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AGENDA SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE VIA TELECONFERENCE ONLY Friday, February 3, 2023 ~ 10:30 A.M.

Pursuant to the State of California Executive Order N-29-20, and in the interest of public health, San Dieguito River Park is temporarily taking actions to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic by holding the Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting via teleconference. All members and staff will be participating remotely.

To join this meeting via Teleconference

Topic: SDRP CAC meeting

Time: February 3, 2023 10:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Meeting ID: 968 9453 1823 One tap mobile +16699009128,96894531823# US (San Jose) +13462487799,96894531823# US (Houston)

It is highly recommended to call in **at least** 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Roll Call

Introductions and Announcements

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DISCUSSION/ACTION

- 1. Resuming In-Person CAC meetings (oral)
- 2. Goldspotted Oak Borer Presentation (guest presentation)
- 3. Coast to Crest Trail Gaps and Campaign Update (oral)
- 4. Status on Surf Cup Sports Activities (oral)
- 5. Committee Reports
 - a. Project Review Committee
 - b. Trails Committee
 - c. Interpretation Committee

INFORMATION

Park and Project Status and Updates (oral)

Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2023 If you have any questions, please call Christal Keeley at (858) 674-2270 Ext. 10

SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE Minutes of 12-2-22

MEMBERS PRESENT REPRESENTING

Chris Khoury CAC Chair
Phil Pryde Audubon Society

Candice Bowman Carmel Valley Planning Board Linda Oster Del Dios Town Council

Maggie Brown Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley

Monica Demler Friends of Sikes Adobe
Liz Gabrych League of Women Voters

Don Wendt Ramona Trails

David Wilson Rancho Bernardo Planning Board Will Ratigan San Diego Bicycle Coalition

Matt Cunningham San Diego Mountain Biking Association

Sharon Fogg San Dieguito Planning Group

Peter Shapiro San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Jim Smith Torrey Pines Community Planning Group

Eric Jones Volcan Mountain Foundation
Jeff Barnouw Coastal Property Owner
Bob Dudley San Pasqual Property Owner
Bill Adelson San Pasqual Property Owner

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Shawna AndersonSan Dieguito River Park JPAChristal AmesSan Dieguito River Park JPAAyden ZielkeSan Dieguito River Park JPA

Dwight Worden JPA Board- Del Mar

Introductions and Announcements

No introductions.

Approval of Minutes -

Chair Khoury asked for a motion to approve the September 2, 2022 Minutes. Minutes were approved, all in favor.

<u>Chair's Report</u> — Chair Khoury provided his understanding of the progress and status of the City of San Diego's Lake Hodges Dam repairs, and shared information on the Goldspotted Oak Borer infestation, history, and treatment strategies for affected oak trees. CAC member Eric Jones also provided information on the Volcan Mountain Foundation's response and treatments. A presentation with further information from an industry professional will be scheduled for a future CAC meeting.

<u>Executive Director's Report</u> – Director Shawna Anderson shared 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

1. Resuming In-Person CAC meetings -

Director Anderson shared information that the CAC meetings will resume in-person meetings in March 2023. Options for meeting locations were discussed.

2. Coast to Crest trail Gaps and Campaign Update

Director Anderson shared a presentation summarizing the status of the Get-to71-Miles CTC Campaign, which is at 88% of the goal. Information on the CTC trail consultant selection procedure was explained, with the final selection scheduled for the December JPA meeting.. Director Anderson also reviewed the CTC gaps and trail options being considered.

3. Outlook for 2023

Director Anderson reviewed the JPA priorities and projects anticipated for 2023. Three new JPA Board Members (representing Solana Beach, Escondido, Poway) will begin their terms starting in January. JPA projects include obtaining final permits for the Osuna trail segment and starting construction, the Reach the Beach Trail and Hubbell gateway project moving forward, resuming the Volunteer Appreciation Party in the Spring of 2023, starting the Escondido Watershed Explorers funded by the Outdoor Equity Grant, and the San Pasqual Cactus Wren habitat expansion project. Also continuing in 2023 is expanding the Park's volunteer base and progress on Lagoon Restoration.

4. Update on Surf Cup Sports Activities

Maggie Brown, representative from Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley, reported on the status of code enforcement by the City of San Diego stating that no violation corrections have been made by Surf Cup, and they continue to use the former Milan property for parking in violation of the zoning code.

5. Committee Reports

- a. **Project Review Committee** no report
- b. Trails Committee no report
- c. <u>Interpretation Committee</u> Liz Gabrych reported that the committee discussed concept designs for the trailhead signs for Volcan Mountain, San Pasqual Valley, and the Lagoon. The next Interpretation Committee meeting will be held December 14, 2022.

INFORMATION

<u>Park and Project Status and Updates (oral)</u> – Further discussion was held on the attendance of a virtual meeting vs. an in-person meeting.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Peter Shapiro.

Chris Khoury adjourned the meeting at 12:02 pm

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