

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Minutes of January 15, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Don Mosier - Chair
Dianne Jacob – Vice Chair
Olga Diaz
Dave Grosch
Mark Kersey
Dave Roberts
Dave Zito
Tom Golich

REPRESENTING

City of Del Mar
County of San Diego
City of Escondido
City of Poway
City of San Diego
County of San Diego
City of Solana Beach
Citizens Advisory Committee

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sherri Lightner
Becky Bartling

REPRESENTING

City of San Diego
22 District Agricultural Association

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Wayne Brechtel	JPA Counsel
Kevin McKernan	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Shawna Anderson	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Brenda Miller	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Leana Bulay	San Dieguito River Park JPA
David Vidal	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Dustin Fuller	22 nd District Agricultural Association
Jacqueline Winterer	Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
Bill Michalsky	Sierra Club
Terry Kopanski	San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
Jeff Barnouw	Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
Keith Corry	Supervisor Roberts Staff
Garrett Hagar	Supervisor Kerseys Staff
Trish Boaz	San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Adam Wilson	Dianne Jacobs Staff
Ed Spaeth	Ramona Trails

Introduction and Announcements

Chair Mosier convened the meeting at 11:02a.m. in the County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302/303, San Diego, CA 92101

Executive Director McKernan introduced David Vidal and explained his position as Ranger 1/History & Interpretation working at Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead. David will be working under the direction of Leana Bulay, newly promoted to Manager of Interpretation and Outreach.

Approval of Minutes of November 20, 2015

Boardmember Zito made a motion to approve the minutes of November 20, 2015. Boardmember Roberts seconded the motion.

Yes Votes: Mosier, Jacob, Roberts, Golich, Diaz, Grosch, Zito
Absent: Lightner, Kersey

Boardmember Kersey arrived to the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director McKernan presented a Power Point showing the damage done in various areas of the River Park from the storm on January 7th and 8th. Director McKernan showed pictures of the Horsepark Trail, upstream from the Birdwing near El Camino Real and Via de la Valle which had major damage. Director McKernan also showed pictures of the North Shore Trail around Lake Hodges and the trail near the Birdwing.

a. Mid-Year Budget Status

Director McKernan presented the 2nd quarter budget update with less than 50% spent in the Operating Budget. The Coastal Budget 2015 is being finalized. The Coastal Budget 2016 has been approved by Southern California Edison. Money was added to the Coastal Budget 2016 to reconstruct a viewing platform at the end of the boardwalk. The cash situation is positive due to the member agency billing process. The 2nd Quarter Budget Report is on the Consent Agenda.

b. Personnel and Organizational Chart Update

Director McKernan presented the Organizational Chart explaining the new position of Manager of Interpretation and Outreach, Leana Bulay and David Vidal's position under the Manager of Interpretation and Outreach. Director McKernan stated he has not found the need to hire the Management Analyst Position.

Director McKernan also verbally presented the Summary of Accomplishments 2015. Regarding habitat restoration; 4,700 native plants were planted on 13 sites, monitored 100 acres of invasive species and planted 150 pounds of seeds. Trail development projects were done in the following areas; acquired trail easement through Rancho Santa Fe Association, completed Osuna Valley Bridge Study, obtained a Coast permit for the Ranger Station and in the process of permitting the Pamo Valley Trail. Regarding Education and Outreach; received over \$100,000 in grants. The County of San Diego Neighborhood Reinvestment Program grant to purchase one van for the Watershed Explorer Program, a second grant from the county NRP program for restoration projects at the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead, and a grant from the San Diego Foundation through the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy for the second van for the Watershed Explorer Program. Director McKernan announced a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Sikes Adobe on February 8th. Over \$23,000 in private donations were received in 2015. Over 1,000 students have been involved in education programs in the Park in 2015 and over 8,000 hours of volunteer time, which calculated at the standard rate, represents over \$250,000 in labor costs donated in 2015.

Public Comment – No public comment

CONSENT

1. Approve and File FY 15/16 Second Quarter Budget Report

RECOMMENDATION:

Board action to approve and file FY15/16 second quarter budget report

2. Approve Citizen's Advisory Committee Chair-Elect, Jeff Barnouw

Counsel Brechtel asked for agenda item 5 to be moved from the Action Agenda to the Consent Agenda so both positions; the Citizen's Advisory Committee Chair and Ex Officio Board Member Representing the 22nd District Agricultural Association could be sworn in at the same time.

5. Approve Dustin Fuller as the Ex Officio Board Member Representing 22nd District Agricultural Association moved to consent agenda

Boardmember Roberts made the motion to approve Consent Agenda items 1 and 2 including the addition of agenda item 5. Vice-Chair Jacob seconded the motion.

Yes Votes: Mosier, Jacob, Roberts, Golich, Diaz, Grosch, Zito, Kersey
Absent: Lightner

Counsel Brechtel swore in Jeff Barnouw and Dustin Fuller to their new positions on the San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors.

Boardmember Golich spoke about being involved with the San Dieguito River Park from being the Solana Beach representative, to being the Conservancy President for three years, and now the Citizen's Advisory Committee Chairman for the last six years. Boardmember Golich shared how much he has enjoyed working with the River Park and the Board. Supervisor Roberts personally thanked Boardmember Golich for his true and passionate support of the park.

