

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Minutes of December 13, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kristin Gaspar – Chair
Barbara Bry- Vice-Chair
Dwight Worden
Mark Kersey
Dianne Jacob
Dave Grosch
Jeff Barnouw

MEMBERS ABSENT

Olga Diaz
Judy Hegenauer
Dustin Fuller

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Kevin McKernan
Wayne Brechtel
Brenda Miller
Shawna Anderson
Ricky Flahive
Jacqueline Winterer
Maggie Brown
Monique Tello
Adam Wilson
Sue Carr
Bill Michalsky

REPRESENTING

County of San Diego
City of San Diego
City of Del Mar
City of San Diego
County of San Diego
City of Poway
Citizens Advisory Committee

REPRESENTING

City of Escondido
City of Solana Beach
22nd District Agricultural Association

San Dieguito River Park JPA
JPA Counsel
San Dieguito River Park JPA
San Dieguito River Park JPA
San Diego City Council District 1
Friends of San Dieguito River Valley
Friends of San Dieguito River Valley
San Diego City Council District 5
County of San Diego
Coalition to Preserve Polo Fields Neighborhood
Sierra Club

Introduction and Announcements

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Minutes of October 18, 2019

Boardmember Jacob made the motion to approve the minutes of October 18, 2019 with the correction of “strong mayor form of government” wording in agenda item 3. Boardmember Bry seconded the motion.
Yes votes: Gaspar, Jacob, Bry, Barnouw, Grosch, Kersey
Absent: Diaz, Hegenauer, Worden

Executive Directors Report- Executive Director McKernan showed a PowerPoint presentation with a current picture of the Coast Ranger Station at 85% completion with anticipated occupancy in February and a recap of the funding and expenditures on the project to date. Director McKernan also showed a

photo of recent storm damage to the Horse Park Bridge and the repairs that have been made. He also gave a recap of the events of this past year, San Dieguito River Park's 30th year.

Public Comment– Sue Carr introduced herself as a neighbor of the Polo Fields and part of a coalition group of neighbors and HOAs near the Polo Fields that have concerns about Surf Cup activities. The organization name is The Coalition to Preserve the Polo Fields Neighborhood and she read the coalition mission statement.

Dwight Worden arrived to the meeting at 11:10 A.M.

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

1. Appoint Nominating Committee for Election of 2020 JPA officers and Committee Appointments

Recommendation: Staff recommends Board discussion and Chair appointment of an ad-hoc nominating committee charged with recommendation to the Board, a slate of potential officers and budget subcommittee members for election at its regular Board meeting in January, 2020 and also recommends continuance of a Budget Subcommittee.

Chair Gaspar asked for volunteers to be on the subcommittees and asked if it would be possible to skip the nominating committee step if they could agree on the officers and subcommittee members at the regular meeting instead. Boardmember Worden said he would agree to skip the step but wondered if members would want to discuss officers in private. Boardmember Worden also volunteered to hold the Board Vice-Chair position for the next year and to remain on the subcommittees. Boardmember Grosch said he would also stay on the subcommittee. It was suggested to pencil in Boardmember Hegenauer to replace Chair Gaspar on the budget subcommittee.

After discussion Boardmember Jacob made the motion to nominate Vice-Chair Bry to the Chair position and Boardmember Worden to the Vice-Chair position for 2020. The motion included Budget Subcommittee nominations of Boardmembers Worden, Grosch, Hegenauer and Diaz. Vice-Chair Bry seconded the motion.

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

Absent: Diaz, Hegenauer

2. Approve Vehicle Replacement Purchase

Recommendation: Board motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute purchase of the vehicle described in attachment 1.

There was board discussion regarding replacing vehicles with sustainable electric vehicles in the future and that many of the jurisdictions are doing this. Executive Director McKernan stated that he had looked into purchasing an electric vehicle but the JPA needs vehicles that have a large towing capacity and he had not found an electric vehicle to do this yet. Director McKernan also stated that the Ranger Maintenance Facility will have a charging station. Boardmember Kersey remarked that he was surprised no other dealers were interested.

Chair Gaspar made the motion to approve vehicle replacement purchase and Boardmember Worden seconded the motion.

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

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

Executive Director McKernan said that Surf Cup Sports representatives were invited to this meeting and that they had declined. Director McKernan said he had received a copy of a letter written to Surf Cup Sports from the State Of California Department of Justice regarding illegal pumping of storm water and said this was not a trail issue and there was no discussion. The board discussed that the matter was a City of San Diego lease and community issue and clarified that the JPA issue is specific to the trail. Boardmember Jacob suggested that a subcommittee be formed to work with all parties to resolve the issues. Vice-Chair Bry, Chair Gaspar and Boardmember Worden offered to be on the subcommittee. The subcommittee would review the Surf Cup issues, report back and advise the JPA Board. Boardmember Jacob made the motion to form a subcommittee of Boardmembers Gaspar, Bry and Worden to review the Surf Cup issues and report back to the JPA Board.

Boardmember Jacob made the motion to appoint a subcommittee of Boardmember Bry, Gaspar and Worden. Boardmember Barnouw seconded the motion.

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

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 Worden reported on the railroad realignment options provided by SANDAG and getting the train tracks off of the bluff in Del Mar. The City of Del Mar is beginning a process to provide their recommendation to SANDAG regarding reducing the alignment options from five to two that SANDAG would study further. Boardmember Worden stated that the options impact the Lagoon and wanted to make sure the JPA was aware. Principal Planner Shawna Anderson said that she has invited SANDAG to make a presentation to the CAC and that the PRC will be looking at the options also. Boardmember Jacob

announced the grand opening of the Santa Ysabel Nature Center, December 14th, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with the formal program beginning at 11:30 a.m. Activities will include; site tours, animal encounters, Junior Ranger activities, nature crafts, live music and entertainment. Boardmember Jacob invited all to visit the long-awaited nature center. Executive Director McKernan thanked Chair Gaspar for her service as chair this year.

Chair Gaspar adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

These minutes approved by Board Action

1/28/2020



Date

Executive Director