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AGENDA

SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE VIA TELECONFERENCE ONLY Friday, October 2, 2020 ~ 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: October 2, 2020 10:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Introductions and Announcements

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Chair's Report Chair

Executive Director's Report Staff

Public Comment Public **DISCUSSION/ACTION** SDG&E 1600 Gas Line Replacement Project Presentation (Page 6) 1. 2. Committee Reports a. Project Review Committee **Trails Committee** c. <u>Interpretation Committee</u> **INFORMATION** 3. Park Status and Updates (oral) Chair Adjournment

If you have any questions, please call Brenda Miller at (858) 674-2270

SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE Minutes of August 7, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENTING
REPRESENTING

Jeff Barnouw CAC, Chair

Rich Risner American Society of Landscape Architects

Phil Pryde Audubon Society

Jan FuchsCarmel Valley Planning BoardLinda OstserDel Dios Town Council

Maggie BrownFriends of the San Dieguito River ValleyHerb DackermanJulian Community Planning GroupJudy LaVineLake Hodges Native Plant ClubLiz GabrychLeague of Women Voters

Jeremy Blakespear San Diego Mountain Bike Association
Carol Kerridge San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
Peter Shapiro San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy

Bill Michalsky Sierra Club

Pat Whitt Torrey Pines Community Planning Group

Colleen Bradley Volcan Mountain Preserve
Carol Carr Walkabout International

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Kevin McKernanSan Dieguito River Park JPABrenda MillerSan Dieguito River Park JPAShawna AndersonSan Dieguito River Park JPAJason LopezSan Dieguito River Park JPA

Roll Call and Introductions

Chair Barnouw convened the remote Zoom teleconference meeting at 10:42 a.m. and confirmed a quorum of 15 by announcing the names of all attendees at the meeting.

Approval of Minutes- February 7, 2020

Chair Barnouw asked that a correction to the minutes of his report from the February meeting be made and then asked for a motion to approve. Peter Shapiro motioned to approve the minutes of February 7, 2020. Maggie Brown seconded the motion. New representative Rich Risner abstained, with all other members in favor.

Chair's Report – Chair Barnouw apologized for missing the June 5, 2020 meeting.

Executive Director's Report – Executive Director McKernan reported that the JPA's fiscal year 19-20 has ended with the budget in line. The JPA Board has approved the new FY 20-21 for the same amount as last year. The flat budget will be ok however there are rising costs in certain areas and the endowment accounts had a loss in the 1st quarter of this year which has recovered well. Director McKernan explained that the annual 5% draw on the endowment funds is based on the previous 12 quarter average. He announced that the new part time Interpretive Ranger is Blanca Drapeau. Blanca has an excellent background and will be an asset at Sikes and with our interpretive programs. He invited all to read her bio in this month's Riverscape. Director McKernan reported that the Park is open with rangers patrolling and educating on trail users on face coverings and distance requirements. Due to the health order no gatherings are allowed therefore there are no events at the offices, Sikes or Birdwing, as all are closed.

Mr. McKernan shared with the CAC details of two new donations to the Park. The first donation is for a bench made out of two boulders. The boulders were used for traffic control and have been repurposed. A small plaque will be installed and it will say "Cherish". The second donation will be to install a slab of local reclaimed wood, possibly Torrey Pine, on top of the bench at the Boardwalk. This has not been installed yet. Director McKernan explained that donors make a donation to the Park and purchase the materials, then the rangers install the item. Director McKernan said that donations are still being made for the Boardwalk Planks and that the price has been raised recently from the original price of \$100 to \$300.

<u>Public Comment</u> – Maggie Brown read an item from the last Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley meeting, requesting that the Surf Cup Trail issue be on the August 2020 JPA agenda.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Committee Reports

- a. <u>Project Review Committee</u> Jan Fuchs reported that the Rotary Club is a good source of volunteers for any park projects. Ms. Fuchs also said that the last meeting had good attendance and discussion of the W19 restoration project, also called San Dieguito Wetland Restoration Phase 2 which will begin soon. She reported that a gas pipeline under the Mule Hill Trail will be replaced by SDG&E resulting in the possible temporary closure of a small portion of the Trail. Principal Planner Shawna Anderson added that the Mule Hill Trail is on a SDG&E easement and that the interpretive panels along the trail will be protected during construction. If there is any disruption, SDG&E will restore the area.
- b. <u>Trails Committee</u> Jeremy Blakespear reported that the San Diego Mountain Bike Association will assist JPA rangers to build a section of the CTC Trail between the Santa Fe Valley Trail and Lusardi Creek Trail. Principal Planner Shawna Anderson added that a private donation is being used to fund this project. Work is expected to begin in Fall 2020.
- c. <u>Interpretation Committee</u> Liz Gabrych reported that the Sikes Farmers Market is doing well and that the wheelchair lift at Sikes is being removed and replaced with a ramp. Eagle Scouts have been doing many projects at Sikes. Rattlesnakes are being relocated and there are issues with squirrels. The Sikes 150-year Anniversary celebration has been moved to next fall. Leana Bulay, Manager of Interpretation and Outreach has been creating a new plant brochure, updating the Lagoon brochures and working with the rangers to determine locations to install the interpretive signs on the Pamo Valley Trail. Ms. Gabrych also said she is working on a new Mule Hill interpretive sign; a project that Tom Cook began.

