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AGENDA SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY VIA TELECONFERENCE ONLY Friday, February 17, 2023 - 11:00 A.M.

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ROLL CALL

Approval of the Minutes of December 9, 2022 (Page 4)

Public Comments:
This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Board and not appearing on today's agenda. Comments relating to items on today's agenda are to be taken at the time the item is heard. Pursuant to the Brown Act, no action shall be taken by the Board on public comment items.
<u>DISCUSSION/ACTION</u>
1. Approval of Resolution 23-1 Authorizing Virtual Teleconference Meeting in February (Page 8)

Welcome New Board Members and Elect Chair, Nominate and Elect Vice Chair, and Appointments (Page 12)

- Appoint CAC Eastern Property Owner Neil Meyer (Page 13) 3.
- 2022 Accomplishments and 2023 Outlook (Page 14)
- Status of CTC Get-to-71 Campaign (oral) 5.
- 6. Status of Surf Cup Activities (oral)

INFORMATION

7. Project Status Updates

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Executive Director's Report

a. Osuna Segment of CTC Trail

- b. Reach the Beach Fairgrounds Trail
- c. San Dieguito Lagoon Phase II Restoration (aka W-19)

8. <u>Coordination Reports (oral)</u>

- a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
- b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
- c. Volcan Mountain Foundation
- d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee

9. <u>Jurisdictional Status Reports (oral)</u>

An opportunity for the Board members to report on actions taken within their jurisdictions to further the park planning process.

THE NEXT REGULAR JPA MEETING will be March 17, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact Shawna Anderson at shawna@sdrp.org or (858) 674-2270 Ext. 13.

SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY Minutes of December 9, 2022

REPRESENTING

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Grosch – Chair City of Poway

Joe LaCava – Vice Chair City of San Diego District 1

Tina Inscoe City of Escondido

Greg Kazmer Alternate for Joel Anderson County of San Diego Dist. 2

Chris Khoury Citizens Advisory Committee
Dwight Worden City of Del Mar

Dustin Fuller 22nd Agricultural District, Ex Officio

MEMBERS ABSENT REPRESENTING

Terra Lawson-Remer County of San Diego Dist. 3
Marni von Wilpert City of San Diego Dist. 5

Kelly Harless City of Solana Beach

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Shawna Anderson San Dieguito River Park JPA
Christal Keeley San Dieguito River Park JPA
Ayden Zielke San Dieguito River Park JPA

Wayne Brechtel JPA Counsel

Cheryl Goddard San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy

Quinton GroundsCity of San Diego Dist 5Jamie KennedyCity of San Diego PUDCarrie ShahCity of San Diego Dist 1

Introduction and Announcements:

Chair Grosch convened the meeting at 11:02 a.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum of six Board Members were present to begin the meeting.

1. Approval of Resolution 22-12 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings per AB 361

<u>Recommendation: Adopt Resolution 22-12, Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings</u>

Motion to approve Resolution 22-12 was made by Board Member Tina Inscoe, seconded by Board Member Greg Kazmer.

Public Comment – no comments

Yes votes: Grosch, Inscoe, Kazmer, Khoury, LaCava, Worden

Absent: Lawson-Remer, Harless, von Wilpert

Approval of Minutes of November 18, 2022

Board Member Kazmer made the motion to approve the Minutes of November 18, 2022. Board Member Inscoe seconded the motion.

Public Comment – no public comments

Yes votes: Grosch, Inscoe, Kazmer, Khoury, LaCava, Worden

Absent: Lawson-Remer, Harless, von Wilpert

Executive Directors Report

Director Shawna Anderson shared a presentation of recent SDRP events including the successful JPA staff retreat held at the Ilan Lael Center in Santa Ysabel; a Bike Patrol Training conducted by JPA Ranger David Hekel, and the Red Nose Run fundraiser held in Del Mar with over 365 participants, which was attended by Director Anderson and SDRVC Director Cheryl Goddard . Director Anderson also reported that the new Tipler Family custom-made bench was installed at the Lagoon Boardwalk, with a private bench dedication to be held later in the month. Board Member Worden and Director Anderson will attend the dedication.

Director Anderson also shared a list of JPA priorities and projects planned for 2023 as well as a presentation outlining upcoming events, description of the lagoon inlet maintenance, Ranger Station monument sign unveiling with Southern California Edison, and education/enrichment presentations by SDRP Ranger Leana and Ranger Blanca. Pictures of the newly installed Tipler Bench at the Lagoon Boardwalk were also shared.

Public Comment – no public comments

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

2. Authorization to Contract with KTU+A for Consultant Services

Director Shawna Anderson summarized the JPA's Request for Proposals and consultant selection process to select a technical team to assist JPA staff with design, engineering, and environmental services for two Coast to Crest Trail gaps in the Close the Gap Project. The process is consistent with the JPA's Procurement Policy. She reviewed the consultant's proposed scope of work and project timeline and the JPA staff's recommendation to contract with KTU+A for both trail gaps.. All consultant fees would be paid by the Get-to-71 Funding Campaign donations for which the campaign was purposed, and JPA staff would manage the contracted work.

