

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
Minutes of November 20, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Olga Diaz  
Kristin Gaspar

**VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT**

Wayne Brechtel  
Brenda Miller  
Shawna Anderson  
Jason Lopez  
Leana Bulay  
Avary Rollins  
Ricky Flahive  
Bill & Mary Farrell  
Quinton Grounds  
Candy Bowman  
Crystal Benham  
Jeremy Bakespear  
Trish Boaz  
Maggie Brown  
Carol Kerridge  
Kim Wehinger

**REPRESENTING**

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

**REPRESENTING**

City of Escondido  
County of San Diego

JPA Counsel  
San Dieguito River Park JPA  
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San Diego City Council District 1  
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley  
San Diego City Council District 5  
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley  
County of San Diego Parks Department  
San Diego Mountain Bike Association  
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy  
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley  
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee  
City of San Diego

Chair Bry convened the video conference meeting at 9:00 a.m. A quorum roll call was taken with 7 Board Members present: Bry, Worden, Grosch, Jacob, Hegenauer, Kersey and Barnouw. Boardmembers Gaspar and Diaz were absent.

Chair Bry asked for comments from the public and hearing none the Board entered closed session.

1. Closed Session Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) to Interview and Consider Candidates for the General Manager Position.

Chair Bry opened the meeting in public session at 11:01 a.m.

**Introduction and Announcements**

Chair Bry announced the Board Members attending the meeting as: Dwight Worden, Dianne Jacob, Dave Grosch, Judy Hegenauer, Mark Kersey, Jeff Barnouw and herself. Boardmembers Diaz and Gaspar and Dustin Fuller were not in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes of October 16, 2020**

Boardmember Barnouw moved to approve the minutes of October 16, 2020 and Boardmember Jacob seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following response.

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

Absent: Diaz, Gaspar

**Interim Executive Directors Report-** Newly elected Executive Director/General Manager Shawna Anderson reported that six JPA boardmember seats will be changing in 2021 due to results of member agency local elections. Ms. Anderson acknowledged each outgoing boardmember for their leadership, commitment and support of the JPA. She made special mention of thanking Boardmember Jacob for her 28 years of service and gave Ms. Jacob the title of Founding Board Member. Ms. Anderson showed the gifts that the boardmembers received. Ms. Anderson reported that the JPA won a grant from the State Natural Resources Agency in the amount of \$1.39 million to design and build the Osuna Segment of the Coast to Crest Trail. This critical section of trail is one mile long, from Surf Cup to San Dieguito Road, including a bridge over the river. The JPA's submission was 1 of 19 selected from 174 proposals. Ms. Anderson said this grant was possible because of the grant match support provided by the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy. The JPA also received a grant from the Hans & Margaret Doe Charitable Trust for the Watershed Explorer Program. The funds will be used to create a San Dieguito River Valley watershed model to be used for educational programs. The JPA was contacted by the Department of the Navy, who would like to use 9 acres of the Sycamore Westridge property for mitigation. An endowment will be set up in the future for management of the property. Ms. Anderson reported that the California Coastal Commission approved, on the most recent meeting consent agenda, the CDP for the Lagoon Restoration Project known as W-19. Ms. Anderson reported that she has appreciated working with SCE and SANDAG on this project.

**Public Comment**– No Public Comment

**DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA****2. General Manager Recruitment**

*Recommendation:* Appoint a new General Manager upon completion of the recruitment and negotiation process.

Counsel Brechtel reported that many resumes were received for the General Manager position and that 13 applications were forwarded to the JPA Board ad-hoc committee for review. The pool was further narrowed to 5 applicants of which 3 were selected for the final interviews. The JPA Board interviewed the 3 candidates in closed session and the motion was made to hire Shawna Anderson as the new Executive Director/ General Manager at the salary amount of \$126,251 per year upon completion of the employment contract, to include a benefit package consistent with the previous

Directors benefit plan. Chair Bry made the motion to hire Shawna Anderson as the new General Manager as recommended by the Boardmembers. Board member Jacob seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: Diaz, Gaspar

The Board shared warm sentiments and welcomed new Executive Director, Shawna Anderson.