INFORMATION

2. Park Project Status (oral)

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that a Trails and Greenways Grant application was submitted in October 2019 to fund the Osuna section of trail, from the Surf Cup Trail to San Dieguito Road. Director McKernan, Ms. Anderson and a panel of stakeholders were on a virtual interview with the granting agency representatives in July 2020. Letters of support have been received from the City of San Diego and Fairbanks Ranch supporting this \$1.3 million grant request. Director McKernan reported that the Ranger Station was completed two months ago and said that the new landscaping is doing well considering the challenging condition of the underlying soil, JPA counsel Wayne Brechtel donated and built the custom desks in the private office. Contractor Dewain Baker, Wayne and Kevin built the ranger's desks in the main office. The facility is not yet open to the general public due to the pandemic, but for one on one tours; Shawna is there on Wednesday and Kevin on Monday and Friday. There is still a need for conference room tables and chairs. Director McKernan said thank you to Jeff Barnouw, the Friends and Carol Carr for their wonderful donations.

Jan Fuchs made the motion and Bill Michalsky seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Chair Barnouw adjourned the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 October 2, 2020

TO: CAC

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: Summary of SDG&E 1600 Gas Line Replacement Project

SDG&E plans to replace a section of major natural gas pipeline originally installed in 1949. The 16-inch pipeline will be replaced along Bear Valley Parkway south of Highway 78 for 3.55 miles to Highland Valley Road. The pipeline crosses the San Pasqual Valley in the Mule Hill area of the San Dieguito River Park (east of I-15) on property owned by City of San Diego Public Utilities. A portion of the Mule Hill Trail (segment of Coast to Crest Trail) lies within the SDG&E gas line easement (see Attachment 1) per an agreement between the JPA and SDG&E for the trail. The gas pipeline replacement project is anticipated to start in October 2020.

SDG&E staff and their consultants have been proactive and met with JPA and City staff on several occasions to provide project information and discuss potential issues. Concerns have been satisfactorily addressed. Construction would entail excavating the existing pipeline trench, removing the pipeline and replacing it with a new pipeline, backfill and testing. During this work, the Mule Hill Trail would be temporarily closed to protect public safety. The construction workspace would be fenced and an adjacent 5-foot wide detour trail around the construction area may be created to reduce the number and duration of trail closures. A number of trail interpretive displays are located adjacent to the work area and would be temporarily fenced by SDG&E to avoid potential damage. Once the work is complete, the trail and impacted habitat would be restored by SDG&E. Construction is anticipated to last two months.