Motion to approve staff's recommendation and grant authorization to the JPA Executive Director to secure a contract with KTU+A, subject to contract review by JPA General Counsel, for consultant services not to exceed \$1.3 Million was made by Greg Kazmer and seconded by Dwight Worden.

Yes votes: Grosch, Inscoe, Kazmer, Khoury, LaCava, Worden

Absent: Lawson-Remer, Harless, von Wilpert

<u>Public Comment</u> – no public comment

3. <u>Update on Get-to-71 Campaign</u>

Director Anderson reported that to-date the donations received are within 88% of the \$2M campaign goal, and that the primary campaign objectives have been met that is to fund design of the trail gaps and to have remaining funds as a match for future construction grants. She reported that the campaign will wrap up in January of 2023, followed by a donor recognition party, planned for the spring of 2023, and that all donors will be updated regularly on the progress of the trail design work.

4. Recognition of Outgoing JPA Board Members

Director Anderson shared the Board's appreciation to the outgoing JPA Board Members, and presented plaques for Poway Board Member Dave Grosch, Escondido Board Member Tina Inscoe, and Solana Beach Board Member Kelly Harless.

INFORMATION

5. Project Status Updates -

- **a.** Osuna Segment of CTC Trail Still in site development permit process with the City of San Diego.
- **b.** Reach the Beach Fairgrounds Trail Scope of work and cost is expected soon for concept design of trail and ADA ramp connection from Jimmy Durante.
- c. San Dieguito Lagoon Phase II Restoration (aka W-19) SDG&E Easement is being finalized for area next to El Camino Real and expansion of utility corridor to accommodate moved poles, as well as a joint use agreement for trail crossings. Closing documents are being processed. SANDAG endowment negotiation will be prioritized for 2023.

Public Comment – no comments

6. Coordination Reports (oral)

b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley- no report	
c. Volcan Mountain Foundation - no report	
d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee- no report	
7. <u>Jurisdictional Status Reports</u> – Board Member Worden stated that annually by the environmental team that monitors the SCE lagoon to the project is meeting its performance criteria and is planned for the Member Worden will keep the Board updated.	restoration project in terms of how
Chair Grosch adjourned the meeting at 12:02 pm.	
Date Executive Director	

a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy- no report

TO: JPA Board

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: Resolution 23-1 Authorizing Virtual Teleconference Meetings per AB 361

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 23-1 to continue virtual meetings in February 2023.

SITUATION:

Assembly Bill 361 amended provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 et seq.) during a state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor to provide local agencies with authority to continue holding virtual meetings after making certain findings. Resolutions approving virtual meetings pursuant to AB 361 automatically expire after 30 days unless renewed. Approval of Resolution 23-1 (Attachment 1) allows this meeting to be virtual.

The Governor's state of emergency will expire in February 2023. Therefore, JPA board meetings will resume as in-person meetings beginning in March.

CAC RECOMMENDATION

The CAC as a legislative body of the JPA must comply with the same Brown Act rules as the JPA Board regarding virtual meetings. The CAC will also resume in-person meetings starting with their March 3rd meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

This situation would not pose a fiscal impact to the JPA.

ALTERNATIVES

- 1. Adopt Resolution 23-1 approving virtual meetings for 30 days or until the Governor's state of emergency expires, whichever is less, based upon a finding that as a result of the COVID-19 emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees;
- 2. Do not adopt Resolution 23-1, and instead, set a date for an in-person meeting and adjourn.

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Respectfully submitted,

Shawna Anderson Executive Director

Attachments:

1. Draft Resolution 23-1

RESOLUTION NO. 23-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS DUE TO THE DECLARED STATE EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, the San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Joint Powers Authority (JPA)is committed to ensuring public access and participation in meetings of its legislative bodies; and

WHEREAS, all meetings of the JPA Board of Directors (Board of Directors) and the JPA's other legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 - 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the legislative bodies conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconference meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), during a proclaimed state of emergency, subject to specified conditions; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of California issued a Proclamation declaring a state of emergency pursuant to Government Code section 8625 due to the COVID-19 pandemic that remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 can result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 spreads effectively in indoor settings when multiple people are present,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY HEREBY FINDS AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The above recitations are true and correct.
- 2. The Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency and finds that it continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet in person due to the risk of serious illness or death from the disease, and the ability of the disease to spread efficiently when multiple people are present, Board finds that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees.
- 3. Accordingly, the Board elects to continue holding legislative meetings telephonically pursuant to the alternative procedures authorized by Government Code section 54953(e).

- 4. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.
- 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) March 1, 2023, or such time the Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the legislative bodies of the JPA may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park Joint Power Authority held February 17, 2023 by the following vote:

TO: JPA Board of Directors

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: 2023 Election of Officers and Committee Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

Board motion and vote to elect Boardmember LaCava as Chair and nominate and elect a Vice-Chair for 2023 and appoint board members to serve on the Budget Ad-hoc Committee.

