge will win \$20,000. Voters can vote once per day from every device and the voting will end September 19. Ms. Boaz also mentioned the Coast to Crest Challenge with several people taking selfies at the five iconic places in the River Park. A montage of the photos will be shared at the River Valley Fest October 8th. Ms. Boaz gave invitations to all the board members. Aaron Chang's photos of Lake Hodges and other places in the River Park are on display at Sharp Hospital. Ms. Boaz reported that the Coastal Cleanup Day will be Saturday, September 16. The Conservancy along with the River Park staff, I Love a Clean San Diego, and the 22nd District Agricultural Association have many cleanup activities planned at the San Dieguito Lagoon.

- b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley – Jacqueline Winterer – 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 introduced the topic of the Coast to Crest Trail and horses on the beach. Boardmember Worden presented an overview of a concept plan which has already been presented to the Del Mar city council. Boardmember Worden stated the JPA Master Plan and Concept Plan (which stops at I-5), the Reach the Beach Feasibility Study have all been reviewed. The California Coastal Commission permits require that horses turn around at I-5. The concept is to have a trail from the I-5 freeway to the railroad tracks along the south side of the fairgrounds, with a turnaround for use by pedestrians, bicycles, and horses. At the time when the double track and seasonal platform projects begin, add a trail segment on the south side of the river for use by pedestrians and bicycles, not horses. Allow horse owners to trailer in horses at selected times of the year, on selected days and hours to provide equestrian beach access at Del Mar Dog Beach and implement a volunteer program to clean up after the horses on the beach. Vice-Chair Gaspar and Boardmember Jacob both thanked Boardmember Worden for his leadership and work on this subject. Boardmember Fuller mentioned the KAABOO music festival, the wetland restoration project will be planted in September and October, and thanked Boardmember Worden for taking the lead on the topic of the Coast to Crest Trail reaching the beach. Boardmember Barnouw reported that the Citizens Advisory Committee discussed climate change and sea level rise at their September meeting and that Nicole Capretz and Bill Powers from the Climate Action Campaign will be invited at a future CAC meeting. The topic came from the issue of the gas pipeline project that will be going under one of the River Park Trails in Escondido and the PRC is reviewing the pipeline project. Boardmember Jacob mentioned that care should be taken to keep the focus on the Coast to Crest Trail. The County will select a design/build team to build the Santa Ysabel Nature Center by the first months of 2018. The County has applied for a grant to work on the 86 acres of outdoor space of the project. Chair Grosch reported that Chair Grosch and Boardmember Worden met with Executive Director McKernan to discuss processes and the results will be reported at a future meeting. Executive Director McKernan reported on the I Love A Clean San Diego event to be held Saturday, September 16, beginning at 9 A.M. and ending with pizza at noon.
6. Communications – No communications.

Chair Grosch adjourned the meeting at 11:42 p.m. in honor of Wolfgang Berger, a long-time park supporter who recently passed away.

These minutes approved by Board Action

1/19/2018
Date


Executive Director