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**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

11:00 a.m.

Friday, December 8, 2023

County Administration Center

1600 Pacific Highway, Room 402A

San Diego

Speaker slips will be available. Please fill out a slip and give it to the Chair prior to the meeting if you wish to speak about an item on the agenda. The Board may act on any item listed on the Consent or Action Agenda.

Introductions and Announcements

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Minutes of October 20, 2023 (Page 3-6)

Executive Director's Report

Public Comment

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Board and not appearing on today's agenda. Comments relating to items on today's agenda are to be taken at the time the item is heard. Pursuant to the Brown Act, no action shall be taken by the Board on public comment items.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. FY23-24 Q1 Budget Report and Coast Q3 Report (Page 7)
2. Vehicle Replacements (Pages 8-10)
3. Fairgrounds Trail and SDRP Gateway (Oral Report)

INFORMATION

4. Project Status Updates
 - a. Reach the Beach Fairgrounds Trail and Gateway
 - b. San Dieguito Lagoon Phase II Restoration (aka W-19)
 - c. CTC Trail - East San Pasqual and Sutherland Gaps Project
5. Coordination Reports (oral)
 - a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
 - b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
 - c. Volcan Mountain Foundation
 - d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
6. Jurisdictional Status Reports (oral)

An opportunity for the Board members to report on actions taken within their jurisdiction to further the park planning process.

THE NEXT REGULAR JPA MEETING will be January 19, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Dewanda Vandermost at dewanda@sdrp.org or (858)674-2270

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
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Minutes of October 20, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joe LaCava - Chair
Chris Khoury – Vice Chair
Brian Pepin
Christian Garcia
Greg Kazmer, Alternate for Joel Anderson
Jill MacDonald
Marni von Wilpert
Dwight Worden
Dustin Fuller

REPRESENTING

City of San Diego District 1
Citizens Advisory Committee
City of Poway
City of Escondido
County of San Diego Dist. 2
City of Solana Beach
City of San Diego Dist. 5
City of Del Mar
22nd Agricultural District, Ex Officio

MEMBERS ABSENT

Terra Lawson-Remer

REPRESENTING

County of San Diego Dist. 3

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Shawna Anderson
Dewanda Vandermost
Wayne Brechtel
Maggie Brown
Gail Ryan
Lizzy Bendrick
Neil Meyer

REPRESENTING

San Dieguito River Park JPA
San Dieguito River Park JPA
San Dieguito River Park JPA, General Counsel
Friends of San Dieguito River Valley
City of San Diego District 1
County Parks & Recreation Department
Eastern Property Owner

Introduction and Announcements:

Chair LaCava convened the meeting at 11:03 a.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum of eight board members were present to begin the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Minutes of August 18, 2023

Board Member Khoury moved to approve the minutes and Board Member Garcia seconded the motion. All in favor.

Yes votes: LaCava, Khoury, Pepin, MacDonald, Garcia, Worden, vonWilpert, Alternate Kazmer

No votes: None

Absent: Lawson-Remer

Abstain: None

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Anderson reported on the September 8th press event held with Senator Blakespear announcing the \$1.4-million State award for the Osuna segment of CTC Trail.

Anderson reported that staff is working on a major makeover for our website. She shared photos and details of past and upcoming SDRP events. In the last two months the events included: "I Love a Clean San Diego" and presentations about SDRP at Del Mar Library and the Del Mar Rotary and several large student field trips plus the Interpretive Rangers attended an Outdoor Leadership Training event. The upcoming events are Sike's Adobe Festive Farmhouse, The Watershed Explorers Outdoor Safety Training and "The Red Nose Run" fundraiser (with SDRP as one of two charities).

Executive Director Anderson learned through conversations with Surf Cup Sports that they are beginning the habitat restoration portion of the project, and they are asking for volunteers to help and that they will have to resubmit for a new trail permit before they can work on the trail. She also shared that she contracted with Helix Environmental for as-needed consultanting and that she plans to readvertise the Environmental Planner position in January. She is attending the Del Mar Fairgrounds Community and Government Relations Committee which provides an opportunity to discuss and familiarize the committee with the Western Gateway, trails, and erosion issues at Horse Park.

Executive Director Anderson reminded the board that the W-19 Lagoon Restoration tour will be October 25th and that there will be more tour opportunities in the future. She also mentioned the Volcan Mountain Hike presentation which will be October 21st.

Public Comment – No public comments received.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Dissolution of MOU regarding Mitigation Credit Sales, Fenton North and Sycamore Westridge

Recommendation: Approve dissolution of MOU between JPA and San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy regarding sale of mitigation credits on Sycamore Westridge and Fenton North properties.

