

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
Minutes of September 18, 2015**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Don Mosier - Chair  
Dianne Jacob – Vice Chair  
Dave Grosch  
Dave Roberts  
Dave Zito  
Tom Golich

**REPRESENTING**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Olga Diaz  
Sherri Lightner  
Mark Kersey  
Becky Bartling

**REPRESENTING**

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

**VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT**

Wayne Brechtel	JPA Counsel
Kevin McKernan	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Shawna Anderson	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Brenda Miller	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Bill Michalsky	Sierra Club
Terry Kopanski	Del Mar Lagoon Committee
Jacqueline Winterer	Friends of the San Dieguito Lagoon
Trish Boaz	San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Melanie Tylke	San Diego County Parks and Recreation Department
Keith Corry	Supervisor Roberts Staff

**Introduction and Announcements**

Chair Mosier convened the meeting at 11:02 a.m. in the County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302/303, San Diego, CA 92101

**Approval of Minutes of**

Boardmember Golich made a motion to approve the minutes of August 21, 2015, Boardmember Grosch seconded the motion.

Yes Votes: Jacob, Roberts, Golich, Grosch, Zito

Abstain: Mosier

Absent: Diaz, Kersey, Lightner

**Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director McKernan showed a PowerPoint presentation of the REI hike from the Bernardo Staging Area to Sikes Adobe, SDRP Rangers participating at the Julian Film Festival, the Watershed Explorer Program, and working with the Rancho Santa Fe Association regarding a trail easement with the help of the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy.

**Public Comment**-No Public Comment

**ACTION AGENDA**

1. Approve Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park Joint Powers Authority For Application of Grant Funds for the California River Parkways Grant Program.

Executive Director McKernan presented the item. This action is regarding a section of the Coast to Crest Trail near Ramona, the Pamo Valley Trail. A lot of planning has already been done and it is in the permitting process with the City of San Diego. The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy has generously supported the planning efforts. A grant application has been submitted to the California River Parkways Grant Program. Staff is requesting approval of a resolution by the Board that is required for the grant. The total cost of the project is estimated to cost \$401,340. The grant amount requested in the application is \$285,140. REI is providing matching funds in the amount of \$43,000. The notice of award for this grant may take up to one year. The three mile trail will connect the Lower and Upper Santa Ysabel Truck Trails creating a twelve mile contiguous section of trail.

Boardmember Zito made the motion to approve the resolution. Boardmember Golich seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Mosier, Jacob, Roberts, Golich, Grosch, Zito

Absent: Diaz, Kersey, Lighner

2. Adopt Policy No. P15-01 San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park Joint Powers Authority Board and Staff Communications Related to Land Use Projects.

Executive Director McKernan presented the draft Policy No P15-01 which was brought before this board at the August 21, 2015 meeting. Policy No P15-01 combines existing JPA Board Policies P90-1 and P-14-01, includes P96-2 and restates the policies into one policy. This policy is a requirement of the new JEPA agreement. This policy has been presented to the CAC, JPA, PRC and various Boardmember's staff. The CAC voted and approved P15-01 with the corrections as written.

Boardmember Golich made the motion to approve the document as outlined. Boardmember Roberts seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Mosier, Jacob, Roberts, Golich, Grosch, Zito

Absent: Diaz, Kersey, Lightner

### INFORMATION

#### 3. Review of Interim Directive Regarding Interpretive Features and Programming.

Executive Director McKernan reported that staff has come to the Executive Director looking for guidance or a policy on the subject of Interpretive Features and Programming. Volunteers and committee members proposing to lead hikes and talks within the San Dieguito River Park are asking for JPA endorsement of the activity. In reviewing the current policies, the Executive Director did not find a policy regarding these requests. The Executive Director has created this directive for staff to follow as an interim policy. The JPA staff is in support of this interim directive and will be writing the final policy. This item is for Board review and information only. Boardmember Golich said the item was reviewed and discussed at the CAC meeting and the CAC is in support.

#### 4. Park Project Status (oral)

##### a. Lagoon Ranger Station

Environmental Planner Shawna Anderson reported that staff is continuing to work with the architect and engineer team to submit the building documents the City of San Diego in early November. Executive Director McKernan said he is working on securing bridge loan funding and is researching with iBank to see if the JPA is eligible for loan funding with a 2 % or lower interest rate.

##### b. Osuna Valley Bridge Feasibility Study

Environmental Planner Shawna Anderson reported on the Osuna Valley Trail Bridge Feasibility Study that was completed last month by the Kleinfelder environmental consulting team. The results were presented to CAC on September 11, 2015. The study objective was to determine river crossing and bridge alternatives to continue the Coast to Crest Trail east of the Polo Fields to San Dieguito Road. The project area is downstream from the existing Morgan Run golf cart bridge. The report presents three options. The preferred location is the southernmost crossing with a 150 foot span and the preferred bridge type is the steel truss. Access and bridge construction will be easier at this location. The cost to design and construct the bridge is \$1.12 million. Ms. Anderson said thank you to the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy for funding this study.

#### 5. Coordination Reports (oral)

##### a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy

Executive Director Trish Boaz reported that there will be a REI National Lands Day clean up September 26 at the River Path Del Mar, a full moon hike at the San Dieguito Lagoon on September 27 and the River Valley Fest on October 11. Ms. Boaz reported that the River Path Del Mar has been approved by the Coastal Commission and is moving forward. The San Diego County grant of \$150,000 has been fully matched by the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy supporters and foundations. Ms. Boaz stated that the newsletter for the fall has been sent out and several grants are highlighted. Ms. Boaz stated that the

Conservancy is helping the JPA complete some trail connections such as funding the Rancho Santa Fe Easement Survey for \$15,000 and Pamo Valley Trail expenses of up to \$20,000.

- b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley – No Report
- c. Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation – No Report
- d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee

Terry Kopanski reported that with the Coastal Development Permit for the River Path Del Mar plans are to start grading in October or November and have a ribbon cutting in January.

6. Jurisdictional Status Reports

Chairman Mosier reported that the City of Del Mar has a short work window to complete the River Path project and that they are anxious to secure the balance of funds in the amount of \$120,000.

Vice-Chair Jacob reported that the Santa Ysabel Nature Preserve Center partners met to discuss the program and what opportunities are available in the area for hiking and horseback riding.

7. Communications – No Communications

8. 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


The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 11: 40 a.m. Counsel Brechtel announced that no reportable action was taken during the Closed Session.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 16, 2015.

Chair Mosier adjourned the meeting at 12: 06 p.m.

These minutes approved by Board Action

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Date

  
Executive Director