# SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY Minutes of February 18, 2022

**MEMBERS PRESENT** 

REPRESENTING

Dave Grosch - Chair City of Poway Joe LaCava - Vice Chair City of San Diego City of Del Mar Dwight Worden Joel Anderson

County of San Diego Dist. 2 City of Solana Beach Kelly Harless City of Escondido Tina Inscoe

Jeff Barnouw Citizens Advisory Committee

**Dustin Fuller** 22 Ag District

**MEMBERS ABSENT** 

**REPRESENTING** County of San Diego Dist. 3 Terra Lawson –Remer

City of San Diego Marni von Wilpert

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Shawna Anderson San Dieguito River Park JPA Ayden Zielke San Dieguito River Park JPA San Dieguito River Park JPA Christal Ames Brenda Miller JPA Administrative Consultant

Wayne Brechtel JPA Counsel Jimmy Bhakta Harshwal & Co. Garima Pathak Harshwal & Co.

Friends of San Dieguito River Valley Maggie Brown **Emily Kochert** San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy

Ricky Flahive City of San Diego

County of San Diego Dist 2 Greg Kazmer Rebecca Smith County of San Diego Dist 3 Volcan Mountain Foundation Eric Jones David Wilson Rancho Bernardo Planning Board County of San Diego Parks staff Deb Mosley

Sue Carr Visitor

### **Introduction and Announcements**

Chair Grosch convened the meeting at 11:00am. A roll call was taken and a quorum of seven Boardmembers were present to begin the meeting.

### 1. Approval of Resolution 22-2 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings per AB 361

<u>Recommendation: Adopt Resolution 22-2 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings</u>

Counsel Brechtel explained that the State Covid Emergency is due to expire 3-31-22. It was decided to add a discussion regarding in-person meetings on the March 2022 Agenda. Motion to approve Resolution 22-2 was made by Boardmember Barnouw, seconded by Boardmember Inscoe.

Yes votes: Anderson, Barnouw, Grosch, Harless, Inscoe, LaCava, Worden

Absent: Lawson-Remer, von Wilpert

### Approval of Minutes of January 21, 2022

Boardmember Anderson made the motion to approve the Minutes of January 21, 2022. Boardmember Harless seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Anderson, Barnouw, Grosch, Harless, Inscoe, LaCava, Worden

Absent: Lawson-Remer, von Wilpert

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

# **Executive Directors Report**

Executive Director Shawna Anderson shared that she had presented a proposal to the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy Board requesting support for a funding strategy/campaign proposal partnering with the JPA to finance upfront work required to fill in the CTC trail gaps and allowing the JPA to be eligible and competitive for public construction grants. Proposal/strategy will be presented to JPA Board next month. Director Anderson reported that ebikes on SDRP trails were discussed at the February CAC meeting and although the CAC did not pass a motion, the topic may come before the JPA Board in the future. Director Anderson updated the public agency contribution table (in the JEPA), to be presented at the March JPA Board Meeting. Director Anderson shared a video clip from KUSI Newsroom, Dave Scott's "World of Wonder" series featuring the David Kreitzer Lake Hodges Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge with Ranger Felipe Franco.

**Public Comment** - no public comments

#### **DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA**

2. Receive and Distribute Third-Party Audit Report for Year Ending June 30, 2021:

Director Anderson introduced Jimmy Bhakta and Garmina Pathak, auditors from Harshwal & Co. and Brenda Miller, former Office Manager at the time of the Audit. Mr. Bhakta outlined their procedures and summarized the audit for the FY21-22 period. No discrepancies were found, and the financials presented in the report are accurate. Boardmember Grosch thanked Mr. Bhakta for the presentation. Boardmember Worden asked about Safe Harbor Leases as a revenue source, Mr. Bhakta responded that the JPA could look into it. Director Anderson said she could research this. Boardmember LaCava asked Mr. Bhakta if he were given access to all information he required for the audit, Mr. Bhakta responded that all information was given on a timely basis. Boardmember LaCava then asked if Mr. Bhakta was directed to make any changes by any member of the JPA or staff. Mr. Bhakta replied that was not directed to make changes. Motion to approve the audit was made by Boardmember LaCava and was seconded by Boardmember Inscoe.

### **Public Comment** – no public comment

Yes votes: Anderson, Barnouw, Grosch, Harless, Inscoe, LaCava, Worden

Absent: Lawson-Remer, von Wilpert

#### 3. Update from Ad-Hoc Board Alternates Subcommittee:

Boardmember Worden reported that an initial subcommittee meeting was held in early February to discuss and outline a proposed concept and a meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup> is scheduled to consider revisions to Section 6 of the JEPA. A proposal from the subcommittee will be presented at the JPA March meeting.

# 4. Report from Ad-Hoc Budget and Policy Subcommittee:

Director Shawna Anderson stated that budget matters were discussed by the subcommittee prior to this meeting. Another subcommittee meeting will be scheduled in March to consider a draft FY 22-23 budget for future consideration by the JPABoard. No board action was taken.

### **INFORMATION**

### 5. Project Status Updates

#### a. Osuna Segment of CTC Trail

A site development permit application for the project is in process at the City of San Diego.

### b. San Dieguito Lagoon Phase II Restoration (aka W-19)

The clearing and grubbing is complete and excavation is planned starting in mid-March/April. SANDAG is also planning a media outreach in March to allow media to take photos and video during project construction. JPA staff will also participate.

### 6. Coordination Reports

- a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy Emily Kochert, no report
- b. <u>Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley</u> Maggie Brown reports that the Friends need new members, and that they're taking steps to recruit.
- c. <u>Volcan Mountain Foundation</u> Eric Jones, no report
- d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee no report
- e. Friends of Sikes Adobe no report

### 7. Jurisdictional Status Reports

Boardmember Dwight Worden reported that Director Anderson and Kim Smith from SANDAG gave an excellent presentation on W-19 at the City of Del Mar Council Meeting. Wildcoast (environmental organization in Mexico/CA) has received a significant grant and will be doing "blue carbon" studies in the Batiquitos Lagoon and San Dieguito Lagoon. Video will be sent to Director Anderson. Previously planned inlet dredging by Southern California Edison contractors has been postponed to Fall 2022. Boardmember Inscoe inquired about the JPA's Watershed Explorer grant application, Director Anderson relayed the State has not given a response yet but may respond in March if the state remains on schedule for notifications. Boardmember LaCava related that the realignment of El Camino Real will be breaking ground in January 2023, also the city of San Diego is working on restoration of the Los Pensaquitos Lagoon in fiscal year 2024, joint project with County of San Diego

**Public comment:** Maggie Brown asked Director Anderson if a presentation about the El Camino Real Bridge Project could be given at a meeting of the CAC.

Chair Grosch adjourned the meeting at 11:45am.

These minutes approved by Board action.

Executive Director

Date: 2/23/2022