

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Minutes of May 5, 2017**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jacqueline Winterer  
Joseph Esposito  
Deborah DeBow  
Diane Coombs  
Linda Oster  
Don Wendt  
Liz Gabrych  
Ben Hillebrecht  
Carol Carr  
Mid Hoppenrath  
Dave Kreitzer  
Bill Michalsky  
Colleen Bradley  
Brant Bassett  
Terry Badger

**REPRESENTING**

CAC, Vice Chair  
American society of Landscape Architects  
California Native Plant Society  
Citizens Coordinate for Century 3  
Del Dios Town Council  
Equestrian - Ramona Trails Association  
League of Women Voters  
San Diego City Agricultural Advisory Board  
San Diego County Bicycle Coalition  
San Dieguito Planning Group  
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy  
Sierra Club  
Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation  
Central Property Owner  
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**VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT**

Kevin McKernan  
Shawna Anderson  
Brenda Miller  
Leana Bulay  
Brad Bartlett  
John Barone  
Lorri Bradley

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County of San Diego

**Roll Call and Introductions**

Vice-Chair Winterer convened the meeting at 10:35 a.m. at the San Rafael Parish. Roll call was taken with individual introductions. A quorum was met with 15 in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes- March 3, 2017**

Bill Michalsky moved to approve the minutes of March 3, 2017 and Terry Badger seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Chair's Report**

**Executive Director's Report**

Public Comment

Executive Director McKernan passed out a draft letter written by JPA staff in support of the County Land Use Plan approved by the County Board of Supervisors. Lorri Bradley with the County of San Diego presented the issue. The California Coastal Commission changed the agreement to state that all new trails are to be pedestrian only. This would limit the possible connection to the Coast to Crest Trail. The reason for the change is to protect habitat. The County of San Diego is trying to work out a compromise. The California Coastal Commission hearing will be Thursday morning in the Board Chambers at the County Administration Center. The agenda item is 17A. The agenda can also be found at [coastal.ca.gov](http://coastal.ca.gov). CAC members were encouraged to attend the hearing and/or send a letter or email. County staff Lorri Bradley and Deborah Mosley will attend the hearing. Diane Coombs will also be at the hearing to testify. A map was passed out showing the designated area. Bill Michalsky made a motion to approve the letter. Diane Coombs seconded the motion. All in favor.

Bill Michalsky announced the May 20<sup>th</sup> Lagoon Day Event from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Committee Reports

a. Project Review Committee

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the Project Review Committee met in April. The committee reviewed ongoing projects and discussed undergrounding of utilities in the area of El Camino Real. The 2012 SDG&E undergrounding plan showed that the utility line on JPA property would be undergrounded. Ms. Anderson is trying to get clarification on if this is still the plan. The 22<sup>nd</sup> DAA is re-circulating a Draft EIR addressing their Fairgrounds Master Plan Update as a result of a lawsuit brought by the Sierra Club. The issues addressed in the recirculated DEIR do not involve River Park issues. A separate lawsuit was filed by the cities of Del Mar and Solana Beach and the JPA. The second lawsuit, settled out of court involved lighting, a freeway readerboard sign, and other issues.

b. Trails Committee

Carol Carr reported that the committee members have made some good suggestions that will be brought to the CAC at a later date. The next meeting will be held Tuesday May 9 at 12:30 pm. Coastal Dust Devils have done a great job and the Lagoon trails look very good. Major progress has been made to remove wild mustard from the Lagoon area.

c. Interpretation Committee

Liz Gabrych reported that Interpretation Committee met for the first time on February 7. Ms. Gabrych was nominated committee chair and the committee reviewed projects. Projects that will be looked at in the future are a scholarship program, developing a master plan with short and long term goals, and locating the mileage markers in the River Park.

INFORMATION

2. Park Project Status

a. Coastal Ranger Station

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the architects are working through the permit process at the City of San Diego. The plans will be drawn up for the two phases of work. After receipt of the plans, phase one bids will be solicited.

b. Pamo Valley Trail

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that she will be going to the City of San Diego next week to pull the grading permit. County approvals have been received; and the grant and contract are in place. The JPA rangers will begin construction soon. A meeting will be held with City staff and the lessee before the project begins. Executive Director McKernan thanked Brian Albright and Deborah Mosely from the County for their help.

c. Horse Park Trail

Executive Director McKernan reported that the trail segment remains the same. The 22<sup>nd</sup> DAA directed their staff to develop an amendment to their Coastal Development permit to come up with solutions to secure the river bank. The willow mattress structure that volunteers and rangers applied over the winter was working.

d. W19 Lagoon Restoration

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that twelve comment letters were received during the W-19 Draft EIR public review period. The consultants and SANDAG representatives are working together to prepare responses to comments and send the responses out for circulation. Staff has been working closely with Southern California Edison about their concerns.

e. Founders Tribute

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the Founders Tribute Committee met. The review committee gave feedback to the artist regarding the concept sketches, which are being incorporated into a draft design. The design will be brought to the CAC in June or July. The medium is rock and silk screen tiles. Francine Filsinger, a videographer, has been hired to produce the Founders Tribute videography. JPA staff Kevin McKernan, Leana Bulay, and Shawna Anderson will take the artist and videographer on a tour to Volcan Mountain May 15<sup>th</sup>.

3. Communications

Executive Director McKernan announced that May 8 will be the technical review of the Lagoon by Southern California Edison at the Powerhouse 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm. May 13 will be the Volunteer Appreciation Party at Surf Cup Sports Park with a tour of trail. A donation of \$500 for beverages would be appreciated.

Adjournment

Vice - Chair Winterer adjourned the meeting at 11:09 AM

The next meeting will be June 2, 2017

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