
**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Minutes of June 16, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joe LaCava - Chair
Chris Khoury – Vice Chair
Brian Pepin
Jill MacDonald
Christian Garcia
Dwight Worden
Quinton Grounds, Alt. for Marni von Wilpert
Greg Kazmer, Alternate for Joel Anderson

REPRESENTING

City of San Diego District 1
Citizens Advisory Committee
City of Poway
City of Solana Beach
City of Escondido
City of Del Mar
City of San Diego Dist. 5
County of San Diego Dist. 2

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dustin Fuller
Terra Lawson-Remer

REPRESENTING

22nd Agricultural District, Ex Officio
County of San Diego Dist. 3

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Shawna Anderson
Dewanda Vandermost
Wayne Brechtel
Marylyn Gines
Luis Cabrera
Jamie Kennedy
Lizzy Bendrick
Maggie Brown
Anu Delouri
Johnny John
Nina John
Krista Watts
Matthew Cunningham

REPRESENTING

San Dieguito River Park JPA
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San Dieguito River Park JPA, General Counsel
County of San Diego, Dist. 3 (Lawson-Remer)
City of San Diego, Public Utilities
City of San Diego, Public Utilities
County Parks & Recreation Dept.
Friends of San Dieguito River Valley
Resident Stallions Crossing
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Resident SDRCA
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Introduction and Announcements:

Chair LaCava convened the meeting at 11:05 a.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum of eight board members were present to begin the meeting. Chair LaCava explained that he will abstain during item #1 of the Board action agenda. Chair LaCava introduced Quinton Grounds, newly appointed by the San Diego City Council as JPA Board Alternate for Board Member von Wilpert representing Dist. 5 and acknowledged Greg Kazmer alternate for County Supervisor Anderson, Dist. 3.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Minutes of May 19, 2023

Board member Brian Pepin moved to approve the minutes and Board Member alternate Quinton Grounds seconded the motion. Dwight Worden abstaining. No opposition.

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

Abstain: Worden

Absent:, Lawson-Remer

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Anderson reported the status of the JPA Operating Budget, Q3 and Coast Budget, Q1 and that both budgets are on-target. She presented highlights of the JPA's Volunteer Party, updates and activities with the Escondido Explorers Program implementing the Outdoor Equity Grant, and upcoming Explorers Program summer camp in June 2023, photographs of the JPA/Conservancy full-moon hike on National Trails Day and highlighted four High Tech High students who interned with JPA staff over the past five weeks.

Public Comment – Maggie Brown representing Friends of San Dieguito River Valley asked about the status of the CTC Trail on Surf Cup Sports lease. Chair LaCava recommended that Brown follow up with Executive Director Anderson for updates.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Consider and Approve JPA Comment Letter regarding the El Camino Real Assisted Living Facility Subsequent EIR

Recommendation: Consider and approve comment letter on the draft SEIR for the Proposed ECR Assisted Living Facility.

Chair LaCava stated that per JPA Policy he will abstain from voting on this matter because the project is in his Council District and may be voting on the matter when it comes before Council, but it is not required that he leave during the discussion and will continue as chair during the item. Board Alternate Grounds also stated his intent to abstain from voting on this item.

Executive Director Anderson presented a draft SEIR comment letter as recommended by the JPA's Citizen's Advisory Committee and summarized the letter's points regarding the SEIR's impact analysis of the proposed project. She explained that the SEIR was distributed by the City of San Diego with comments due by June 26, 2023, and that she concurs with the CAC recommendation to submit a comment letter.

Board members Kazmer and Garcia asked whether the draft comment letter is veering outside of the JPA's jurisdiction.

JPA Counsel Brechtel confirmed that the letter's subject matter is within the JPA's purview and consistent with the JPA charter to comment on projects proposed within the JPA's focused planning area that may impact the San Dieguito River Park and the JPA's goals and objectives.

