

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Minutes of November 20, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

REPRESENTING

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sherri Lightner
Mark Kersey
Becky Bartling

REPRESENTING

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	San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
Jeff Barnouw	Friends of the San Dieguito Lagoon
Keith Corry	Supervisor Roberts Staff
Nate Northup	San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Trish Boaz	San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy

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 Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of September 18, 2015. Boardmember Grosch seconded the motion.

Yes Votes: Mosier, Roberts, Golich, Diaz, Grosch, Zito

Absent: Jacob, Kersey, Lightner

Vice-Chair Jacob arrived to the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director McKernan reported that Anne Cooper the Sikes Adobe Museum Manager has left the JPA and taken a position with a museum in Northern CA. Time is being taken to reevaluate the Sikes position and staff is looking for the best way to integrate the position into the education, interpretation and outreach program. Sikes is being used for the Sunday Farmers Market and tours are being led by the docents. Interim duties are being done by SDRP Interpretive and Outreach Ranger, Leana Bulay. There are also onsite residents that oversee the property. Staff is asking for support and input from the board members. Executive Director McKernan presented an overview of the draft Trails Management Plan and Management Standards document being created as a requirement of the JEPA agreement. The plan is approximately 50 pages and should be finished early next year. Executive Director McKernan provided an update on the Fenton North Mitigation Credit Sale to SDG&E with San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, the landowner, and San Dieguito River Park owning the easement. There has been a change at the Regional Water Board regarding allowing mitigation credits for wetlands properties similar to the property in this proposal. This property will not be accepted under the new criteria. SDG&E has rejected the proposal and will not complete the purchase. The property is the old Fenton Ranch in San Pasqual Valley.

Public Comment – No public comment.

ACTION AGENDA

1. Approve and File FY 15/16 First Quarter Budget Status

RECOMMENDATION:

Board action to approve and file FY15/16 first quarter budget report

Executive Director McKernan presented the first quarter budget, showing that he had consolidated the income and expense groups for easier reading. The total budget lines were included in the agenda packet. Executive Director McKernan explained how moving to a once a year member assessment has changed the cash position as well as having endowments for all of the Habitat Management Plans and the transfer of \$200,000 from the Fidelity Investment Account to the Operating Fund. The report included the overall Operating Budget, Coast Budget, Comparison to FY 14/15 and FY 15/16, 1st Quarter Recap of staff hours spent in each jurisdiction, and the remaining cash balance of all funds as of November 2, 2015. There was a discussion regarding the staff time spent in each jurisdiction report.

Boardmember Roberts made the motion to approve and file the FY 15/16 First Quarter Budget Report. Boardmember Diaz seconded the motion.

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

Absent: Kersey, Lightner

2. Appoint Nominating Committee for Next Year's Chair, Vice-Chair & committees

Boardmember Golich mentioned that it is the responsibility of the CAC chair to head the nominating committee. It was determined that the 2016 Chairperson will be current Vice-Chair, Jacob. Boardmember Golich proposed that the committees will remain the same. The slate of officers for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions as well as the committee members will be proposed at the next meeting.

3. Review and Approval of JPA Comments on El Camino Real Bridge/Road Widening Project Recirculated Draft EIR

RECOMMENDATION:

Direct staff to send attached comment letter in response to the El Camino Real Bridge/Road Widening Project Recirculated Draft EIR

