

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of February 4, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Khoury
Jeff Barnouw
Rich Risner
Phil Pryde
Jan Fuchs
Linda Oster
Maggie Brown
Judy LaVine
Liz Gabrych
Dorothy McLin
Robin Kaufman
Hannah Gbeh
Jeremy Blackspear
Carol Kerridge
Sharon Fogg
Joseph Rivera
Bill Michalsky
Jim Smith

REPRESENTING

CAC Chair
CAC Vice Chair, Coastal Property Owner
American Society of Landscape Architects
Audubon Society
Carmel Valley Planning Board
Del Dios Town Council
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
Lake Hodges Native Plant Club
League of Women Voters
Lomas Serenas Property Owners
Rancho Bernardo Planning Board
San Diego County Farm Bureau
San Diego Mountain Biking Association
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
San Dieguito Planning Group
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Sierra Club
Torrey Pines Community Planning Group

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Shawna Anderson
Christal Ames
Ayden Zielke
Kelly Harless
Dwight Worden
Claudia Valenzuela
Deanna Spehn

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JPA Board – Solana Beach
JPA Board Chair – Del Mar
SDG&E
Staff for State Senator Toni Atkins

Introductions and Announcements

Chair Khoury convened the remote Zoom teleconference meeting at 10:35 a.m. and confirmed a quorum of 16 in attendance by roll call. Joseph Rivera, Interim Conservation Manager for San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy introduced himself as CAC Conservancy representative. Hannah Gbeh, Executive Director of the San Diego County Farm Bureau introduced herself as their CAC representative.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Khoury asked for a motion to approve. Liz Gabrych moved to approve the minutes of January 7, 2022. The motion was seconded by Maggie Brown. All members voted in favor.

Chair's Report – Chair Khoury expressed his thanks to Jeff Barnouw for his continued service as CAC Chair for six years and congratulated him on his appointment to CAC Vice-Chair. Chair Khoury shared his personal background and history with the Conservancy as a volunteer and former board member.

Executive Director's Report – Executive Director Anderson welcomed Chris Khoury as Chair, and Jeff Barnouw as Vice Chair, and for serving as the CAC Chair for three terms. She offered an SDRP orientation for new members of the CAC. Director Anderson announced that JPA staff is preparing a

custom plaque on behalf of the CAC for Jacqueline Winterer. Future presentations planned for upcoming CAC meetings include: Olivenhain Municipal Water District's groundwater project, the City of San Diego's San Pasqual Ground Water Sustainability Project, and the San Dieguito Railroad Bridge Platform Project. Anderson stated that the City of San Diego's El Camino Real Bridge Replacement Project is planned for construction starting in 2023, and includes a CTC trail underpass. Director Anderson also summarized the January 21, 2022 JPA Meeting.

Public Comment - no comments

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. **SDG&E Del Mar Reconfiguration Project Presentation** – Presentation given by Claudia Valenzuela, SDG&E.
2. **E-bike Discussion** - Director Anderson said that CAC member Linda Oster requested this topic be placed on a CAC agenda since the previous attempt was unsuccessful with no meeting quorum. CAC Trails Committee Chair Jeremy Blakespear began by clarifying the difference between classes of e-bikes. It was noted that many of the Class 2 and Class 3 e-bikes are modified with a throttle, and that it's difficult to determine what class e-bikes are, as they generally look the same. Director Anderson stated that JPA staff policy is to follow the e-bike rules in the jurisdiction where the trail is located such as e-bike rules in County of San Diego and in Del Mar and San Diego, which all allow e-bikes on trails within those jurisdictions.

Linda Oster moved that all motorized vehicles be prohibited on trails within the San Dieguito River Park. It was clarified that motorized vehicles are already prohibited on trails and that the motion could be more specific to e-bikes. The motion was reworded by Linda Oster to: All e-bikes be prohibited on trails within the San Dieguito River Park. Motion was seconded by Bill Michalsky. The issue was debated for a lengthy period, concerns raised included speed, signage, liability, safety, excluding trail users, state law, and other concerns. Point of Order was requested by Phil Pryde to Call the Question. He reminded CAC members that they represent individual organizations, and he does not know if he has the authority from his own organization to take a position on e-bikes without their input and therefore will abstain. Others voiced the same concern. Vote was called.

Aye: Risner, Fuchs, Oster, Smith

No: LaVine, Kaufman, Gbeh, Blakespear, Barnouw

Abstain: Pryde, Brown, Gabrych, Kerridge, Fogg, Riviera, Michalsky

Motion did not pass.

3. Committee Reports

- a. **Project Review Committee** – Jan Fuchs reported that the Horse Park property has a new lessee that is an equestrian organization and will maintain equestrian activity.
- b. **Trails Committee** – Jeremy Blakespear shared information on a planned site visit on 2/8/22 with JPA staff. For planning purposes, they are scouting the planned trail area along San Dieguito Road, through Fairbanks Ranch.
- c. **Interpretation Committee** – Liz Gabrych, there was no meeting to report, however it was determined that focus is on an Interpretation Master Plan, and they would like to expand their membership base.

INFORMATION

4. Park and Project Status and Updates (oral)

- a. **Osuna segment of CTC Trail-** Executive Director Anderson reported that staff submitted a permit application to the City of San Diego.
- b. **San Dieguito Lagoon Restoration Phase II (W-19)** –Executive Director Anderson reported that the project contractor is finishing clearing and grubbing and will begin excavating material in April, placing it at the disposal site. The disposal site will be contoured and restored consistent with the surrounding environment; and planted with coastal sage scrub.

Moved to Adjourn:

Chair Chris Khoury adjourned the meeting at 12:25pm