

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Minutes of October 18, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Barbara Bry- Vice-Chair
Dwight Worden
Mark Kersey
Dianne Jacob
Judy Hegenauer
Jeff Barnouw
Dustin Fuller

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kristin Gaspar – Chair
Olga Diaz
Dave Grosch

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Kevin McKernan
Wayne Brechtel
Brenda Miller
Shawna Anderson
Bill Michalsky
Steve Hadley
Crystal Benham
John Barone
Carol Kerridge
Brad Bartlett
Slader Buck
Julie Klein
Ricky Flahive
Jacqueline Winterer
Maggie Brown
Monique Tello

REPRESENTING

City of San Diego
City of Del Mar
City of San Diego
County of San Diego
City of Solana Beach
Citizens Advisory Committee
22nd District Agricultural Association

REPRESENTING

County of San Diego
City of Escondido
City of Poway

San Dieguito River Park JPA
JPA Counsel
San Dieguito River Park JPA
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Sierra Club
San Diego City Council District 1
County of San Diego Parks Dept.
City of San Diego Public Utility Dept.
Del Mar Lagoon Committee
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
San Diego Trails Alliance
San Diego City Council District 1
Friends of San Dieguito River Valley
Friends of San Dieguito River Valley
San Diego City Council District 5

Introduction and Announcements

Vice-Chair Bry 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

Vice-Chair Bry invited all to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes of August 16, 2019

Boardmember Hegenauer made the motion to approve the minutes of August 16, 2019. Boardmember Kersey seconded the motion.

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

Absent: Gaspar, Diaz, Grosch, Jacob

Executive Directors Report- Executive Director McKernan gave the fiscal year 19-20 first quarter budget status report. Director McKernan reported that escrow has closed on the Blum property and explained how the purchase was paid for. Director McKernan also reported that JPA staff is working with the Navy on a management plan for the Blum property, as well as an easement for another property. Director McKernan reported that there is good news on communications with Fairbanks Ranch Country Club to acquire permission to extend the Coast to Crest Trail to San Dieguito Road. The interaction has been very positive and is moving forward. The Coastal Cleanup day was very successful. JPA staff had a good meeting with the Rancho Santa Fe Association regarding trails in that area.

Supervisor Jacob arrived to the meeting at 11:05 A.M.

Public Comment- no public comment.

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

1. Review and Adopt Reserve Policy P19-01

Recommendation: Review and Provide Recommendations for the Attached Reserve Policy and Adopt as Revised Or Board Adopts Attached Reserve Policy as Presented

Director McKernan explained the agenda item, stating that the previous reserve policy P10-02 was presented to the Board at the August 16, 2019 meeting and the Board agreed that the policy should be revised and brought to the Board by the end of 2019. The draft policy P19-01 is being presented today and is in line with the City of Poway Reserve Policy. During the discussion Boardmember Jacob asked that JPA staff be very careful that operating reserves are not used for ongoing expenses i.e. pension expenses. Boardmember Jacob said that the policy should be amended, adding language not to use reserve funds for operating expenses. There was more discussion on the reserve percentage, repayment, and what reserves (operating and capital) are used for. Boardmember Jacob made the motion to amend the policy by adding language to not use reserve funds for operating expenses and adopt revised draft Reserve Policy P19-01. Boardmember Kersey seconded the motion.

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

Absent: Gaspar, Diaz, Grosch

2. Approve Application for Recreational Trails and Greenways Grant

Reccomendation: Approve Resolution for Proposition 68 Recreational Trails and Greenways Grant Application to Request Grant Funds for the Osuna Segment of the Coast to Crest Trail.

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson introduced this agenda item and showed a power point with the Osuna location that will be the focus of the proposed grant. The grant will fund a one-mile trail gap. Ms. Anderson stated that all easements are in place to build the trail and that this is a critical gap that connects all of the trail segments together in this area and this is the location that the Coast to Crest Trail must cross the river. Ms. Anderson reported that in 2015 a feasibility study was done for a bridge project however there was no funding available at that time. This grant opportunity specifically funds trail bridges and linkages that connect to regional trails. Ms. Anderson stated that this project fits the grant perfectly however it will be very competitive. The JPA applied for a \$1.4 million dollar grant that will pay for CEQA, engineering, permits, bridge and trail construction. The grant was submitted this past week. The next step will be a site visit if selected and the JPA will be notified in December. The third step will be to submit additional paperwork and documentation. Ms. Anderson mentioned that the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy has donated \$114,000 to the project; this will be part of the 20% required match, along with JPA staff time, in kind service, cash and donations. Ms. Anderson continued by stating that the project does not have to be shovel ready. Ms. Anderson concluded that staff is asking the Board to approve the application for grant funds by approving the resolution.

Boardmember Barnouw made the motion to approve the application for a Recreational Trails and Greenways Grant. Boardmember Hegenauer seconded the motion.

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

Absent: Gaspar, Diaz, Grosch

3. Update on Surf Cup Segment of the Coast to Crest Trail

Executive Director McKernan introduced this agenda item. The Surf Cup section of the Coast to Crest Trail has been discussed at many previous meetings and the request was made to add the subject as an agenda item. A timeline of this matter was provided in the agenda packet. Email correspondence between JPA staff and Surf Cup staff was provided to board members. Boardmember Barnouw pointed out the distinction that the Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley is not the JPA however it seems the JPA is being punished. Vice-Chair Bry said since Surf Cup is in her district, she would reach out to them and provide an update at the next meeting. Boardmember Barnouw also mentioned that the City of San Diego has a strong-mayor form of government and asked Vice-Chair Bry if she would also discuss the issue with the Mayor. Vice-Chair Bry agreed to do that. Boardmember Kersey asked if there was a time frame regarding the trail work. Principal Planner Anderson said there is no time frame however the permits do have an expiration date. There is no requirement in the lease that the trail must be completed by a specific date. The board discussed the effect this segment of trail has on the grant being applied for.

INFORMATION

4. Coordination Reports

- a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy-No Report
- b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley-Maggie Brown thanked the board for discussing the Surf Cup section of the trail and thanked them for their attention to the matter.
- c. Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation- No Report
- d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee-No Report
- e. Friends of Sikes Adobe-No Report

5. Jurisdictional Status Reports

Boardmember Jacob announced the grand opening of the Santa Ysabel Nature Center, December 14th, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Boardmember Jacob invited all to visit the only nature center in the eastern part of the County. Boardmember Worden reported that there are 5 alternate alignments for the railroad on the bluff in Del Mar and recommended that the CAC look at the alternates.

Vice-Chair Bry adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

These minutes approved by Board Action

1/7/2020

Date



Executive Director