

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Minutes of November 1, 2013**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Cunningham - Chair
Lesa Heebner – Vice Chair
Don Mosier
Olga Diaz
Dave Roberts
Becky Bartling

REPRESENTING

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

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Wayne Brechtel
Dick Bobertz
Susan Carter
Shawna Anderson
Bill Michalski
Dave Grubb
Pam Slater-Price
Sara Wan
Cheryl Goddard

JPA Counsel
San Dieguito River Park JPA
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Sierra Club
Sierra Club
Del Mar Resident
Coastal Consultant
County Parks and Rec.

Introduction and Announcements

Chair Cunningham convened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the SANDAG Office, Conference Room 8A.

Approval of Minutes of October 18, 2013

Boardmember Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of October 18, 2013. Boardmember Mosier seconded the motion. All in favor

Executive Director's Report- The revised JPA agreement was approved by the County of San Diego on October 23rd, and will be going to the City of Poway on November 19 and Escondido November 20th. At the City of San Diego, the agreement will be reviewed by the Natural Resource & Culture Committee and has not been scheduled for action.

Public Comment- None

ACTION AGENDA

1. Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Accept the 54.1 Acre Via de la Valle Property from Southern California Edison

Recommendation: Adopt attached resolution authorizing the Executive Director to Accept the 54.1 Acre Via de la Valle Property from Southern California Edison.

Executive Director Bobertz explained that in October 1998 the JPA Board approved a three-way Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Southern California Edison (SCE) and the City of San Diego. In the MOA, SCE agreed to provide the JPA with title to the “Villages” property (the 54.1 acre site south of Via de la Valle, which was subsequently used as disposal site DS 32) upon successful completion of the wetlands restoration project. In recognition that this site would ultimately be transferred to the JPA, this is the site where the Lagoon Center, Open Air Classroom and Ranger Activity Building are proposed to be located. In compliance with the MOA, SCE has completed the paperwork to transfer the parcels (APN 298-300-46 and APN 298-300-51) to the JPA. Adopting today’s resolution allows the County to record the transfer. Motion to approve: Olga Diaz, 2nd Dave Roberts, all in favor.

2. 22nd District Agricultural Association Coastal Development Permit Application

Recommendation: Adopt attached resolution and authorize the Chair to appoint a representative to present the JPA’s position at the November 11 Coastal Commission hearing.

Chair Cunningham apologized that at the last meeting he had not made sure that the motion was clear and that it was understood who would represent the JPA with the DAA and at the CCC hearing. He said he intended to avoid that situation at this meeting. He asked Mr. Bobertz to explain the proposed resolution, then take comments from the public, then discussion by the Board.

Executive Director Bobertz explained that following the JPA Board’s October 18th meeting, a meeting with 22nd DAA staff and the Board Chairman was held. The meeting resulted in a potential compromise that would include a Conservation Easement granted to the JPA to be put on Area 3 of the East Overflow Lot (EOL). However, the JPA Board’s previous position of a 5-10 year phase out of parking on the EOL Area 3 was not accepted. Both sides agreed to consider alternatives.

Mr. Bobertz said that staff has prepared an additional compromise for the Board’s consideration, which would gradually phase out use of the EOL Area 3 within a specific time frame. He asked Shawna Anderson to explain the points in the proposed compromise. She said that the basic concept was the same as that adopted by the JPA at the October 18th meeting, except that the proposed resolution includes language that provides for a phased reduction in usage of the EOL Area 3 over a defined time period.

The proposed resolution stated, “Within 12 months of CDP issuance, the DAA will submit to the Coastal Commission a phasing and parking management plan to relinquish EOL Area 3 over a defined time period as replacement parking strategies identified in the DAA’s CDP and parking plan are implemented to replace parking on the South Overflow Lot (600 spaces) and Area 3 of the East Overflow Lot (1,400 spaces). Independent of accomplishing the specific replacement parking conditions under the CDP, the buffer fence along the southern edge of the EOL will be moved northward by 150 feet every three years and the DAA will cease use of that portion of Area 3, with the goal to permanently preserve EOL Area 3.”

Board members Don Mosier and Lesa Heebner said they have been working on another compromise which they had submitted to staff for inclusion in the agenda package for the JPA Board's consideration. Board member Heebner said that she had concerns about how and when parking at the fairgrounds is eliminated because the cars could end up parking along neighborhood streets in Del Mar and Solana Beach. She said that she and Board member Mosier had worked with DAA Board member Dave Watson to come up with an acceptable compromise. Their compromise would give the DAA 10 years to eliminate parking on the EOL Area 3, with a two year extension if they had not been able to eliminate parking at the end of the ten years. If after 12 years they still needed to park on EOL Area 3, the DAA would return to the Coastal Commission for additional consideration of their then-existing parking needs.

Chair Cunningham asked for public comment.

Former Supervisor Slater-Price spoke in favor of the staff recommendation, as did Jacqueline Winterer. David Grubb from the Sierra Club said that the Sierra Club would be looking closely at how the Coastal Act is implemented when the Coastal Commission takes action on this item, because the Coastal Act is very clear about its protections for coastal wetlands. He said that he felt that the staff recommendation was a good compromise.

Board member Roberts moved approval of the staff recommendation. Board member Diaz seconded. Vote: 4 in favor, 2 opposed (Mosier and Heebner).

It was agreed that Executive Director Bobertz would meet with the DAA to discuss the JPA's proposed compromise before the November 13th Coastal Commission meeting, and to present the JPA's position to the Coastal Commission.

Chair Cunningham adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

These minutes approved by Board Action

Date

Executive Director