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**AGENDA
 SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK
 CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
 Friday, January 8, 2016

Location: San Rafael Parish.
 Pastoral Center, Rooms D & E
 (The Pastoral Center building is located on the south side of the parking lot)
 17252 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo
 (north of Rancho Bernardo Drive)

In order to conduct the meetings effectively, the Chair has asked the Citizens Advisory Committee appointees to please sit at the front of the room. Alternates (who are not sitting in for the regular appointee) and others present are invited to sit in the rows behind the committee. Discussion during the meeting will be conducted by the appointees. Alternates and others are welcome to address the committee during the public comment period or if recognized by the Chair during the meeting. Speaker slips are available. It is important that CAC members comply with the Chair's Meeting Procedures and maintain decorum and politeness at all times. A quorum is a simple majority of current members. **The Chair cannot start the meeting until a quorum is present. PLEASE ARRIVE BY 10:25 A.M.!** The CAC may take action on any item listed on the Consent or Discussion/Action agenda, but only when a quorum is present. If a quorum is temporarily lost during the meeting, no further discussion will take place until the quorum is regained. If the quorum is not regained, the meeting will be adjourned. **Please advise the Chair at the beginning of the meeting if you must leave before 12:15 p.m.**

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Roll Call and Introductions Chair
Late arrivals should speak to staff to make sure their attendance is noted.

Approval of November 6, 2015 Minutes

Election of Officers Chair/Vice-Chair 2016 (page 8) Chair

Executive Director's Report Staff

Public Comment Public

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Committee Reports
 - a. Project Review Committee
 - b. Trails Committee

INFORMATION

4. Park Project Status (oral)
 - a. California Coastal Commission Public Hearing re: St. John Garabed Armenian Apostolic Church
5. Communications An opportunity for any CAC member or the public to bring to the CAC's attention a project or activity not reviewed by the Project Review Committee in their reports

Adjournment

Chair

The next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2016

If you have any questions, please call Kevin McKernan at (858) 674-2270

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of November 6, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Golich
Phil Pryde
Deborah DeBow
Jan Fuchs
Diane Coombs
Don Wendt
Jeff Barnouw
Leonard Haynes
Margaret Schlesinger
Carol Carr
Mid Hoppenrath
Terry Kopanski
Bill Michalsky
Pat Whitt
Colleen Bradley
Jacqueline Winterer
Brant Bassett
Cory Ha'o
Terry Badger

REPRESENTING

CAC, Chair
Audubon Society
California Native Plant Society
Carmel Valley Planning Board
Citizens Coordinate for Century 3
Equestrian - Ramona Trails Association
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
Julian Community Planning Group
League of Women Voters
San Diego County Bicycle Coalition
San Dieguito Planning Group
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
Sierra Club
Torrey Pines Community Planning Group
Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation
Coastal Property Owner
Central Property Owner
Coastal Property Owner
Central Property Owner

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Kevin McKernan	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Shawna Anderson	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Brenda Miller	San Dieguito River Park JPA

Roll Call and Introductions

Chair Golich convened the meeting at 10:40 a.m. at the San Rafael Parish. Office Manager Brenda Miller took the roll call. A quorum was met with 18 in attendance.

Approval of Minutes- September 11, 2015

Jacqueline Winterer moved to approve the minutes of September 11, 2015 and Bill Michalsky seconded the motion. All in favor.

Chair's Report

Chair Golich reported that the River Fest was a nice event. News from the last JPA Board meeting was that the Board did approve a resolution of for Application of Grant Funds for the California River Parkways Grant Program and adopted Policy No. P15-01 San Dieguito River Valley_Regional Open Space Park Joint Powers Authority Board and Staff Communications Related to Land Use Projects. The Board also reviewed the Interim Directive Regarding Interpretive Features and Programming.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director McKernan reported on the following subjects:

a. Update on Boardwalk Removal

Executive Director McKernan reported that he and Shawna Anderson met with the 22nd DAA to talk about SOL project. The boardwalk will be removed in mid January and the River Park will be responsible for removal of the planks. The trail alignment should be done before the boardwalk is removed. It is anticipated that the project will take 2 weeks and there will be temporary closures. SDRP staff will remove planks and create a viewing platform at the end of boardwalk. Donor plaques will be removed and reinstalled on the boardwalk. Many plaques are in poor condition and this will be addressed. The expectation is that everything will go smoothly and it was a good meeting.

b. Review of Interpretive Feature and Programming Policy No. P15-02

Executive Director McKernan stated that at the last CAC meeting an interim directive re Interpretive Feature and Programming Policy was presented. Staff prepared the draft policy is in this agenda packet for CAC review. The draft policy will go to the JPA Board for review this month also.

Executive Director McKernan made the announcement that Anne Cooper, Sikes Adobe Museum Manager, has resigned and taken another position in Northern California. Anne will be missed. The operations will be taken over by existing River Park staff and the Sikes program will be reevaluated prior to hiring a replacement for Anne Cooper's position.

Public Comment

Cory Ha'o said he met with the Polo Club and also with the Surf Cup regarding their proposals of the Polo Field property. River Park staff has not received any written information regarding the proposals. Cory Ha'o also commented on the Milan property, which is in the San Dieguito River Park focused planning area. Mr. Ha'o said he met with the Milan Property owners and also with the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy Acquisition Committee regarding the purchase of this property. Jan Fuchs commented that the PRC does not consider acquisition issues. Chair Golich stated that staff would check to see if this property is already on the JPA acquisition list and if not it could be added, also that JPA staff could contact the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy to discuss the property. Executive Director McKernan stated that the JPA will not take on more land to manage unless there is a funding source for future management expenses.