Environmental Planner Anderson presented the Recirculated Draft EIR and mentioned that the public comment period ended November 9. Executive Director McKernan advised staff to submit the letter after receiving board approval even though it will be past the deadline and staff is hopeful that the City staff will acknowledge the JPA's comment letter. Ms. Anderson stated that many things remain the same in this version of the Draft EIR stating that the Eastern Alignment is the same and is the preferred alignment. The big issue regarding the El Camino Real project is that it stands in the way of the Coast to Crest Trail as El Camino Real is a gap in the trail. When the new bridge is built it will have an undercrossing allowing for the connection on both sides to the Coast to Crest Trail. All of the bridge alternatives allow for a cantilever on the west end of the bridge for equestrians to cross from Gonzalez Canyon to the Coast to Crest Trail. The city funding will not cover the cost of the cantilever however it is noted in the EIR that if funds can be raised at a later date, the cantilever could be installed at that time. There is a mitigation area planned west of the project at the W-19 restoration area location. The Clapper Rail bird habitat is impacted by this project. The changes since the original EIR are that this board considered the option of taking ownership of the El Camino Bridge and took action not to take ownership. The old bridge will be removed. The other alternative added in the Recirculated Draft EIR will be the possible addition of roundabouts at San Dieguito Road, the entrance to Horsepark, Via de la Valle, and Via de la Valle at East El Camino Real. It was stated that roundabouts operate well however they take up more land area and were not selected in the preferred alternative and the benefits of roundabouts were not discussed in the new EIR. The Clapper Rail habitat issue is unresolved in the EIR and it is not clear if the resource agencies are satisfied with the resolution for the Clapper Rail habitat in the EIR. Unfortunately not much is known about the Clapper Rail behavior. After the CAC meeting staff added comment number 2 "roundabouts" to the original letter. The draft letter in this agenda packet is the updated version. Boardmember Golich quoted Dr. Phil Pryde stating the potentially detrimental effect on Ridgeway Rail bird. The Clapper Rail and Ridgeway Rail are the same bird (Clapper Rail – East Coast, Ridgeway Rail – West Coast).

Boardmember Jacob moved to send the comment letter. Boardmember Roberts seconded the motion.

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

Boardmember Roberts left the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

INFORMATION

4. Review Draft Policy on Interpretive Features and Programming P15-02

Executive Director presented this information item and stated staff will bring it back for action at the next meeting. Boardmember Golich stated that this policy was presented to the CAC and the CAC has approved the document.

5. Coordination Reports (oral)

a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy

Trish Boaz thanked everyone for attending the RiverFest. She stated that net proceeds of over \$55,000 were made at the event. The funds will be used to benefit many programs in the Park. Ms. Boaz thanked Supervisor Jacob for recommending Neighborhood Reinvestment Program funds to purchase a van for the Watershed Explorers Program. The Program will now have two vans. The Conservancy will celebrate its 30th anniversary at the Wax and Wine event to be held at the Knorr Candle Factory on Via de la Valle. A Furry Friends hike will be held Saturday at Bernardo Bay. You can also donate a pet toy to the Helen Woodward Center. The Conservancy will partner with San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy and the Escondido Creek Conservancy for Trail Ale events. Supervisor Roberts was thanked for recommending a grant in the amount of \$60,000 for the River Path Project in the City of Del Mar. Ms. Boaz recommended reading the Riverscape and visiting the Conservancy Facebook page. Snooze will be participating in the December 1 Giving Tuesday by promoting donations to the Conservancy.

b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley – No Report

c. Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation – No Report

d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee – Terry Kopanski – No Report

6. Jurisdictional Status Reports

Chair Mosier gave an update on the Del Mar River Path project due to be completed in February. Chair Mosier stated that the Lagoon Committee is working on purchasing furniture. He also stated that there was a land exchange providing one more lot and that a lot was given as a gift from SDG&E making a total of 7 lots owned by the City of Del Mar. The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy owns 2 lots. Chair Mosier continued to say that there is a plan to open a brewery in the old Pottery Barn, at the west end of the trail segment.

7. Communications

Executive Director McKernan stated that the JPA has been granted a trail easement through Rancho Santa Fe Homeowners Association property and thanked Supervisor Jacob for the recommendation of the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program grant to fund a second van for the Watershed Explorers Program.

Counsel Brechtel announced the adjournment to closed session at 12:10 p.m.

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


Counsel Brechtel stated that no reportable action was taken during the closed session.

Chair Mosier adjourned the meeting at 12:35p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 11, 2015

These minutes approved by Board Action

1/15/16
Date


Executive Director