

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Minutes of December 13, 2013**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lesa Heebner, Vice-Chair
Don Mosier
Olga Diaz
Dave Roberts
Dianne Jacob
Tom Golich

REPRESENTING

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

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Wayne Brechtel
Dick Bobertz
Susan Carter
Shawna Anderson
Jan Lines
Cheryl Goddard
Jacqueline Winterer
Phil Pryde

JPA Counsel
San Dieguito River Park JPA
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County Dept of Parks and Recreation
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
SD Audubon Society

Introduction and Announcements

Chair Cunningham had not arrived so Vice Chair Heebner convened the meeting at 9:45 a.m. in the County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302/303, San Diego, CA 92101

Approval of Minutes of November 1, 2013

Boardmember Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of November 1, 2013, Boardmember Diaz seconded the motion. All in favor.

Executive Director's Report- Director Bobertz reported that five of the JPA member agencies have signed the new JPA Agreement. The City of San Diego will submit their agreement to the Natural Resources Committee for review before it goes to the City Council. The original agreement will expire in June 2014.

Public Comment- None

CONSENT

1. Amend FY 13/14 Budget to appropriate \$155,000 in Neighborhood Reinvestment Program grant funds.
Recommendation: Adopt the attached amendment to the FY 13/14 Project Budget.

Boardmember Roberts made a motion to approve the amendment to the 13/14 budget to include the NRP grant funding. Boardmember Diaz seconded. All in favor.

ACTION AGENDA

2. **Appoint Nominating Committee for Board Officers**

Recommendation: Appoint Nominating Committee for next year's Chair and Vice-Chair & Committees.

The Chair needs to appoint the committee so this item is being deferred until the Chair is present.

3. **Award Contract for Construction of Lagoon Open Air Classroom, Phase 2B (Steel Shade Structure)**

Recommendation: Award contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

Deputy Director Carter announced that because we received additional funding through Board member Roberts, we will be able to complete the final phase of the Open Air Classroom, which is the actual shade structure. She reported that five bidders submitted bids by the deadline of December 5th. The lowest responsible bidder was determined to be ICS Inc. Ms. Carter requested that the Board award the contract to ICS for \$148,400 and allow staff to award the second lowest bidder if a contract cannot be negotiated with the lowest bidder. The Board was informed that construction on the seating area of the amphitheater, under a separate contract, is underway.

Boardmember Mosier made a motion to approve staff recommendation to award the contract and Boardmember Golich seconded. All in favor

4. **Report on I-5 Widening EIR Responses to JPA Comments**

Recommendation: Communicate remaining issues to SANDAG and Caltrans regarding implementation of community enhancement and design measures.

Shawna Anderson said that the final EIR for the I-5 North Coast Corridor has recently been released and we have composed a draft letter to Caltrans requesting items for their consideration. The issues we are raising include the San Dieguito River Park re-using the bridges that are slated to be demolished by Caltrans, visual enhancement of the trail under the freeway to improve the appearance, and assignment of a liaison to work with us and keep us informed throughout the widening. Ms. Anderson discussed the Public Works Plan for the Double-Tracking and Seasonal Platform which is not funded yet.

Boardmember Roberts requested that the drainage from the freeway be addressed so that pollutants don't impact the lagoon. Mr. Roberts also said that " Quieting Technology " should be used on the roadways for noise abatement.

Boardmember Roberts made a motion to communicate all of the identified remaining issues to SANDAG and Caltrans regarding implementation of community enhancement and design measures. Boardmember Golich seconded. All in favor.

INFORMATION

5. Lagoon Viewpoint at Old Grand Avenue Bridge- Photo Display of Restoration and Interpretive Panels (presentation by Jacqueline Winterer) Jacqueline Winterer gave a PowerPoint presentation on the restoration of the Grand Avenue Bridge. The historic Grand Ave Bridge was set to be demolished to keep trail users off of the inland part of the lagoon when Ms. Winterer and the Friends of San Dieguito River Valley suggested that the bridge be shortened and used as a viewpoint. There are a number of interpretive signs flanking the viewpoint with information about its history.
6. Report on Coastal Commission decision re Ag District Coastal Development Permit application Director Bobertz said that the Coastal Commission did not approve the staff recommendation but instead allowed the Ag District to use the East Overflow lot for 10 years. The South overflow lot will begin restoration back to wetlands in December 2013.
7. Park Project Status (oral)
 - a. Lighting on David Kreitzer Lake Hodges Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge- Deputy Director Carter was pleased to announce that we will be restoring the lighting on the bridge with solar panels. We have received an \$8000 grant from the Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation to add to our budgeted funding which will allow us to complete the project. Boardmember Diaz had requested that we put Christmas lights on the bridge so we have ordered the lights and we have a volunteer work party set to install them next Tuesday. SDG&E is funding the holiday lights.
 - b. Sikes Adobe Creamery Restoration- Deputy Director Carter reported that the restoration of the Sikes Adobe Creamery was made possible by funding from a Neighborhood Reinvestment Project grant recommended by Supervisor Roberts. The project is being completed economically with volunteer assistance. The adobe bricks were installed by a mason instructor and his class at no cost to the River Park. The roof will be installed by a volunteer roofing contractor.
 - c. Pamo Valley Trail- Deputy Director Carter stated that a few years ago the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy provided some funding to start the process of analyzing the trail alignment and impacts to the area. We submitted a Site Development Permit application to the City of San Diego and then we ran out of funding. Ms. Carter said that we are now back on track with additional funding from the Conservancy for the permit phase and environmental phase.
8. Coordination Reports (oral)
 - a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy-None
 - b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley- Jeff Barnouw said that a docent from Torrey Pines was visiting the Grand Avenue Viewpoint and took some pictures of aquatic life that will be posted on the Friends website.
 - c. Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation- none

- d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee- none
- 9. Jurisdictional Status Reports- None
- 10. Communications- None

Vice-Chair Heebner said that Chair Cunningham will appoint the members of the Nominating Committee at a later time. She adjourned the meeting at 11 a.m. The next meeting will be February 21st.

These minutes approved by Board Action

Date

Executive Director

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