

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dwight Worden – Chair
Dave Grosch – Vice-Chair
Tina Inscoc
Joe LaCava
Marni vonWilpert
Kelly Harless
Jeff Barnouw
Dustin Fuller

REPRESENTING

City of Del Mar
City of Poway
City of Escondido
City of San Diego, District 1
City of San Diego, District 5
City of Solana Beach
Citizens Advisory Committee
22nd District Agricultural Association

MEMBERS ABSENT

Terra Lawson-Remer
Joel Anderson

REPRESENTING

County of San Diego Dist. 3
County of San Diego Dist. 2

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Shawna Anderson
Ayden Zielke
Christal Ames
Wayne Brechtel
Maggie Brown
Trish Boaz
Kim Wehinger
Chrystal Benham
Quinton Grounds
Eric Jones
Greg Kazmir
Rebecca Smith

San Dieguito River Park JPA
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JPA Counsel
Friends of San Dieguito River Valley
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
City of San Diego
San Diego County Parks
City of San Diego District 5
Volcan Mountain Foundation
County of San Diego Dist. 2
County of San Diego Dist. 3

Introduction and Announcements

Chair Worden convened the meeting at 11:00 a.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum of 8 Boardmembers were present to begin the meeting.

1. **Approval of Resolution 21-5 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings per AB 361**
Recommendation: Adopt Resolution 21-5, Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings
Motion to approve the Resolution 21-5, seconded by Boardmember Inscoc.

Public Comment - No Public Comments

Yes votes: Barnouw, Grosch, Harless, Inscoc, LaCava, Worden, Von Wilpert
Absent: Lawson-Remer, Anderson

Approval of Minutes of October 15, 2021

Jeff Barnouw clarified his excused absence at the October 15, 2021 Board meeting reminding the Board that Phil Pryde had been approved to attend in his place. He asked that notation of this be included in the minutes. Boardmember Harless made the motion to adopt the minutes as amended, Boardmember Grosch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken.

Yes votes: Barnouw, Grosch, Harless, Inscoc, LaCava, Worden, Von Wilpert
Absent: Lawson-Remer, Anderson

Executive Directors Report – Executive Director Shawna Anderson reported that the volunteer work party event is on track for December 4th from 8am to 12pm at Surf Cup Sports fields. Rangers and volunteers from San Diego Mountain Biking Association, Del Mar Rotary, and the JPA will improve the Coast to Crest Trail segment along the Surf Cup Lease. Surf Cup is providing refreshments and has reserved parking for the expected 20-30 volunteers. Executive Director Shawna Anderson described the memorial bench being donated by the Tipler family. The Tipler family has retained an artist to design and build the two-sided metal bench which will be attached to the lagoon boardwalk. Anderson also reported on other volunteer activities, and that a JPA staff retreat was held at the San Ysabel Nature Center, employees focus was on goals and strategies for the San Dieguito River Park for the upcoming year.

Director Shawna Anderson introduced staff from County Parks to provide an update on the subject of Board member alternates for the County's JPA representatives. Crystal Benham explained that the County Board of Supervisors at their meeting authorized Department of Parks and Recreation staff to work with the JPA on a proposal to allow the County to appoint County staff members to represent the County on the JPA as alternates, if authorized by the JPA. Chair Worden suggested that an ad-hoc subcommittee of the JPA be responsible for working with the County. JPA members Joe LaCava and Dave Grosch agreed to serve on a subcommittee along with Chair Worden and Director Shawna Anderson.

Public Comment

Maggie Brown with the Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley thanked the JPA for their progress on improving the trail along the Surf Cup lease.

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

2. JPA/San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy MOU Amendment

Executive Director Shawna Anderson explained that she and JPA Chair Worden have met quarterly with the Conservancy's director and board president and agreed to update the MOU originally approved by the organizations in 2000, amended in 2014. The purpose of the MOU is to facilitate a cooperative working relationship between the two organizations, but that several clauses in the MOU were now outdated. Director Anderson reported that the Conservancy's Board of Directors approved the amended MOU at their board meeting November 17, 2021 with two changes.

Discussion followed and Boardmember Grosch expressed his support for the good working relationship between the JPA and Conservancy and encouraged the two organizations to continue their quarterly meetings.

