

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
Minutes of March 19, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dwight Worden – Chair  
Dave Grosch – Vice-Chair  
Joe Garcia  
Joe LaCava  
Marni von Wilpert  
Jeff Barnouw

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Joel Anderson  
Terra Lawson-Remer  
Kelly Harless  
Dustin Fuller

**VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT**

Shawna Anderson  
Wayne Brechtel  
Brenda Miller  
Ricky Flahive  
Maggie Brown / Candice Bowman  
Crystal Benham  
Quinton Grounds  
Carol Kerridge  
Monica Demler  
Bill Farrell  
Kim Wehinger  
Sue Carr  
Eric Jones  
Jeremy Blakespear  
Madeline Shute  
Roger Bowman  
Evlyn Andrade

**REPRESENTING**

City of Del Mar  
City of Poway  
City of Escondido  
City of San Diego  
City of San Diego  
Citizens Advisory Committee

**REPRESENTING**

County of San Diego  
County of San Diego  
City of Solana Beach  
22<sup>nd</sup> District Agricultural Association

San Dieguito River Park JPA  
JPA Counsel  
San Dieguito River Park JPA  
San Diego City Council District 1  
Friends of San Dieguito River Valley  
San Diego County Parks  
San Diego City Council District 5  
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee  
Friends of Sikes Adobe  
Friends of San Dieguito River Valley  
City of San Diego  
Coalition to Preserve Polo Fields Neighborhood  
Volcan Mountain Foundation  
San Diego Mountain Bike Association  
County of San Diego District 2  
Friends of San Dieguito River Valley  
County of San Diego District 3

**Introduction and Announcements**

Chair Worden convened the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Brenda Miller called attendance with roll call. A quorum was met with 5 board members present.

**Approval of Minutes of February 19, 2021**

Vice-Chair Grosch made the motion to approve the minutes of February 19, 2021. Boardmember Barnouw seconded the motion. There was no public comment. A roll call vote was taken.

Yes votes: Barnouw, Grosch, Garcia, LaCava, Worden

Absent: Anderson, Harless, Lawson-Remer, von Wilpert

**Executive Directors Report** - Executive Director Shawna Anderson reported that she is planning to present a quarterly budget report through March 2021 at the April meeting and that the budget is tracking well for this year. Director Anderson also reported that a grand opening of the Ranger Station is being planned for a tentative date later this summer. She stated that the Ranger Station is being used by the rangers but that it has not been open to the public during the pandemic.

**Public Comment**—No public comment.

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA**

**1. Approve Engineering Consultant Agreement for Osuna Segment of the Coast to Crest Trail**

*Recommendation: Approve and authorize Executive Director to sign Kimley-Horn Agreement for engineering and environmental services for Osuna segment of the Coast to Crest Trail.*

Executive Director Shawna Anderson presented the agenda item stating that a RFP was issued in May 2019 with two detailed proposals received. Kimley-Horn was selected with the most responsive and qualified proposal. The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy will be paying the cost of the contract, \$114,100 as a matching funds contribution to the California Natural Resources Agency recreational grant award of \$1.3M for the Osuna Segment of the Coast to Crest Trail. The board discussed the length of the bridge (160'), how the JPA will be billed by the contractor, if the subs have been vetted, the permitting process and the project timeline. After board discussion Chair Worden asked for public comment. There was no public comment. Boardmember LaCava moved to approve the Kimley-Horn engineering and environmental services agreement for Osuna segment of the Coast to Crest Trail. Vice-Chair Grosch seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Yes votes: Barnouw, Grosch, Garcia, LaCava, von Wilpert, Worden

Absent: Anderson, Harless, Lawson-Remer

**2. Board Ad-hoc Committee for Coast to Crest Trail Segment on Surf Cup Sports Lease**

*This information is provided for further Board discussion, potential action and/or further direction to the staff*

Executive Director Shawna Anderson presented the agenda item and showed a map of the trail location on the Surf Cup Sports lease property. Director Anderson stated how critical this section of trail is in relation to the Osuna segment of Coast to Crest Trail and explained that their city lease requires Surf Cup Sports to complete the trail work and habitat restoration. An ad-hoc committee made up of previous JPA board members had one meeting with Surf Cup Sports representatives in 2020 but that future meetings/progress were stalled due to the pandemic. Surf Cup Sports stated that they had the permits to do the work. Board discussion included expiration date of the permits, delay reasons of litigation and COVID-19 and the condition of the trail. Public comments in favor of proceeding with the subcommittee and completing the trail were made by Maggie Brown and Sue Carr. Both commented that the trail has been delayed by Surf Cup Sports for

years and that they had testified before the JPA Board prior to their lease being approved by the city that they would work with the community and build the trail.

