

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Minutes of September 16, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dianne Jacob – Chair
Dave Grosch – Vice-Chair
Don Mosier
Dave Roberts
Dave Zito
Jeff Barnouw
Olga Diaz

REPRESENTING

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mark Kersey
Sherri Lightner
Dustin Fuller

REPRESENTING

City of San Diego
City of San Diego
22 District Agricultural Association

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Wayne Brechtel
Kevin McKernan
Shawna Anderson
Brenda Miller
Ann Gardner
Ed Greene
Leana Bulay
Allison Sharpe
Maggie Brown
Adam Wilson
Keith Corry
Deborah Mosley
Trish Boaz

JPA Counsel
San Dieguito River Park JPA
San Dieguito River Park JPA
San Dieguito River Park JPA
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
River Park Staff
River Park Intern
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
Supervisor Jacob Staff
Supervisor Roberts Staff
County of San Diego
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy

Introduction and Announcements

Chair Jacob convened the meeting at 11:01 a.m. in the County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302/303, San Diego, CA 92101

Approval of Minutes of July 15, 2016

Boardmember Roberts made the motion to approve the minutes of July 15, 2016. Vice-Chair Grosch seconded the motion.

Yes Votes: Jacob, Grosch, Roberts, Barnouw, Mosier, Zito

Absent: Diaz, Kersey, Lightner

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director McKernan said thank you to the Friends of Sikes Adobe for donating \$20,000 to the San Dieguito River Park. The funds will be used to pay for a portion of a new portable restroom facility that the Sikes Adobe docents, River Park staff and the Friends of Sikes Adobe have purchased. The restroom

facility will be located at Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead and used for Sikes events. It may also be moved to other locations in the park for events if needed. Sikes will hold a Sikes Saturday Series of events during the months of January – April 2017. This is possible thanks to a Community Enhancement grant from the County of San Diego. Thank you to Supervisor Roberts for the recommendation. The series will consist of 40 programs that are intended to bring awareness to the River Park and partner organizations. The Akin Family Trust donated \$110,000.00 to the San Dieguito River Park. Executive Director McKernan showed a copy of the Coast to Cactus Book, a hiking guide for San Diego County, written by the Canyoneers group from the Natural History Museum. The Canyoneers worked very closely with River Park staff when writing about the San Dieguito River Park trails in the book and the book is highly recommended. Lastly Director McKernan reported on the lawsuit filed against the City of San Diego regarding the Polo Field lease to Surf Cup Sports. Surf Cup Sports said that discussions regarding the trail at the Polo Fields are on hold until the lawsuit is resolved.

Public Comment – No Public Comment

ACTION AGENDA

1. Approve Allocation of FY 15/16 Carryover to FY 16/17 Budget

Recommend Board approval of proposed FY 16/17 budget adjustment

Executive Director McKernan explained that the San Dieguito River Park JPA had a carryover of 3% surplus from the FY 15/16 budget. Executive Director McKernan is asking the board to consider allocating the surplus to increase the 2017 flex credit (health benefit) for River Park staff, match the Friends of Sikes Adobe donation in the amount of \$11,425, and increase the consulting budget line for ongoing projects this FY 16/17, including Pamo Valley, Horsepark trail and Sycamore Preserve. Boardmember Diaz arrived to the meeting during the discussion at 11:12 am. The topic of the portable restroom facility at Sikes was presented at the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting September 2, 2016. The board discussed taking this topic to the CAC or to the Budget Sub Committee for discussion. The operating fund remaining balance at the end of FY 15/16 was \$147,000 and could be referred to as a reserve. Chair Jacob asked that in the future, items regarding the budget, procedurally should go to the CAC or the Budget Sub Committee first.

Boardmember Zito made the motion to approve the allocation of the proposed FY 16/17 budget adjustment. Boardmember Diaz seconded the motion.

Yes Votes: Jacob, Grosch, Roberts, Barnouw, Mosier, Zito, Diaz

Absent: Kersey, Lightner

2. Discuss Akin Family Trust Donation

Discuss recommendations for \$110,000 donation from the Akin Family Trust

Executive Director McKernan reported that Royal and Perla Akin were supporters of the San Dieguito River Park and included the River Park in their trust. A donation in the amount of \$110,000 was received in August 2016. An additional small residual amount will be disbursed in the future. Executive Director McKernan shared recommendations of how the funds could be used: to augment current Coast Ranger Station funding, pay for the trail bridge/repair at Horsepark, or make a partial repayment to the Fidelity Long-Term Growth account. There was a discussion on creating a reserve policy for the future and if there was a repayment plan for the money borrowed from the Fidelity account. Executive Director McKernan

stated he welcomed the idea of a reserve policy drafted by the Budget Sub Committee and that there is no current repayment plan for the Fidelity money. He also stated there was no donor intent for the Akin Trust donation and the board agreed that there was no rush to allocate the funds at this time.

Boardmember Mosier made the motion to refer this item to the Budget Sub Committee and the Citizens Advisory Committee for review and recommendation. Boardmember Barnouw seconded the motion.

