

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

**Minutes of April 20, 2018**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dave Grosch - Chair  
Dwight Worden  
Barbara Bry  
Mark Kersey  
Dianne Jacob  
Judy Hegenauner  
Jeff Barnouw  
Dustin Fuller

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Kristin Gaspar - Vice-Chair  
Olga Diaz

**VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT**

Kevin McKernan  
Wayne Brechtel  
Shawna Anderson  
Brenda Miller  
Alice Brown  
Jacqueline Winterer  
Bill Michalsky  
Steve Hadley  
John Barone  
Deborah Mosley  
Michael Meram  
Brad Bartlett  
Trish Boaz  
Gretchen Kelly  
Linda Unrue  
David Norgard  
Chelsea Jander  
Adam Wilson  
Betty Wheeler

**REPRESENTING**

City of Poway  
City of Del Mar  
City of San Diego  
City of San Diego  
County of San Diego  
City of Solana Beach  
Citizens Advisory Committee  
22<sup>nd</sup> District Agricultural Association

**REPRESENTING**

County of San Diego  
City of Escondido

San Dieguito River Park JPA  
JPA Counsel  
San Dieguito River Park JPA  
San Dieguito River Park JPA  
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee  
Friends of the San Dieguito Lagoon  
Sierra Club  
San Diego City Council District 1  
City of San Diego  
County of San Diego  
San Diego City Council District 5  
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy  
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy  
DAR DeAnza Chapter  
Regent DAR DeAnza Chapter  
County Parks Department  
County Parks Department  
County Supervisor Office District 2  
Del Mar Resident

**Introduction and Announcements**

Chair Grosch convened the meeting at 11:00 AM in the County Administration building, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302/303, San Diego, CA 92101

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Grosch invited all to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2018**

Boardmember Worden made the motion to approve the minutes of January 19, 2018 and Boardmember Barnouw seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Grosch, Jacob, Worden, Barnouw, Hegenauer, Bry, Kersey

Absent: Gaspar, Diaz

**Executive Directors Report**

Executive Director McKernan reported on the many events held in the Park since January: Rancho Bernardo tree planting at Sikes, Valentine Teas, SDRP Budget sub-committee meetings, SDRP and County Parks staff hike the future segment of Coast to Crest Trail on Santa Ysabel Preserve, volunteer recruitment with 40 volunteers attending, volunteer appreciation with 100 in attendance, 12 photography and race events drawing 1,800 people to the park. Director McKernan also gave the budget snapshot for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter FY 17-18 including the cash balance, project status, endowments, and a report showing the actual staff time spent in each jurisdiction.

**Presentation on Santa Ysabel Nature Center by County of San Diego County Department of Park & Recreation**

Boardmember Jacob introduced the agenda item. The location of the Santa Ysabel Nature Center is where the San Diego and San Dieguito Rivers meet. The project will be 86 acres highlighting the area and will be the first of its kind in rural San Diego County. Project Manager David Norgard showed a Power Point presentation of the project. The nature center will be 6,000 square feet; it will have an exhibit center, information center, meeting room, outdoor education, surrounded by many Englemann Oak trees, and will connect to parks and other local outdoor areas. The planned opening of the nature center will be in the fall of 2019. The location will be at the north east intersection of highways 78 & 79 in Santa Ysabel.

**Public Comment** – Regent Linda Unrue and Gretchen Kelly from De Anza Chapter of the DAR invited the Boardmembers and audience to attend a celebration at the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead on May 5.

**ACTION AGENDA**

1. Approval of Proposed FY 18-19 Budget

Executive Director McKernan introduced the agenda item. The Director explained the budget in detail and asked the Board for feedback on amount of detail in the proposed budget. The JPA's contribution to the employees' pension has increased significantly. Proposed staff salary increases will be merit based with an increase up to 3%. The proposed increase in member agency contributions is 4.3% and the overall budget increase is 2.8%. Items discussed were personnel positions, endowments, individual board member opinions on the detail of budget, compliments to Executive Director on the well written budget, future policy for reserve budget, and a thank you to Solana Beach for their annual contribution. Chair Grosch thanked Boardmembers Diaz and Worden for their help on the sub-committee.

Boardmember Worden made the motion to approve the proposed FY18-19 Budget.  
Boardmember Barnouw seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Grosch, Jacob, Worden, Barnouw, Hegenauer, Bry, Kersey  
Absent: Gaspar, Diaz

2. Review Policy P18-03 San Dieguito River Park JPA Procurement Policy

Counsel Wayne Brechtel stated that the JPA has followed the complicated rules of the County of San Diego and this policy formalizes the process. Executive Director McKernan thanked Counsel Brechtel for his great work.

