

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Minutes of April 7, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chris Khoury  
Rich Risner  
Phil Pryde  
Candice Bowman  
Judy Swink  
Linda Oster  
Maggie Brown  
Monica Demler  
Liz Gabrych  
Dorothy McLin  
Matt Cunningham  
Julie Klein  
Udo Wahn  
Sharon Fogg  
Jeff Barnouw  
Jan Fuchs  
Bob Dudley

**REPRESENTING**

CAC, Chair  
American Society of Landscape Architects  
Audubon Society  
Carmel Valley Planning Board  
Citizens Coordinate for Century 3  
Del Dios Town Council  
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley  
Friends of Sikes Adobe  
League of Women Voters  
Lomas Serenas Property Owners  
San Diego Mountain Bike Association  
San Diego Trails Alliance  
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee  
San Dieguito Planning Group  
Coastal Property Owner  
Coastal Property Owner  
San Pasqual Property Owner

**VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT**

Brenda Miller  
Shawna Anderson  
Sue Carr, Alternate

San Dieguito River Park JPA  
San Dieguito River Park JPA  
Coastal Property Owner

**Introductions and Announcements**

Chair Khoury called the meeting to order at 10:36 AM. He reported the flowers blooming on many of the trails in the Park and also at Anza Borrego.

**Approval of Minutes- 2-3-23**

Jeff Barnouw moved to approve the minutes of February 3, 2023 and Phil Pryde seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

**Chair's Report**

– Chair Khoury gave an update on the Goldspotted Oak Borer (GSOB) and his progress coordinating a GSOB treatment for the old oaks on Volcan Mountain Ferguson Flats and on the 40% capacity of Lake Hodges at 290 feet water level during San Diego's dam repair. Chair Khoury summarized the March JPA meeting and suggested the CAC invite JPA staff member Leana Bulay to give the same presentation on SDRP programs as received by the JPA Board

**Executive Director's Report**

– Executive Director Shawna Anderson reported that JPA Office Manager resigned from the JPA to take another job JPA staff are interviewing candidates for a replacement. She mentioned the high competition for jobs that has affected the JPA's ability to fill the Environmental Planner position. Ms. Anderson reported recent events at Sikes Adobe and a sewage spill near the Bernardo Bay staging area last weekend. The spill is contained, and the City of San Diego is working on habitat remediation. She reported on the upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Party, and announced that the

JPA/Conservancy's joint Get-to-71 campaign reached their goal of \$2 million for the 13 miles of gaps in the Coast to Crest Trail.

**Public Comment** - Phil Pryde asked about having the CAC meetings on Zoom. CAC members discussed the idea and staff explained that IT support isn't available to conduct hybrid public meetings. Jan Fuchs asked about the lagoon wetlands and members discussed the recent stormwater flows. Maggie Brown suggested that members view the Friends' new website, which features local birds seen in the area. .

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

### **1. Status of JPA FY 23-24 Budget Process**

Executive Director Anderson reported that she will be bringing the proposed FY23-24 budget to the JPA Board at the April 21, 2023 meeting. Ms. Anderson explained what factors go into the budget process and this year's economic challenges, JPA salaries, and endowments and strategies to keep the JPA sustainable. .

### **2. Reach the Beach Trail**

Executive Director Anderson reported that the JPA received a \$24,000 grant from the Del Mar Foundation to design a Reach the Beach Trail and San Dieguito River Park Hubbell Gateway at the coast. Ms. Anderson explained the project location at the Fairgrounds along a recreational buffer secured by former State Senator Christine Kehoe. Anderson will present a draft plan to the CAC at an upcoming meeting

### **3. Committee Reports**

a. **Project Review Committee** – Jan Fuchs reported that the PRC has not met recently and are unaware of upcoming projects. She mentioned the proposed project on the north coastal bluff in Del Mar that the PRC will want to track and review project details when available.

b. **Trails Committee** – Matt Cunningham reported that he is the new chair of the committee and the tentative date for the next meeting is May 2, 2023.

c. **Interpretation Committee** - Liz Gabrych reported that the Interpretation Committee met February 8, 2023 and that they have new members.

## **INFORMATION**

### **4. Park and Project Status and Updates (oral)**

Executive Director Anderson reported that the Watershed Explorers Program has been very active. . February and March rains have forced JPA ranger staff to close SDRP trails on occasion to minimize damage and protect public safety and they are repairing trails.. She reported the large

bike race called BWR on April 16<sup>th</sup> will require some trails be temporarily closed during the race. Ms. Anderson reported the funding shortfall for final engineering and construction of the Osuna Trail and that she is seeking additional funds.

Jan Fuchs made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Jeff Barnouw seconded the motion at 12:15 pm.