Yes Votes: Jacob, Grosch, Roberts, Barnouw, Mosier, Zito, Diaz

Absent: Kersey, Lightner

3. Discuss Status Update and Recommendations for Construction of Coast Ranger Station

Executive Director McKernan reported that the board approved the financing plan for the Coast Ranger Station for construction costs of \$550,000 to \$600,000. The two bids received were \$1.5 million and \$1.6 million. The two bids were rejected. The proposed next steps are to get a construction cost estimate, to provide a construction budget amount of \$750,000, and continue to seek a loan in the amount of \$500,000. The loan terms would require board approval. A discussion was held on the reason for the high bids. Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that staff has had several conversations with a cost estimator and the materials of cladding, elevated concrete slab and the wall siding were all high priced. A formal cost estimate is necessary to determine if the material costs are unusually high. A discussion was held about using volunteers for landscaping. Chair Jacob suggested moving forward with recommendation one (obtain a construction cost estimate) and bring the results to the board along with the drawings and a complete presentation of the project to the next meeting. The request was made to contact a value engineer to help with the cost estimate.

Boardmember Mosier made the motion to move forward with the cost estimate and a value engineering report and bring to the next board meeting. Boardmember Zito seconded the motion.

Yes Votes: Jacob, Grosch, Roberts, Barnouw, Mosier, Zito, Diaz

Absent: Kersey, Lightner

CONSENT

Executive Director McKernan asked the board for approval to remove agenda item # 7 from the Consent Agenda.

4. Authorize Executive Director McKernan to Accept Sewer Easement Agreement for the Coast Ranger Station
5. Approve Resolution R16-2 Amending Conflict of Interest Code of the San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park Joint Powers Authority
6. Authorize Executive Director McKernan to Conduct Business with Fidelity Investments

Boardmember Diaz made the motion to approve Consent Agenda items 4, 5 and 6. Boardmember Zito seconded the motion.

Yes Votes: Jacob, Grosch, Roberts, Barnouw, Mosier, Zito, Diaz
Absent: Kersey, Lightner

INFORMATION

8. Project Status Updates

a. Horsepark Trail Repair

Executive Director McKernan provided some options at the previous board meeting. A new bridge source was found that is less expensive than the railroad flatcar, at \$90,000 for a longer one piece bridge, and is manufactured in San Diego County. The pilings are \$2,000 each. The bridge provider and piling company require a soils report, estimated to cost \$19,000. The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy has been asked to fund the engineer to do the soil borings. The Coastal Commission in favor of the bridge idea and has asked staff to speak to the 22nd Agricultural District about re-routing the trail. Executive Director McKernan will contact the 22nd District Agricultural Association Board regarding this matter.

b. Pamo Valley Trail

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the details are being finalized for permitting of the Pamo Valley Trail and the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy has been asked to help fund the permit amounts. The process is being continued with the City of San Diego Public Utilities for the right of entry. The City has been great to work with. The grant paperwork has not been finalized however there is no start date at this time.

9. Coordination Reports (oral)

a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy - Trish Boaz reported that the Conservancy is considering the requests of \$19,000 for the Horsepark Trail geotechnical report and \$26,000 for Pamo Valley permits at the SDRVC board meeting next Wednesday. SDRVC board member Greg Roberson is a value engineer and willing to help with the Coast Ranger Station cost estimate. Executive Director McKernan stated that the building specifications have been provided to Mr. Roberson. Ms. Boaz stated that the I Love A Clean San Diego event will be held Saturday, September 17 and many organizations will be hosting activities at the lagoon as well as the River Path Del Mar, Crest Canyon and Gonzalez Canyon. Over 200 participants are expected. A full moon hike will be held at Lake Hodges Saturday evening at 7:00 pm, meeting at the trail head across from Hernandez Hideaway. The River Valley Fest will be held October 9 at the Fairbanks Ranch Country Club, celebrating 30 years of the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy.

b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley- Ann Gardner reported that the lawsuit that the Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley filed against the City of San Diego for the Polo Fields lease to Surf Cup Sports was filed because of inadequate environmental review. The judge is Timothy Taylor and they are in the process of attempting to work out an agreement.

c. Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation – No report

d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee – Jeff Barnouw reported that the boardwalk was taken apart last Friday. The trail has been re-routed to Jimmy Durante Blvd. The restoration of the South Overflow Lot will begin October 16th.

10. Jurisdictional Status Reports

Boardmember Roberts mentioned that Jacqueline Winterer's husband, Jerry Winterer passed away at home in Del Mar, August 30th. Jerry was a famed geologist and was 91 years old. Yolanda Fleet, daughter of Ruben H Fleet passed away, leaving a 4 or 5 acre property with a colonial house to four charities. This property may be a great property for the San Dieguito River Park to purchase in the future. The property is located on a contamination site.

11. Communications – No communications

The next meeting will be held Oct. 21 2016 at 11:00 A.M.

Chair Jacob asked the Executive Director to contact the City of San Diego representative to find out if there is a better meeting time and to brief the new San Diego District 1 representative on the River Park.

Chair Jacob adjourned the meeting at 12:09 P.M.

These minutes approved by Board Action

12/2/16
Date


Executive Director