Boardmember Jacob made the motion to approve Policy P18-03 San Dieguito River Park JPA Procurement Policy. Boardmember Barnouw seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Grosch, Jacob, Worden, Barnouw, Hegenauer, Bry, Kersey  
Absent: Gaspar, Diaz

3. Approve Citizen Advisory Committee Membership Requests

Boardmember Barnouw reported that Walkabout International has rejoined the CAC with Carol Carr as the representative and that San Diego Mountain Bike Association has rejoined the CAC with Ben Stone as the representative. The CAC recommends membership to both groups.

Boardmember Bry made the motion to approve the Citizens Advisory Committee membership requests. Boardmember Barnouw seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Grosch, Jacob, Worden, Barnouw, Hegenauer, Bry, Kersey  
Absent: Gaspar, Diaz

**INFORMATION**

4. Project Status Updates

a. Founders Tribute

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the Founders video is being edited and should be finalized soon. A meeting is planned with the sculpture artist on site.

b. Pamo Valley Trail

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson shared a Power Point Presentation on the Pamo Valley Trail construction. The project is a three mile long segment in Ramona's Pamo Valley connecting the Lower Santa Ysabel Truck Trail to the Upper Santa Ysabel Truck

Trail. The trail is being built with California State River Parkway and REI grants, funds from Joan and Monty Griffin through The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy. The work is being done by JPA rangers and Dust Devil volunteers. Wooden pedestrian – puncheon bridges are being installed. The Arroyo Toad is an endangered species in the area and is being monitored during the construction. Construction of the trail began in October and 2/3 of the trail is done with completion anticipated by the end of this year.

c. Coastal Ranger Station

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the two final permits will be issued any day.

d. Surf Cup and Fairbanks Ranch Trail Segment

Principal Planner Anderson reported that no trail work in this area has been started.

5. Coordination Reports

- a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy -Trish Boaz, Executive Director introduced Brad Bartlett, President and reported that the Conservancy made awards to Volunteer of the Year Jim Smith and Donor of the Year Joan & Marty Griffin for contributing \$150,000 for the Pamo Valley Trail. Both parties were recognized at the annual volunteer appreciation party. She also announced three new board members: Joe Bonner, Jim Smith, and Alex Killian. The SDRVC Board voted to endorse Proposition 68. Ms. Boaz announced many upcoming events: Lagoon Day, Creek to Bay Clean Up, Bio Blitz, Herp Hangout, Full Moon Hike, graffiti removal project at Clevenger Canyon, Trails & Tails series, reported that over 150 people completed the Coast to Crest Trail Challenge, and passed out save the date cards to the board members for River Valley Fest, October 14.
- b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley – no report
- c. Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation – no report
- d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee – Alice Brown announced and invited the boardmembers to Lagoon Day at the Birdwing Saturday morning.
- e. Friends of Sikes Adobe – no report

Betty Wheeler addressed a previous question of why the JPA has endowment funds in many different financial institutions. Ms. Wheeler reported the details of the endowment fund agreement at the Del Mar Foundation and the board discussed the reason for this endowment.

6. Jurisdictional Status Reports

Boardmember Fuller reported that the 22<sup>nd</sup> DAA is planting the restoration site and anticipating least tern nesting at the San Dieguito Lagoon. Boardmember Hegenauer reported that the City of Solana Beach launched a CCA (community choice aggregation program) and will be involved with the 100 year anniversary of the Lake Hodges Dam. Boardmember Worden reported that the Del Mar City Council has been studying the ongoing issue of sea level rise and is getting closer to adopting a plan. He reported on a new project being planned on Del Mar City property next to Dog Beach and invited everyone to the City Hall opening celebration June 30. Chair Grosch thanked Boardmember Barnouw and recognized him for his Donor of the Year award.

7. Communications

8. Closed session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) to evaluate the performance of Executive Director

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 12:17 pm. The Board met in closed session to conduct a review of Executive Director McKernan and no additional reportable action was taken.

ACTION AGENDA

9. Approval of Amended Executive Director Contract

Boardmember Bry made the motion to approve the Amended Executive Director Contract. Boardmember Barnouw seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Grosch, Jacob, Worden, Barnouw, Hegenauer, Bry, Kersey

Absent: Gaspar, Diaz

Chair Grosch adjourned the meeting at 12:52 pm.

These minutes approved by Board Action

5/18/2018

Date

  
Executive Director