Executive Director Anderson explained the background and terms of the 2015 MOU and changed circumstances regarding the Fenton North property and a public grant used by the SDRVC for habitat restoration on the property which negated the value of mitigation credits. The SDRVC voted at their September 2023 Board meeting to dissolve the MOU.

Anderson stated that due to the circumstances, the recent sale of mitigation credits on the Sycamore Westridge property should also not be subject to the MOU.

Board Member Khoury made the motion to recommend approval to dissolve the MOU and Board Member Worden seconded the motion. All in favor.

Public Comment- no public comment

Yes votes: LaCava, Khoury, Pepin, MacDonald, Garcia, Worden, vonWilpert, Alternate Kazmer

No votes: None

Absent: Lawson-Remer

Abstain: None

2. **County of San Diego Neighborhood Reinvestment Program Grant Application**

Recommendation: Approve application and resolution for Community Enhancement Program Grant.

Executive Director Anderson introduced Senior Interpretive Ranger Leana Bulay, who explained the JPA's grant application to acquire a Trailmaster Utility Terrain Vehicle to aid mobility challenged individuals to allow them to participate in educational and interpretive programs.

Board Member Alternate Kazmer expressed questions about exhausting all financial options and that the JPA's financial structure should not be relying on each district office for funds and becoming a more fiscally solvent organization.

Board Member Worden commented that the grant request is consistent with previous board discussions about using grant resources for one-time needs. Agreed that the vehicle would benefit multiple districts. Board discussion followed regarding details of the vehicle operation and users and expressed support for the application.

Public Comment- no public comment

Board Member Worden made the motion to approve and Board Member vonWilpert seconded the motion. All in favor.

Yes votes: LaCava, Khoury, Pepin, MacDonald, Garcia, Worden, vonWilpert, Alternate Kazmer

No votes: None

Absent: Lawson-Remer

Abstain: None

3. **County of San Diego Community Enhancement Grant Application**

Recommendation: Approve application and resolution for Community Enhancement Program Grant.

Executive Director Anderson explained the grant request to fund a monthly workshop series with other non-profit partners and experts.

Board member discussion followed regarding correcting an error in the application, workshop details, and expressed support for the application.

Public Comment- no public comment

Board Member Worden made the motion to approve and Board Member vonWilpert seconded the motion.
All in favor.

Yes votes: LaCava, Khoury, Pepin, MacDonald, Garcia, Worden, vonWilpert, Alternate Kazmer

No votes: None

Absent: Lawson-Remer

Abstain: None

INFORMATION

4. Project Status Updates

- a. **Reach the Beach Fairgrounds Trail** –Executive Director Anderson reported progress on this project and plans to present a draft at the December CAC meeting.
- b. **San Dieguito Lagoon Phase II Restoration (aka W-19)** – no report
- c. **CTC Trail – East San Pasqual and Sutherland Gaps Project** – Executive Director Anderson reported that project planning is continuing, and more information will be shared at a later date.

5. Coordination Reports (oral)

- a. **San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy**- Board Member Khoury announced the SDRVC Riverfest was a great success, raising over \$100,000.
 - b. **Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley**- Maggie Brown gave a presentation about the Osprey nest on an SDG&E power pole that is scheduled to be removed and shared a letter submitted by a constituent.
 - c. **Volcan Mountain Foundation** – no report
 - d. **San Dieguito Lagoon Committee**- no report
6. **Jurisdictional Status Reports** – Board member Fuller announced the Fairgrounds Water Quality Initiative open house on November 1 with Senator Atkins as featured guest. Fuller requested JPA participation at an Eco Environmental event being planned for the 2024 County Fair.

Chair LaCava adjourned the meeting at 11:49 AM

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SDRP Consolidated Budget Status FY 23-24 - 1st Quarter (July 2023-September 2023)

Operating Fund				
Revenues	Thru 1st Qtr rec'd	1st Qtr proj.	1st Qtr target 25%	Total Annual
Member Agencies	1,292,369	323,092	100%	1,292,368
Habitat Mgmt.	6,591	24,340	7%	97,360
Misc.	94,678	86,436	27%	345,743
Total Revenue	1,393,638	433,868	80%	1,735,471
Expenditures				
	Thru 1st Qtr exp'd	1st Qtr proj.	1st Qtr target 25%	Total Annual
Education.Volunteer	2,449	2,500	24%	10,000
Salaries	373,717	361,441	26%	1,445,763
Habitat Management	8,431	5,500	38%	22,000
Non-habitat Services	17,380	13,444	32%	53,775
Office Admin	101,940	45,733	56%	182,933
Sikes Adobe	6,090	5,250	29%	21,000
Total Expenses	510,007	433,868	29%	1,735,471