Pat Whitt commented that at the last Torrey Pines Planning Board meeting several members of the community were upset with the mosquito problem in the Penasquitos Lagoon. Trapping is being done to find out why there are so many mosquitoes in the area. One group of residents wants to do spraying for mosquitoes.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Committee Reports

a. Project Review Committee

Jan Fuchs reported that on October 19 the Project Review Committee met at the Polo Fields. The Polo Field has not improved the trail as they should have. The trail improvement is included in the new RFP for the new lease. Ms. Fuchs also mentioned that there is no designated parking and it could be asked for in the El Camino Road / Bridge project. The Milan project was discussed

b. Trails Committee

Carol Carr stated that the Trails Committee will meet next week and she will have a report at the next CAC meeting.

2. Recommendations to JPA on El Camino Bridge/Road Widening Project Recirculated Draft EIR

Environmental Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the PRC visualized this alignment project at their last meeting. The original draft EIR came out in 2006. The JPA staff worked with City staff and provided input to the City at that time. Ms. Anderson reported that there were no surprises in the new EIR. The comments are due November 9, 2015. The JPA may submit a comment letter later than the deadline in order to have the JPA Board review and approve first. Ms. Anderson stated that the bridge will be engineered to add a cantilever at a later date.

Discussion: Phil Pryde stated that the habitat referred to in the EIR as a clapper rail is actually a species named the ridgway rail. Dr. Pryde stated that this is very important that the bird is in this area and that the species needs to be protected. Jan Fuchs stated that the roundabout option should be emphasized in the comment letter. Locations for four roundabouts have been identified. It was said that the benefits of roundabouts on traffic are to improve pedestrian safety, reduce car accidents, and reduce sound making it better for the habitat. Roundabouts were also discussed in reference to the climate action plan, traffic numbers and level of service. It was discussed whether community character and traffic are in the River Park focus. It was mentioned that if the CAC felt strong enough they could create their own comment letter and address to the JPA Boardmember in the jurisdiction of the project or members could send individual letters to the address on the EIR. There is no guarantee that the City would accept the JPA's tardy comment letter.

Deborah Debow made the motion to add stronger argument language regarding the roundabouts, making the connection to the JPA concept plan mission to have roadways not detract from the park, and submitting the revised letter to the JPA for approval at the next JPA meeting. Jacqueline Winterer seconded the motion.

Ayes: 15
Nays: 2
Abstain: 1

3. Recommendation on Interpretive Feature and Programming Policy No. P15-02

Executive Director McKernan stated that this draft policy was updated since the last meeting and asked for the policy to be reviewed. There were no questions or comments.

4. Discussion of Process for Election of New Chair and Vice-Chair Positions for 2016

Chair Golich stated that CAC chair and vice-chair positions are termed out following six years of service. Chair Golich asked for a nominating committee of three people to bring a slate of officers to the next meeting. It was mentioned that the Chair has to leave their existing CAC position and it must be filled by another person. The Chair does not have to be a CAC member and has to be approved by the JPA as a new JPA board member. Vice-Chair can retain membership. The volunteers for the nominating committee are Jeff Barnouw, Cory Ha'o and Tom Golich.

INFORMATION

5. Park Project Status (oral)

a. Lagoon Ranger Station

Environmental Planner Shawna Anderson reported that construction plans are coming together and will submit the building permit application this month

b. Rancho Santa Fe Easement

Environmental Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the trail easement property is owned by the Rancho Santa Fe Association. It is located at the end of the Santa Fe Valley Trail near Crosby Estates. It is an important piece of the link that will extend the Santa Fe Valley Trail though Fairbanks Ranch and Artesian Road area connecting to the Lusardi Canyon Open Space area. The legal description has been finished and the document is awaiting a signature.

c. Pamo Valley Trail

Environmental Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the application for the permit has been resubmitted to the City of San Diego. The City is reviewing and we anticipate an update soon.

d. Update on Meeting with Gates Property Manager re RSF Connection

Environmental Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the Osuna Valley Feasibility study has been finished. Staff has been looking at several ideas to connect the trail through Rancho Santa Fe. There have been some discussions with the property manager of the Gates property. A formal written request was mailed recently requesting a trail easement on the edge of the property and sharing an existing utility easement. This would connect the trail to San Dieguito Road. The utility easement adjoins the Fairbanks Ranch property.

INFORMATION

6. Communications –

Debra DeBow asked what is being dug under the bridge on Pacific Coast Highway at dog beach. NCTD is preparing the bridge to be protected from high water in case of El Nino weather. Terry Badger asked if Del Mar has made a decision regarding horses on the beach.

Adjournment

Chair Golich adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be December 4, 2015

From: [Tom Golich](#)
To: kevin@sdrp.org
Cc: brenda@sdrp.org
Subject: CAC Nominations
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 8:06:19 AM

Good morning Kevin,

The Nominating Committee has come up with our recommendations for the CAC positions up for election. They are Jeff Barnouw for Chair and Jacqueline Winterer for Vice-Chair.

Wishing you both a happy holiday season,

Tom

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