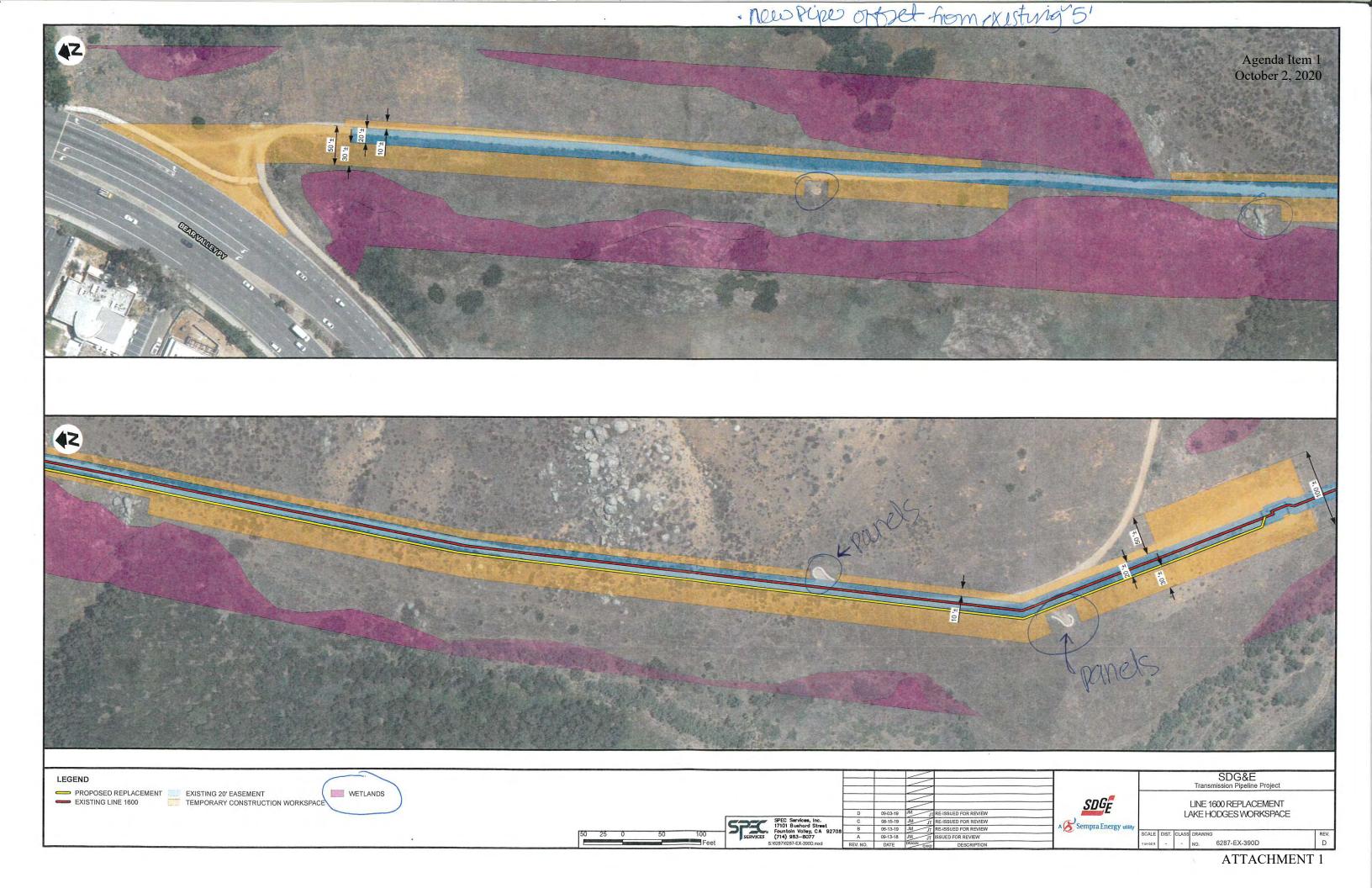
SDG&E will give a short presentation at this CAC meeting. The Project Review Committee reviewed this project at their August meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawna Anderson Principal Planner

Attachment: 1. Map of SDG&E gas line easement

2.SDG&E's Pipeline 1600 Bear Valley slides



Safety Enhancement

PSEP Pipeline 1600 Test or Replace Projects







San Dieguito River Park Citizens Advisory Committee Pipeline 1600 Bear Valley Replacement Project

Project Overview



Natural Gas Pipeline Safety

Pipeline 1600 Under Construction - 1949





Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan (PSEP) Bear Valley Replacement Project





San Dieguito River Park Replacement Project





San Dieguito River Park Replacement Project – Construction Details



- SDG&E will replace approximately **3,000 feet** of new pipe from Bear Valley Parkway to the interconnection point just south of Mule Hill Trail
- Work is expected to begin as early as mid-October 2020 and will end in approximately December 2020
- Typical construction hours: Weekdays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Trail closure or detour signs will apply to weekdays; trails will be open to the public on weekends
- Construction schedule is being coordinated with the City of San Diego and the SDRP JPA to minimize disruption to the river park, trails and activities
- During non-working hours, trenches will be covered with steel plates and reopened for public use
- Once the pipe has been installed and the trench backfilled, the ROW will be returned to preconstruction contours and any topsoil salvaged will be replaced to its original location
- SDG&E will implement a revegetation plan following the conclusion of the



Questions?

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Terry BadgerSDRP Citizens Advisory Committee 1993 - 2020
CAC Project Review Committee
CAC Trails Committee
CAC Interpretive Committee

Long-time San Dieguito River Park supporter and friend Terry Badger left us in August 2020. Terry battled Myeloma for the past five years but you would never know it from his positive attitude and energy. We will miss his tremendous and loyal support for the River Park starting shortly after its founding. He was actively involved in volunteering for the River Park, served on many committees and enjoyed interacting with staff and other supporters. Terry had a particular fondness for Lake Hodges and San Pasqual Valley and contributed to trail planning and habitat restoration in those areas.

Terry was an avid hiker and in 2008 enlisted the company of his best buddy to hike the 55-mile River Park from Volcan Mountain near Julian to Del Mar using the finished parts of the Coast to Crest Trail where available and trailblazing the rest. It took multiple trips over two years and he liked to say it was easy because they started at Volcan Mountain and went downhill all the way to the coast. Terry had many strong opinions and wasn't afraid to voice them in his characteristic way "it's a No Brainer!" Well, it is a no brainer that Terry will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.