Board Member Worden suggested that the letter include more specifics regarding the SEIR analysis and conclusions. He stated his support for the letter and that it is not an objection to the project's land use merits but addresses conflicts with the focused planning area and JPA goals. He stated examples of the SEIR's deficiencies that could be cited in the JPA's letter.

Board member Kazmer agreed that specifics regarding the SEIR would improve the letter. Board members Worden and Kazmer offered to work as a subcommittee to revise the comment letter adding the points raised by Worden.

Board member Worden made a motion to appoint Board member Kazmer and himself as a subcommittee to make revisions to the letter including removing the letter's last two bullet points and adding examples of the SEIR's deficiencies regarding impacts relevant to the San Dieguito River Park, and that Executive Director Anderson would sign and submit the final letter to the City by the SEIR deadline. Board member MacDonald seconded the motion and agreed to also provide input to the letter.

Public Comment- Three members of the public spoke at the meeting:

Matthew Cunningham, San Dieguito River Community Alliance (SDRCA) and Stallions Crossing resident, supported and encouraged submittal of comment letter.

Nina John, SDRCA and Stallions Crossing resident, questioned the SEIR findings for land use and visual impacts and neighbor character and supported submitting comment letter.

Ana Delouri, SDRCA and Stallions Crossing resident, supported the comment letter and stated concern about the inadequacy of the outdated traffic analysis and public safety on El Camino Real.

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

No votes: None

Abstentions: LaCava, Grounds

Absent: Lawson-Remer

INFORMATION

3 Project Status Updates

- a. **Reach the Beach Fairgrounds Trail** – Director Anderson reported that she is consulting with Dustin Fuller of the 22nd DAA on the fenced buffer width to potentially provide more room at the west end for the planned gateway and is coordinating with Del Mar staff regarding their concept for a living levee in the area. She will present a draft project design to the CAC and JPA Board in the near future.
- b. **San Dieguito Lagoon Phase II Restoration (aka W-19)** – Continues to be on schedule.

c.

CTC Trail – East San Pasqual and Sutherland Gaps Project – Director Anderson reported that progress is being made on both trail gap projects including field visits to Sutherland with city staff, consultant team and agriculture lessee in the East San Pasqual Valley portion. She will be presenting more information as work progresses.

2. **Coordination Reports (oral)**

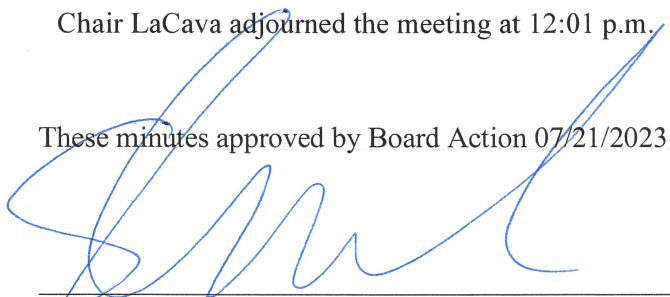
- a. **San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy**- no report
- b. **Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley**- no report
- c. **Volcan Mountain Foundation** – no report
- d. **San Dieguito Lagoon Committee**- no report

3. **Jurisdictional Status Reports** –

- a. Board member Worden – reported that Del Mar’s updated cost estimates for construction of the River Path Del Mar Phase 3 project revealed a \$1.4 million budget shortfall, and that project construction will be delayed for one year while they secure more funds.
- b. Board member Kazmer – The County recently received a \$17 million-dollar Homeless Solutions grant and suggested that the JPA might be interested if homeless solutions are needed.
- c. Board member Pepin – Reported his positive experience riding San Dieguito River Park trails including participating in the Arch Ride. He noted that Lake Hodges boating activity is open to the public again.
- d. Board member Khoury – Reported his coordination with JPA staff to address a few organizations that continually miss CAC meetings and impact the CAC quorum.

Chair LaCava adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

These minutes approved by Board Action 07/21/2023



Shawna Anderson, Executive Director