Coast Budget Operated on Calendar Year - Status through 3rd Quarter (Jan - Sept 2023)

Expenditures	Thru 3rd Qtr exp'd	3rd Qtr proj.	3rdQtr target 75%	Total Annual
Materials	5,309	8,250	48%	11,000
Salaries	155,008	155,008	75%	206,677
Operations	44,796	45,173	74%	60,230
Vehicles	7,594	9,000	63%	12,000
Total Expenses	212,706	217,430	73%	289,907

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TO: JPA Board

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: Future Vehicle Replacement

RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss Strategy and Approve Next Steps for Vehicle Replacement.

During adoption of the JPA's FY23-24 Operating Budget, your Board directed the Executive Director to provide additional information regarding the JPA's fleet replacement needs and procedures. This included the JPA's capital reserve fund and future transition to zero emission vehicles (electric vehicles).

Current Situation

Currently, the JPA has six ranger truck vehicles for trail and habitat maintenance and two passenger vans for the Watershed Explorers Program. One of the six trucks was recently taken out of service and a priority for replacing. Staff anticipates needing to replace three additional trucks within the near future. The JPA's fleet gets heavy use from hauling materials and equipment (trailers, water buffalo, etc.) over dirt roads/trails and rough terrain and over long distances. Heavy use and high repair costs drive the need to replace vehicles.

In accordance with the JPA's Reserve Policy, the capital replacement reserve fund is intended to replace vehicles, equipment, and capital improvements on a periodic basis as needed and as funds are available. Annual contributions to the capital reserve account (that vary by budget year) are transferred from both the Operations budget and the Coast budget. In addition, two large donations in 2023 were placed in the capital reserve fund. Currently, the JPA's capital reserve balance is \$26,320, plus remaining transfers this fiscal year for a total of \$34,320. Reserve funds were used in 2020 to replace one truck and in 2021 to replace a tractor.

Going Zero Emissions

Another consideration is California's mandate to reduce emissions. According to the California Air Resources Board's Advanced Clean Fleets regulations, state and local government fleets, including city, county, and special district fleets, are required to ensure 50 percent of vehicle purchases are zero-emission beginning in 2024 and 100 percent of vehicle purchases are zero-emission by 2027. The JPA as a "small government fleet (10 or fewer vehicles)" must start their ZEV purchases beginning in 2027.

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Alternately, State and local government fleet owners may elect to meet ZEV targets using the ZEV Milestones Option shown below (JPA is Group 2). State and local government fleets may purchase either ZEVs or near-ZEVs, or a combination of ZEVs and near-ZEVs, until 2035. Starting in 2035, only ZEVs will meet the requirements. There is no requirement that State and local government fleets must end the use of their existing vehicles and may keep their existing combustion-powered vehicles for their full useful life.

ZEV Fleet Milestones by Milestone Group and Year

Percentage of vehicles that must be zero-emission	10%	25%	50%	75%	100%
Milestone Group 1: Box trucks, vans, buses with two axles, yard tractors, light-duty package delivery vehicles	2025	2028	2031	2033	2035 and beyond
Milestone Group 2: Work trucks, day cab tractors, buses with three axles	2027	2030	2033	2036	2039 and beyond
Milestone Group 3: Sleeper cab tractors and specialty vehicles	2030	2033	2036	2039	2042 and beyond

Recommendations and Other Options

In addition to the JPA's capital reserve (which may be insufficient to fully fund a new vehicle), the JPA can use other non-dedicated capital funds including a portion of the proceeds from the recent mitigation credits sold on Sycamore Westridge and other non-dedicated donations in the capital projects budget. It is anticipated that the JPA will use a commercial fleet dealer as done for previous purchases. Bids to replace the truck currently out of service have not yet been obtained. Pursuant to the JPA's procurement policy, purchases of equipment greater than \$25,000 require Board of Director approval.

Recommendations for Next Steps:

- Obtain fleet dealer bids for both a conventional (non-ZEV) truck and, if available, an equivalent ZEV truck (e.g., size, 4x4, etc.) and report back to Board. Cash purchase would be made using a combination of capital reserve funds and other non-dedicated capital funds with Board approval.
- Explore prices and potential sources for a donated (or discounted) ZEV truck with a goal to comply with ZEV clean fleet regulations and report findings back to Board.
- Explore other funding sources (grants) for ZEV compliance.

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- Research member agency policies or plans for ZEV fleet replacement.
- Continue to make annual contributions to the capital replacement reserve fund from the Operations and Coast budgets and other sources.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawna Anderson
Executive Director