### **3. Update from JPA Surf Cup Subcommittee**

Vice-Chair Worden reported that the JPA Surf Cup Subcommittee met with Surf Cup Sports representatives. Surf Cup presented the reasons that work had not been done on the trail as revenue constraints compounded by COVID-19. Surf Cup also stated that they were not willing to go forward with the trail project until the Friends of San Dieguito River Valley lawsuit is resolved and that they had a concern with a mitigation issue at the Fairbanks Country Club. The JPA representatives reminded Surf Cup that the JPA is not involved in the lawsuit and that restoring the trail and habitat is a requirement of their lease with the City and that the public has been waiting a long time to have the trail completed. The JPA asked for a work schedule from Surf Cup. Surf Cup Representatives stated that they would start removing weeds from the trail area soon and start trail construction once the lawsuit is resolved and they can operate and generate revenue. The JPA Surf Cup Subcommittee recommended that the JPA keep this issue on their priority list and create a committee made up of the new board members.

Public Comment: Maggie Brown from the Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley thanked the Subcommittee for the update. Chair Bry said that a timeline is lacking in the City lease and that newly elected councilman Joe LaCava will be briefed on this issue.

### **4. Process for JEPa Review**

Executive Director Shawna Anderson explained clause 3.b of the JEPa 2015 agreement which states that every five years the member agencies will review the terms of the Agreement. Ms. Anderson asked that a subcommittee of the board be created to review this item. Chair Bry called for public comment and hearing none recommended that this item be added to the January JPA Board meeting agenda so that the new boardmembers have the opportunity to review the JEPa terms.

## **INFORMATION**

### **5. Park Project Status Updates**

#### **a. San Dieguito Lagoon Restoration Phase 2 (W-19)**

Executive Director/General Manager Shawna Anderson reported that, similar to the Southern California Edison restoration project, the JPA will be the long term manager of the W-19 restoration project after CALTRANS mitigation obligations are met. Work is being done to secure the final permits. A draft MOU between SCE and SANDAG and the JPA is being finalized and will be brought to the JPA for adoption in the future. SANDAG, CALTRANS and the JPA will be drafting the endowment for the future management of the project. The



construction will be done under contract with CALTRANS by contractor Marathon Construction and will begin November 2021.

b. Rancho Santa Fe Section of Coast to Crest Trail

Executive Director/General Manager Shawna Anderson reported that this section of trail is one mile long and it links the Santa Fe Valley Trail to Lusardi Open Space Preserve. The JPA will be resuming construction on this critical link soon. Ms. Anderson stated that this project and the Osuna project will fill two gaps in the Coast to Crest Trail and she is happy to report this progress.

6. Coordination Reports

a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy – Trish Boaz reported that the Wildlife Conservation Board approved grant funding for the Conservancy's purchase of 103 acres in Del Dios. Wildlife Conservation Board will meet in February 2021 and consider the funding for the purchase of an additional 14 acres adjacent to the 103 acres for a total of 117 acres. The property is across Del Dios Highway near the Hodges dam, within the viewshed of the San Dieguito River Park. The Conservancy's portion of the purchase is \$260,000 of the total purchase amount of \$2.266 million. Federal and State agencies are providing 90% of the cost.

- 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 that River Path Del Mar phases 1 and 2 have been completed. He stated that phase 3, from Grand Avenue Bridge to Crest Canyon, is the most challenging. However, with generous grants received from the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy and the Del Mar Foundation phase 3 is fully funded.

Chair Bry adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am stating that her last day as a City councilmember and JPA boardmember will be December 10<sup>th</sup> and that she has enjoyed her participation on the board. She continued to say that the organization is in great hands with Shawna as the General Manager.

These minutes approved by Board action.

2/23/21  
Date

  
Executive Director

