

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
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

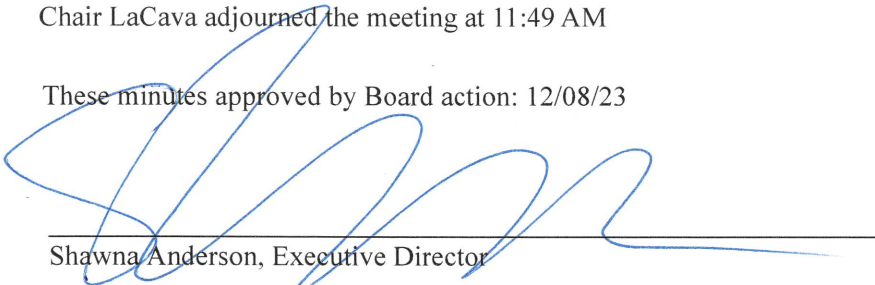
- a. **Reach the Beach Fairgrounds Trail** –Executive Director Anderson reported progress on this project and plans to present a draft at the December CAC meeting.
- b. **San Dieguito Lagoon Phase II Restoration (aka W-19)** – no report
- c. **CTC Trail – East San Pasqual and Sutherland Gaps Project**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

These minutes approved by Board action: 12/08/23



Shawna Anderson, Executive Director