

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Minutes of September 18, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Barbara Bry- Chair
Dwight Worden – Vice-Chair
Dave Grosch
Dianne Jacob
Judy Hegenauer
Jeff Barnouw
Dustin Fuller

MEMBERS ABSENT

Olga Diaz
Mark Kersey
Kristin Gaspar

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Kevin McKernan
Wayne Brechtel
Brenda Miller
Shawna Anderson
Jason Lopez
Leana Bulay
Brian Wilson
David Hekel
Felipe Franco
Ricky Flahive
Jill Gartman
Carol Kerridge
Crystal Benham
Trish Boaz
Adam Wilson

REPRESENTING

City of San Diego
City of Del Mar
City of Poway
County of San Diego
City of Solana Beach
Citizens Advisory Committee
22nd District Agricultural Association

REPRESENTING

City of Escondido
City of San Diego
County of San Diego

San Dieguito River Park JPA
JPA Counsel
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San Diego City Council District 1
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
County of San Diego Parks Department
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
County of San Diego District 2

Introduction and Announcements

Chair Bry convened the video conference meeting at 11:00 a.m. A quorum roll call was taken with members present: Bry, Worden, Grosch, Jacob, Hegenauer, Barnouw, and Fuller. Boardmembers Diaz, Kersey and Gaspar were absent.

Chair Bry asked for public comment and received no public comments prior to adjourning to Closed Session. Director McKernan also noted that no public comments were received by mail or email. The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

1. Closed Session Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) for Exit Interview of Executive Director

2. Closed Session to Interview Candidate and Consider the Appointment of an Interim Executive Director Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

Upon returning to Open Session Counsel Brechtel announced that the Board met in closed session to discuss agenda item 1 for Exit Interview of Executive Director, and agenda item 2 to Interview Candidate and Consider the Appointment of an Interim Executive Director and said that no reportable action was taken.

Approval of Minutes of June 19, 2020

Vice-Chair Worden moved to approve the minutes of June 19, 2020 and Boardmember Jacob seconded the motion. Chair Bry asked for a roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Yes votes: Bry, Worden, Grosch, Jacob, Hegenauer, Barnouw

Absent: Diaz, Kersey, Gaspar

Public Comment– No Public Comments

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

3. Approve Appointment of Interim Executive Director

Recommendation: appoint Shawna Anderson as Interim Executive Director pursuant to the terms of the attached employment agreement.

Vice-Chair Worden introduced the topic; stating that Executive Director McKernan has given his notice of resignation, effective October 8, 2020. The Budget/Administration/Policy Committee met to discuss the options and determined that Shawna Anderson would be the best candidate to serve as Interim Executive Director for the anticipated three to six month recruitment period. Ms. Anderson has agreed to the terms of the employment agreement attached. When asked, there were no public comments. Vice-Chair Worden made the motion to appoint Shawna Anderson as Interim Executive Director. Boardmember Barnouw seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the item passed unanimously.

Yes votes: Bry, Worden, Grosch, Jacob, Hegenauer, Barnouw

Absent: Diaz, Kersey, Gaspar

4. Approve Executive Director Recruitment and Transition Process

Recommendation: authorize the Budget Subcommittee to start and lead the recruitment process for a new Executive Director.

Vice-Chair Worden introduced the item stating that the Subcommittee would conduct an open and broad based search expected to last three to six months. The Subcommittee will collect resumes and make recommendations to the full Board. Boardmember Jacob announced that Brian Albright, Director of San Diego County Parks is interested in the County Parks Department possibly managing the San Dieguito River Park. After discussion, Vice-Chair Worden made the motion that a new ad-hoc committee be formed made up of Board members Worden, Jacob, Diaz and Grosch to provide guidance to the Board of first vetting the option of County management of San Dieguito River Park and then leading the recruitment process. Boardmember Jacob stated that she did not have a bias one way or another on the subject of the County management of the River Park. The committee will report to the Board at the meeting on October 16, 2020. The motion was seconded by Jeff Barnouw. There were no public comments. A roll call vote was taken and the vote was unanimous.

Yes votes: Bry, Worden, Grosch, Jacob, Hegenauer, Barnouw
Absent: Diaz, Kersey, Gaspar

5. Resolution of Appreciation for Outgoing Executive Director

Vice-Chair Worden presented Resolution of Appreciation to Kevin McKernan thanking him for his five years of service to the San Dieguito River Park. All Boardmembers expressed their personal thanks to Kevin. There were no public comments. Vice-Chair Worden made the motion to present Resolution 20-2 Thanking Kevin McKernan for his five years of dedicated service to the JPA as our Executive Director. Chair Bry seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the item passed unanimously.

Yes votes: Bry, Worden, Grosch, Jacob, Hegenauer, Barnouw
Absent: Diaz, Kersey, Gaspar

INFORMATION

6. Coordination Reports

- a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy – No Report
- b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley– No Report
- c. Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation – No Report
- d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee – No Report
- e. Friends of Sikes Adobe– No Report

7. Jurisdictional Status Reports

Vice-Chair Worden reported on the progress of the plans for the next phase of River Path Del Mar to extend the trail to Crest Canyon with funding from the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy and the Del Mar Foundation. Dustin Fuller reported that Tim Fennell CEO of the Fairgrounds has resigned and Carlene Moore will replace him as Interim CEO. Dustin also reported that the Fairgrounds will be holding drive-in concerts and movies to generate revenue and use the empty parking lots. He added that it was a successful least tern season on the nesting sites west of I-5 with 13 fledglings documented.

Chair Bry adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

These minutes approved by Board action.

10/26/20
Date


Interim Executive Director