

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Minutes of January 17, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kristin Gaspar
Olga Diaz
Judy Hegenauer
Dianne Jacob
Dave Grosch
Mark Kersey
Jeff Barnouw
Dustin Fuller

MEMBERS ABSENT

Barbara Bry- Vice-Chair
Dwight Worden

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Kevin McKernan
Wayne Brechtel
Brenda Miller
Shawna Anderson
Ricky Flahive
Jacqueline Winterer
Crystal Benham
Monique Tello
Adam Wilson
Julie Klein
Terry Gaasterland
Nikki McGinnis
Clay Westling
Bill Michalsky
Carol Kerridge
Trish Boaz

REPRESENTING

County of San Diego
City of Escondido
City of Solana Beach
County of San Diego
City of Poway
City of San Diego
Citizens Advisory Committee
22nd District Agricultural Association

REPRESENTING

City of San Diego
City of Del Mar

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
San Diego County Parks
San Diego City Council District 5
County of San Diego District 2
San Diego Trails Alliance
Friends of Del Mar North Bluff
City of San Diego Public Utilities
City of Solana Beach Resident
City of Del Mar Resident
City of Del Mar Resident
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy

Introduction and Announcements

Chair Gaspar convened the meeting at 11:00 a.m. 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 December 13, 2019

Boardmember Barnouw made the motion to approve the minutes of December 13, 2019. Boardmember Grosch seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Gaspar, Jacob, Grosch, Barnouw, Diaz, Hegenauer, Kersey

Absent: Bry, Worden

Executive Directors Report- None

Public Comment-None

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

1. Election of 2020 JPA Officers and Committee Appointments

Recommendation: Board motion and vote to elect Boardmember Bry as Chair and Boardmember Worden as Vice-Chair for 2020 and to appoint Boardmembers Worden, Grosch, Diaz and Hegenauer to serve on the Budget and Administration Subcommittee.

Boardmember Kersey moved to elect the recommended JPA Officers and Committee appointments.
Boardmember Diaz seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Gaspar, Jacob, Grosch, Barnouw, Diaz, Hegenauer, Kersey

Absent: Bry, Worden

2. JPA Board Approval of Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair/Vice-Chair Officers

Recommendation: board motion to approve Jeff Barnouw to serve as Chair and Jacqueline Winterer to serve as Vice-Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the term of 2020/2021 two-year term.

Boardmember Kersey made the motion to approve the CAC Chair/Vice-Chair Officer positions and
Boardmember Jacob seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Gaspar, Jacob, Grosch, Diaz, Hegenauer, Kersey

Abstain: Barnouw

Absent: Bry, Worden

3. Discussion of Marisol Specific Plan Initiative Draft EIR

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson introduced the agenda item as a project being proposed in the City of Del Mar on the north side of Dog Beach, at the top of the bluff next to the North Bluff Preserve.

The property is privately owned and zoned for low density development and will be placed as a voter initiative on Del Mar's March 3, 2020 election ballot. The project includes a resort, 118-182 hotel rooms, 22 affordable housing units, underground parking garage, event space, restaurants, perimeter trail, and structures up to 3 stories in height. The property location is in the focused planning area of the San Dieguito River Park. Ms. Anderson presented the San Dieguito River Park's Concept Plan as it relates to this project. The DEIR was released December 15th with comments due February 3rd. Ms. Anderson explained the DEIR comments and asked the Board to approve sending the comment letter, attachment five of the agenda item.

Public Speaker Clay Westling from Solana Beach spoke supporting the comment letter, asked that the Board send the letter to the City of Del Mar and take a formal position opposing the project.

Public Speaker Terry Gaasterland representing the Friends of Del Mar North Bluff named the overlay zones that would disappear if the project passes and thanked the staff for writing the comment letter. She asked the Board to send the staff report with the comment letter and create a working group to determine if the Board should be more firm than just making comments to the DEIR.

Public Speaker Bill Michalsky resident of Del Mar said that the process is broken and agreed with Gaasterland's remarks. The project is vague and should be identified clearly and suggested JPA request more information, impacts not well understood, the DEIR is not helpful and empty. Mr. Michalsky asked the Board to send the comment letter.

Public Speaker Carol Kerridge resident of Del Mar asked the Board to write a strong letter against the project stating that a lot of issues are not addressed in the DEIR.

Boardmember Kersey made the motion to not send the comment letter. Boardmember Gaspar seconded the motion. Boardmember Barnouw said that the Board would be doing their part in the process by sending the comment letter. Boardmember Jacob stated that she would not support the motion, stating that it is the responsibility of the JPA to comment on projects to protect the interest of the Coast to Crest Trail and San Dieguito River Park. Boardmember Jacob asked the Board to consider sending the comment letter and possibly taking a position on the project.

Boardmember Jacob made the substitute motion to submit the comment letter as written and take a position to oppose the project based on the fact that changes are not compatible with the goals and objectives of the Joint Powers Authority. Boardmember Hegenauer seconded the motion.

Boardmember Jacob asked to defer action until the February meeting to allow Counsel Brechtel to research the legal aspects and staff to determine if the zone change is compatible with the JPA goals and objectives. Counsel Brechtel reminded the Board that the comment period ends February 3rd, and if a letter is sent after that date, responses are not required to the comments. Boardmember Jacob changed the substitute motion to approve sending the comment letter as written because of the time deadline and to not take a position. Boardmember Hegenauer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Yes votes: Hegenauer, Diaz, Barnouw, Jacob

No votes: Kersey, Grosch, Gaspar

Absent: Bry, Worden

Boardmembers directed staff to bring this project to the next meeting to consider whether the project is consistent with the San Dieguito River Park Concept Plan and asked counsel to research legal issues with the project. Director McKernan stated that the comments made on the project were not for or against the project, just pointing out the inadequacies of the findings in the DEIR documents.

Boardmember Gaspar left the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

INFORMATION

4. Project Status Updates

a. **Ranger Station** – Director McKernan reported that the Ranger Station is almost done and that it is on budget. Staff expects to move into the building in February or March and is working with partner organizations to hold an open house in late April or May. The solar will be installed after the project is final inspected and the cost has been pledged by the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy.

5. Coordination Reports

a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy- Trish Boaz reported on the many events the Conservancy is involved in throughout the Park including hikes, restoration and fuel reduction projects, a possible property acquisition with the County in the Del Dios area and phase 3 of River Path Del Mar. Ms. Boaz advocated for the JPA's successful education program funding to collaborate and keep the programs going. Four signs at the Grand Avenue Overlook are being replaced with Wild Coast grant funds. Ms. Boaz offered the Conservancy help to the JPA whenever needed.

b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley-No report

c. Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation- No report

d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee-No report

e. Friends of Sikes Adobe-No report

6. Jurisdictional Status Reports


Boardmember Fuller reported that the 22nd Agricultural District has launched a strategic planning process and inviting the JPA, Conservancy and members of the public to attend workshops in February, March and April. Boardmember Diaz reported that while on a walk at the Sikes Adobe she saw volunteers having an issue with water and contacted Director McKernan, the City of Escondido water department and the City of San Diego to fix the problem. She was happy to report that eventually the issue was taken care of. Boardmember Diaz continued to state that Sikes is a remote location and often times it is difficult to know who to contact and asked if annexation of the property from the City of San Diego to the City of Escondido would be worth exploring again as an option. Boardmember Jacob thanked everyone who came to the grand opening of the Santa Ysabel Nature Center and invited everyone to tour the facility and enjoy the surrounding trails.

Boardmember Jacob adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

These minutes approved by Board action.

2-28-2020

Date



Executive Director