

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Minutes of April 21, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Khoury – Vice Chair
Dwight Worden
Dane White, Alternate for Christian Garcia
Brian Pepin
Greg Kazmer, Alternate for Joel Anderson
Jill MacDonald

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joe LaCava – Chair
Marni von Wilpert
Terra Lawson-Remer
Dustin Fuller

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Shawna Anderson
Brenda Miller
Wayne Brechtel
Joseph Rivera
Lizzy Bendrick
Sue Carr
Maggie Brown
Jamie Kennedy
Quinton Grounds

REPRESENTING

Citizens Advisory Committee
City of Del Mar
City of Escondido
City of Poway
County of San Diego Dist. 2
City of Solana Beach

REPRESENTING

City of San Diego District 1
City of San Diego Dist. 5
County of San Diego Dist. 3
22nd Agricultural District

REPRESENTING

San Dieguito River Park JPA
San Dieguito River Park JPA
JPA Counsel
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
County Parks & Recreation Department
Fairbanks Polo Club HOA
Friends of San Dieguito River Valley
City of San Diego P.U.D.
City of San Diego Dist. 5

Introduction and Announcements:

Vice-Chair Chris Khoury convened the meeting at 11:00 a.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum of six board members were present to begin the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approval of the Minutes of March 17, 2023, as corrected

Vice-Chair Khoury noted the correction to the minutes of March 17, 2023. Board member Pepin moved to approve the minutes as corrected and Board member alternate Kazmer seconded the motion. All in favor.

Yes votes: Khoury, Worden, MacDonald, White, Pepin, Kazmer

Absent: LaCava, Lawson-Remer, vonWilpert

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Shawna Anderson reported that the JPA received a \$24,000 grant from the Del Mar Foundation to design and plan the trail along the Fairgrounds, on the north side of the river, south side of the Fairgrounds. In addition, the funds will be used to design a coastal gateway to the San Dieguito River Park. Ms. Anderson reported that Sikes Adobe was part of the California Native Plant Society Garden tour and the Escondido Adobe home tour with approximately 700 people coming to Sikes Adobe. San Dieguito River Park hosted a portion of the Belgian Waffle Ride and received a \$15,000 donation. She reported on the ongoing Escondido Explorers program funded by the State Outdoor Equity Grant including a weeklong summer camp consisting of field trips to five locations in the watershed.

Public Comment – no comments.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consider Recommendation of JPA Budget Committee and Approve FY 23- 24 JPA Budget

Recommendation: Consider and Approve Proposed FY23-24 Budget.

Executive Director Anderson reported that the Board's ad-hoc Budget Committee recommended approval of the proposed fiscal year 2023-2024 budget. Ms. Anderson explained the proposed budget details and the recommended member agency contribution amounts. Ms. Anderson stated that the proposed budget includes an increase of 10% in member agency contributions over the FY 22-23 budget, exceeding the 5% cap in the JPA. An increase capped at 5% would significantly reduce the ability to perform the JPA's current maintenance and programming required to implement its mission and is not recommended. Ms. Anderson stated that another option would be to dip into the operating reserve. She explained the JPA's operating reserve balance of \$325,000 would cover 66 days of operating expenses. The JPA also has a capital equipment reserve of \$25,000. Budget Committee member Worden stated that the Budget Committee is not recommending a FY23-24 budget with a 5% increase in contributions. The Committee is also exploring long-term financial strategies and will report back to the Board with recommendations. Board member County alternate Kazmer clarified that he couldn't speak for the County department regarding their ability to pay specific contribution amounts. Director Anderson stated that JPA is not required to obtain the approval of each member agency for the JPA's budget but that the ability to pay the JPA contributions are at the discretion of each agency, and that she and JPA Board members have been communicating directly with each member agency staff.

Public Comment – no public comment

Board member Worden made the motion to recommend approval of the proposed FY 23-24 Budget and forward on to their member agencies. Jill MacDonald seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Khoury, Worden, MacDonald, White, Pepin, Kazmer

Absent: LaCava, Lawson-Remer, vonWilpert

3. **Approve Resolution 23-2 for Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Application for Osuna Segment of the Coast To Crest Trail**

Recommendation: Approve resolution for California State Parks Land and Water Conservation Grant application to request grant funds for the Osuna segment of the Coast to Crest Trail and authorize Executive Director to submit grant application and sign and execute agreement with property owner (City of San Diego).

Executive Director Shawna Anderson introduced the topic to approve a resolution for a State Land and Water Conservation Grant application and authorize the Executive Director to submit a grant application and sign and execute an agreement with the property owner, City of San Diego.

Director Anderson explained the need for additional funding for the Osuna trail project due to a project shortfall of over \$1.2 Million and that the LWCF grant program is a good funding opportunity. Anderson is also exploring other potential funding sources.

Public Comment- no public comment

Board member Worden moved to approve the resolution for the grant application. Board member alternate Kazmer seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Khoury, Worden, MacDonald, White, Pepin, Kazmer
Absent: LaCava, Lawson-Remer, vonWilpert

INFORMATION

4. **Project Status Updates**

- a. **Reach the Beach Fairgrounds Trail** - this was covered in the Executive Directors Report.
- b. **San Dieguito Lagoon Phase II Restoration (aka W-19)** – Staff and board member tours being scheduled.
- c. **CTC Trail – East San Pasqual and Sutherland Gaps Project** – Director Anderson reported progress on trail planning including coordination meetings with property owner.

5. **Coordination Reports (oral)**

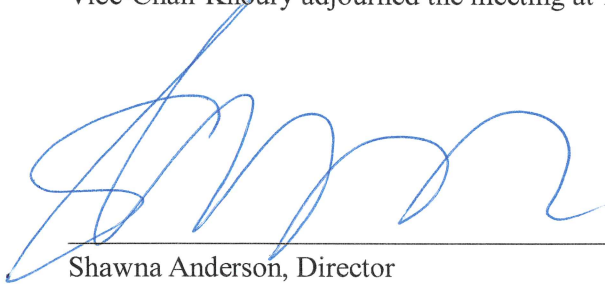
- a. **San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy-** Joseph Rivera, conservation manager, reported that Conservancy is fully staffed. The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy was selected as the Non-Profit of the Year by Senator Blakespear, District 38.
- b. **Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley-** President Maggie Brown reported on continuing status updates from the State Regional Water Board regarding ongoing water quality violations by Surf Cup operators.
- c. **Volcan Mountain Foundation** – no report
- d. **San Dieguito Lagoon Committee-** no report

6. **Jurisdictional Status Reports** – no reports

Public Comment – Sue Carr, resident, reported that the Fairbanks Polo Club Homeowners Association filed a lawsuit against the City of San Diego for violations of the grant deed for uses of the polo field.

7. **Adjourn to Closed Session** – Counsel Brechtel reported that the board met in closed session regarding the two items and provided direction to the real property negotiators and that no other reportable action was taken.

Vice-Chair Khoury adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.



Shawna Anderson, Director