Chair Worden reported on the outcome of the prior ad-hoc committee meeting. The reasons Surf Cup gave for not making progress on the trail were pending CEQA litigation, which was since settled December 2020 and their financial situation due to the pandemic. The JPA would like the trail restored before the permits expire and before the Osuna Segment of trail is completed. Chair Worden and Boardmembers LaCava and Barnouw volunteered to be on the committee to speak with Surf Cup Sports to get a commitment on when Surf Cup Sports will restore the trail. After discussion Vice-Chair Grosch made the motion to appoint Boardmembers LaCava, Barnouw, Worden and either Harless or Fuller, with LaCava as chair to the ad-hoc committee to contact Surf Cup Sports to arrange a meeting with JPA staff to schedule the trail work.

Yes votes: Barnouw, Grosch, Garcia, LaCava, Worden

Absent: Anderson, Harless, Lawson-Remer, von Wilpert

**3. Consider Recommendation of JPA Budget Committee for Proposed FY 21/22 JPA Budget**  
*Recommendation that the JPA Board approve and adopt the proposed budget as presented.*

Executive Director Shawna Anderson introduced the agenda item stating that the Budget Committee met earlier in March to discuss the proposed budget. Director Anderson shared a Power Point presentation to explain and provide a thorough overview of the proposed budget to the board members. Director Anderson said she would like to work with the Budget Committee to build and increase the non-member agency income. Ms. Anderson also explained that the formula used to compute the member agency contribution is based on the 2010 census and may need to be adjusted in the future when the results of the 2020 census are available. Vice-Chair Grosch thanked Executive Director Anderson for the presentation and said he is very happy with the decision to hire Shawna for the Director position. Chair Worden stated that he is in support of the budget. Boardmember von Wilpert thanked the committee for their work on the JPA budget and said the City of San Diego will have budget cuts this coming year. Boardmember von Wilpert asked about getting bids on the liability insurance and on the water tank at the headquarters. Chair Worden stated that the Budget Committee will meet in the future to discuss additional revenue sources and the JEPA 5-year review and will meet with the Conservancy. Vice-Chair Grosch made the motion to approve the proposed FY 21/22 JPA budget and Chair Worden seconded the motion. There were no public comments. A roll call vote was taken.

Yes votes: Grosch, Garcia, LaCava, Worden

No votes: von Wilpert

Abstain: Barnouw

Absent: Anderson, Harless, Lawson-Remer

## **INFORMATION**

**4. Coordination Reports**

- a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy- Chair Worden reported that the Conservancy is strong and very active.

b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley- Maggie Brown said the Friends continue to meet and do advocacy work.

c. Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation- No report.

d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee- Carol Kerridge reported that the Committee will meet soon to plan the Ranger Station opening this summer.

e. Friends of Sikes Adobe- Monica Demler reported that the staging areas and trails are very busy. Ms. Demler said the volunteers are planning outside tours of Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead in the near future. She also said the farmers market is doing great. The volunteers are planning a Sikes 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the fall and a Tea in November.

## **5. Jurisdictional Status Reports**

Boardmember Barnouw reported that the JPA received a grant to build a watershed model. Two proposals have been received to build the topographical model and the CAC's Interpretation Committee will choose the best proposal soon. The model will be placed at the Ranger Station. City of Escondido Alternate Garcia said he was thankful he could attend the meeting and that he has enjoyed it. Mr. Garcia also said Boardmember Inscoe wanted to thank the JPA staff for the tour of Sikes Adobe.

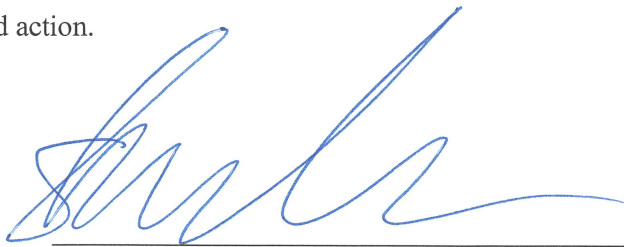
## **6. Adjourn to Closed Session Conference with Legal counsel to Discuss Liability Claim Pursuant to California Government Code Sec. 54956.6(D)(2)**

After the closed session Counsel Brechtel announced that the board met in closed session and there was no reportable action taken.

Chair Worden adjourned the meeting at 12:38 p.m.

These minutes approved by Board action.

4/26/21  
Date

  
Executive Director