Motion to adopt the Amendment to the MOU as revised by Conservancy was made by Boardmember Grosch, Boardmember Inscoc seconded the motion.

Public Comment – Trish Boaz, Executive Director of the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy expressed the Conservancy's support for the MOU and thanked the JPA for the positive working relationship.

Yes votes: Barnouw, Grosch, Harless, Inscoc, LaCava, Von Wilpert, Worden

Absent: Lawson-Remer, Anderson

Chair Worden announced that Conservancy Director Trish Boaz had announced her upcoming retirement and asked Ms. Boaz if she would like to make any further comments. Ms. Boaz stated that the relationship between the JPA and Conservancy is fantastic and thanked the JPA board and JPA Director Shawna Anderson.

3. Two Coast to Crest Trail Gaps in Detail (oral)

Executive Director Shawna Anderson explained that following her presentation of the Coast to Crest Trail gap status at last month's JPA meeting it was suggested that she present a few of the gaps in more detail. Director Anderson's presentation focused on the status of two segments, both located in the middle of the park. Hwy 78 to Boden Canyon gap in East San Pasqual Valley and the Sutherland gap (black Canyon Rd. to Santa Ysabel). She explained the challenges for these two important Coast to Crest Trail gaps and her intention to focus JPA staff on furthering design and funding as a priority. She stated that finalizing trail plans and environmental work is critical to be competitive for future construction grant funds.

Chair Worden asked if the public can walk the gap areas today without a trail. Director Anderson explained that no public areas exist along the East San Pasqual trail gap except Hwy 78, and that most of the land is an active agricultural lease or on difficult terrain. She added that no trails exist around the north side of Lake Sutherland either and although the public can access the lake from Sutherland Dam Road, the road is not wide enough to accommodate trail users next to vehicles.

Chair Worden also asked why multi-use is not allowed on the trail at Boden Canyon. Director Anderson replied that the parcels owned by CA Fish and Wildlife are within an Ecological Reserve and that it is the policy regulated by the CA Fish and Game Commission to prohibit multi-use

(horses and bikes) within ER land. She further explained that the CTC Trail is not proposed to travel north into Boden Canyon and rather to be located next to Hwy 78 on the existing trail that connects to Lower Santa Ysabel Trail going east. Discussions with CA Fish and Wildlife staff were ongoing, but that the JPA may need to appeal to the Fish and Game Commission to allow multi-use there or explore purchasing the parcels. Chair Worden offered the assistance of JPA Boardmembers if needed to help with future negotiations.

Public Comment – No Public Comment

INFORMATION

4. Project Status Updates

- a. **Osuna Segment of CTC Trail** - Director Anderson stated that engineering plans for the bridge and the trail are finished and that staff is preparing a permit application to be submitted to the City of San Diego. Staff also presented the project to two community planning groups, the San Dieguito Planning Group and Carmel Valley Planning Group, both offering support on the project.

- b. **San Dieguito Lagoon Phase II Restoration (aka W-19)** - Director Shawna Anderson reported that the restoration project is on track to begin construction in early January 2022. Community outreach plans to notify trail users and the surrounding community of upcoming construction are being prepared by SANDAG and JPA staff. Chair Worden added that a project presentation to the Del Mar City Council will occur in January. Boardmember LaCava offered the support of his staff to assist with community outreach if needed.

5. Coordination Reports (oral)

- a. **San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy**- Executive Director Trish Boaz reported on the Conservancy's successful River Valley Fest held on November 7th. She also announced the Conservancy's purchase of two private parcels on San Dieguito Drive in Del Mar, 0.36 acres along the River Path Del Mar.

- 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

6. Jurisdictional Status Reports

Dustin Fuller – Mr. Fuller reported that the 22nd DAA received one bid from their Horsepark RFP, but it was deemed nonresponsive. A revised RFP for a new equestrian operator will be issued in upcoming weeks. He also reported on the City of San Diego's Via de la Valle road-widening project and a recent meeting he attended with City staff.

Dwight Worden – Chair Worden reported that Southern California Edison contractors will be dredging the river mouth in Del Mar; Dwight also mentioned SANDAG's adoption of the Regional Transportation Plan.

Chair Worden adjourned the meeting at 12:00 pm.

These minutes approved by Board action.

12/22/21
Date


Executive Director