BACKGROUND:

SDRP JPA Policy P95-1 states that "The Joint Powers Authority officers shall consist of a Chair and a Vice-Chair who will serve one-year terms. In January of each year, customarily the Vice-Chair from the previous year will assume the Chair's office." It further states that "A nominating committee will be appointed by the Chair in October of each calendar year. The nominating committee shall present to the Board of Directors for their consideration at the next JPA meeting a proposed slate which includes nominations for the two officers and membership on the Land Use Committee, Acquisition and Financing Strategies Committee and the Budget/Administration/Policy Committee."

Board member Joe LaCava served as Vice-Chair in 2022, therefore per Policy 95-1 if agreed he would serve as Chair in 2023. A nominating committee for the Vice-Chair position was not appointed by your Board. However, nominations from the floor have been done in the past in lieu of a nominating committee.

The JPA's current ad-hoc committee is the Budget committee. Current board members Worden, LaCava, and Fuller served on this committee in 2022. It is anticipated that this committee would meet in February and March to work with the Executive Director on the FY 23-24 budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawna Anderson Executive Director

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TO: JPA Board

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: Approval of Property Owner Appointment to CAC

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint Neil Meyer property owner for the Eastern Area as a CAC member.

The JPA's Citizens Advisory Committee Bylaws requires the JPA to appoint six property owners to the CAC who represent a geographic range of the San Dieguito River Valley. Currently, there are five property owner representatives serving on the CAC and one vacancy in the Eastern part of the Focused Planning Area.

Neil Meyer grew up in Del Mar and now lives in San Pasqual Valley and is a current member of the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy. He also serves as a board member for the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County. Neil is a retired General Contractor with a lifelong affinity for wild and open spaces and environmental causes, and a committed volunteer for other groups such as the Friends of Los Penasquitos Canyon. He is excited about the completion of the Coast to Crest Trail and interested in maintaining what has been built.

Neil Meyer would be a valuable contributor to the CAC and fill the last remaining vacancy of property owner representatives. He has my full support.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawna Anderson Executive Director

San Dieguito River Park JPA 2022 Accomplishments

Grants/Donations/Other Monetary Awards

- -Initiated joint fundraiser with SDRVC for trail design of 13 miles of gaps in CTC Trail, raising \$1.9 Million in private donations as of December 2022, design kick-off January 2023
- -Awarded \$256,935 from State Parks Outdoor Equity Program for Watershed Explorers Program
- -Awarded \$82,714 from SANDAG for Cactus Wren restoration project
- -Collected approximately \$27,000 from Bike/Run Events held on SDRP trails
- -Awarded \$20,000 from Edison International for ranger station monument sign
- -SDRP selected as charity for Del Mar Red Nose Run event, which raised \$8500 for SDRP

Trails and Other Park Projects

- -San Dieguito Lagoon Restoration Phase Two construction initiated in January. Participated in media events with SANDAG and Caltrans team to kick-off project start.
- -Completed lagoon interpretive walk QR signs along lagoon trail
- -Initiated construction permit process to build Osuna Segment of CTC Trail
- -Organized and conducted volunteer work party event to improve trail along CTC Trail on Surf Cup lease
- -Conducted RFP process and selected consultant team to design 13 miles of CTC Trail gaps at East San Pasqual Valley and Lake Sutherland (projects to launch January 2023)
- -New artist-designed bench donated by Tipler Family installed at boardwalk
- -Created new and updated GIS maps and data for JPA owned properties, FPA ownership, trails, and HMP areas
- -Completed David Leigh donor recognition bench and dedication ceremony along SFV trail segment with donor family and Rancho SF Association
- -Installed new ranger station monument sign and held sign unveiling ceremony with SCE
- -Launched new interactive SDRP Trails webpage featuring existing and planned trails and interpretive elements
- -Provided CTC Trail segments for various running and biking events

Habitat Conservation and Restoration

- -Managed and maintained seven Habitat Management Areas
- -Continued restoration/maintenance of 4-ac Pamo mitigation site
- -Avian surveys confirmed least Bell's vireo breeding at East Gorge site after years of restoration
- -Seed harvesting and plantings at Pamo and East Gorge sites
- -Conducted invasive species control projects at Bernardo Mountain, Sycamore Creek, and Santa Maria Creek
- -Discovered and reported illegal 4WD road in San Pasqual cactus wren habitat area

Community Outreach and Education

- -Launched Escondido Explorers program outreach (Outdoor Equity grant) at Escondido Library
- -Commemorated Sikes Adobe 150th anniversary with special tours and events throughout the year
- -Implemented streamlined trail kiosk displays throughout SDRP with consistent design and messages
- -Conducted Watershed Explorer Program site visits with High Tech Elementary and High Schools
- -Citizens Advisory Committee met seven times in 2022 and CAC Trails and Interpretation committees worked with staff on various topics and projects
- -Sponsored several volunteer trainings and monthly volunteer enrichments with partner organizations
- -Participated in community outreach events including Earth Days (RB and Escondido), historical societies, I Love a Clean SD, Master Gardeners, etc.
- -Conducted tours and education field trips with youth organizations and community groups
- -Continued participating in volunteer monthly lagoon bird counts
- -Participated in Walk 'n Talks in various sites throughout the park
- -Rented SDRP passenger van to Groundworks and Escondido Creek Conservancy
- -Sponsored interns

