
**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Minutes of May 19, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joe LaCava - Chair
Chris Khoury – Vice Chair
Christian Garcia
Greg Kazmer, Alternate for Joel Anderson
Jill MacDonald
Brian Pepin
Dustin Fuller

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dwight Worden
Marni von Wilpert
Terra Lawson-Remer

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Shawna Anderson
Brenda Miller
Dewanda Vandermost
Wayne Brechtel
Jim Smith
Lizzy Bendrick
Jamie Kennedy
Quinton Grounds

REPRESENTING

City of San Diego District 1
Citizens Advisory Committee
City of Escondido
County of San Diego Dist. 2
City of Solana Beach
City of Poway
22nd Agricultural District, Ex Officio

REPRESENTING

City of Del Mar
City of San Diego Dist. 5
County of San Diego Dist. 3

REPRESENTING

San Dieguito River Park JPA
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San Dieguito River Park JPA, General Counsel
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
County Parks & Recreation Department
City of San Diego, Public Utilities
City of San Diego Dist. 5

Introduction and Announcements:

Chair LaCava convened the meeting at 11:03 a.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum of six board members were present to begin the meeting. Executive Director Anderson announced a new Office Manager/Administrative Assistant for SDRP JPA, Dewanda Vandermost.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Minutes of April 21, 2023

Board member alternate Kazmer moved to approve the minutes and Board member MacDonald seconded the motion. All in favor.

Yes votes: LaCava, Khoury, MacDonald, Garcia, Pepin, Kazmer

Absent: Worden, Lawson-Remer, vonWilpert

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Anderson stated no report and is looking forward to the Volunteer Appreciation Party on Sunday for an opportunity to thank the volunteers that are so important to the SDRP and the River Valley Conservancy.

Public Comment – no public comments received.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Approve FY 23- 24 JPA Revised Budget and Authorize Use of JPA Reserve

Recommendation: Consider and Approve Revised FY23-24 Budget and use of JPA Reserve.

Executive Director Anderson stated that the JPA's FY23-24 was approved at the April 21, 2023, Board meeting, but she has since made necessary minor adjustments to budget line items. including salary changes for senior staff member retention and minor adjustments to expenses to offset salaries and balance the budget. The proposed FY23-24 revised budget is \$1,735,471, a slight reduction from the budget approved in April.

Anderson stated that the proposed FY23-24 member agency contributions are substantially the same as approved last month. She reported that all member agency staff expressed approval of the fiscal year's contribution amounts with the exception of County staff. Director Anderson's conversations with County Board representatives and the County's Parks Director is that the County may not contribute the full amount included in the JPA's FY23-24 budget. Anderson recommended that the expected contribution difference of approximately \$18,000 be covered by the JPA reserve, if needed. Anderson reported the number of operating days in the JPA's current operations reserve of \$325,000 is at 80 operating days.

Board Member MacDonald expressed disappointment that the County would not support the JPA's requested member agency contribution for FY23-24. MacDonald reported that she and Board Member Worden have a scheduled meeting with Board Member Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer to discuss the situation.

Board member Khoury asked Board Member Kazmer if he could further explain the situation with the County Parks budget and if it portends anything about next year's budget. Kazmer stated he discussed the situation with County staff and suggested that board members engage directly with the Parks Director. Board Member Pepin made the point that the contribution shortfall may not affect the JPA's budget until later in the fiscal year, which Director Anderson confirmed. Chair LaCava stated that every department is fighting for every dollar and that the JPA's requested contribution is 5% above the JEPA cap and the additional amount is voluntary.

Board member MacDonald made the motion to recommend approval of the revised FY23-24 budget and authorized Director Anderson to use the JPA Reserve funds if needed should the County's member agency contribution not cover the full requested amount in the JPA's approved budget.

Chris Khoury seconded the motion.

Public Comment- no public comment

Yes votes: LaCava, Khoury, MacDonald, Garcia, Pepin, Kazmer,

Absent: Worden, Lawson-Remer, vonWilpert

2. Status Update for the Osuna Segment of the Coast to Crest Trail (oral report) - Director Anderson reported progress on this segment of the trail. The JPA distributed a CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration for 30-day public review beginning May 5, 2023 and ending June 5th. A third cycle of review was submitted for the City of San Diego site development permit. Anderson expects to bring the CEQA Final MND to the Board for approval in July or August 2023. Director Anderson is working on potential funding sources to fund the project's \$1.2 million shortfall reported previously, including a Land & Water Conservation Fund grant application due June 1 and State Senator Blakespear's recommended State FY23-24 budget request. Anderson reported that she is coordinating with City of San Diego staff on the grant application.

Public Comment- no public comment

INFORMATION

3 Project Status Updates

- a. **Reach the Beach Fairgrounds Trail** – Board member Fuller and Director Anderson are coordinating on a site concept plan.
- b. **San Dieguito Lagoon Phase II Restoration (aka W-19)** – no report
- c. **CTC Trail – East San Pasqual and Sutherland Gaps Project** – Director Anderson reported that progress is being made on both trail gap projects including meetings with city and county staff, field work, and the feasibility study.

2. Coordination Reports (oral)

- a. **San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy**- no report
- b. **Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley**- no report
- c. **Volcan Mountain Foundation** – no report
- d. **San Dieguito Lagoon Committee**- no report

3. Jurisdictional Status Reports –

- a. Board member Fuller reported that the Fairgrounds' \$15-million storm water project has been completed and a tour is scheduled for August 14, 2023, more details to follow.
- b. Board member MacDonald will have the JPA's Senior Interpretive Ranger at their city council meeting on Wednesday for a presentation.

Chair LaCava adjourned the meeting at 11:33 p.m.

These minutes approved by Board action: 06/16/2023



Shawna Anderson, Executive Director