Boardmembers Barnouw and Fuller took their Board seats.

ACTION AGENDA

3. Elect 2016 Officers: Chair Dianne Jacob, Vice-Chair Dave Grosch

Boardmember Roberts made the motion and Boardmember Diaz seconded the motion.

Yes Votes: Mosier, Jacob, Roberts, Barnouw, Diaz, Grosch, Zito, Kersey
Absent: Lightner

Boardmember Mosier thanked Interim Director Mark Ochendusko, Executive Director McKernan and Tiffany Vinson from Boardmember Kersey's office. Chair Jacob thanked Boardmember Mosier for his leadership during this difficult year and thanked all of the members of the board for their help, making note of Boardmember Kersey and his staff. Chair Jacob also thanked Tom Golich for his years of service to the board.

Chair Jacob took leadership of the meeting.

4. Approve 2016 Committee Assignments

Boardmember Zito made the motion to approve the 2016 Committee Assignments. Boardmember Diaz seconded the motion.

Yes Votes: Mosier, Jacob, Roberts, Barnouw, Diaz, Grosch, Zito, Kersey
Absent: Lightner

6. Approve Draft Policy Interpretive Features and Program P16-01

Executive Director McKernan said the policy was presented to the Board on at least one previous occasion and that this policy has been approved by the Citizen's Advisory Committee. Director McKernan asked that the Board approve and adopt this policy.

Boardmember Roberts made the motion to approve Policy on Interpretive Features and Program P16-01. Boardmember Diaz seconded the motion.

Yes Votes: Mosier, Jacob, Roberts, Barnouw, Diaz, Grosch, Zito, Kersey
Absent: Lightner

7. Discuss and Approve Support Letter re: Intersection Improvements at Jimmy Durante Boulevard And San Dieguito Drive

Environmental Planner Shawna Anderson presented the issue. It is a project proposed in the City of Del Mar and it has come up due to the increased volume of pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle traffic in this location. The proposal is to install a roundabout to replace the stop sign for better control of the traffic. The draft EIR is out and the request for comments is due today. The City of Del Mar has said the roundabout is the preferred action however a traditional stoplight is also an alternative. JPA staff is asking the Board to send the letter of support. It will be better for the Coast to Crest Trail users in the area as well as the future Reach the Beach trail segment.

Boardmember Roberts made the motion to approve sending the letter of support to the City of Del Mar. Boardmember Barnouw seconded the motion.

Yes Votes: Jacob, Roberts, Barnouw, Diaz, Grosch, Zito, Kersey
Abstain: Mosier – City of Del Mar policy on City of Del Mar project
Absent: Lightner

INFORMATION

8. New Board Member Alternate for the City of Poway, Barry Leonard

Executive Director McKernan stated that the City of Poway has notified the JPA staff that the alternate from the City of Poway will now be Barry Leonard.

9. Park Project Status Reports

a. Lagoon Ranger Station

Environmental Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the building permit application has been submitted to the City of San Diego. The process could take two months and that the JPA staff is still looking into the financing.

b. Pamo Valley Trail

Environmental Planner Shawna Anderson reported that the JPA staff is working on the second round of comments for the Development Services Department.

10. Coordination Reports (oral)

a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy- Director Boaz thanked the JPA Board for a successful 2015. Ms. Boaz thanked the County of San Diego for their support; Supervisor Jacobs for the Watershed Explorer Program van and Supervisor Roberts for the River Path Del Mar funds. The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy supporters raised \$150,000 to match the County grant for the River Path Del Mar and the San Diego Foundation matched the County grant with funds to purchase a second van for the Watershed Explorer Program. Ms. Boaz thanked the City of Solana Beach for the \$5000 grant for the Watershed Explorer Program to support underserved youth in this education program at Solana Beach. Ms. Boaz stated that this year is the 30th anniversary and the Conservancy would like to celebrate with all of their partners. Ms Boaz stated there will be an Exec Trek on January 23, Volcan Mountain Hike February 13, Wax & Wine Event at the Knorr Candle Factory, and the River Path Del Mar Ribbon Cutting in April. Ms. Boaz appreciated the support letter regarding the roundabout for a safer road crossing.

b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley - Jacqueline Winterer – No Report

c. Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation – No Report

d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee – Terry Kopanski reported that the River Path Del Mar Project has been delayed due to the recent storms. A request to extend the completion date has been submitted. The project should begin February 1 and take six weeks to complete. The ribbon cutting has been scheduled for April 9 at the lagoon, in conjunction with the Lagoon Day event.

11. Jurisdictional Status Reports

Boardmember Roberts stated that he has been working with Founders Tribute Committee. Margaret Schlesinger is not well and is unable to serve on the committee. The committee would like to bring Jan Fuchs on in Margaret Schlesinger's place.

Boardmember Mosier reported that the City of Del Mar must go to the California Coastal Commission to obtain the River Path Del Mar extension approval. He stated that the construction of the trail may be postponed until after nesting season. Boardmember Mosier reported that Camino del Mar is closed between 4th street and Carmel Valley Road due to a major landslide at the head of Anderson Canyon. Major sewer, gas, communication lines need to be relocated and it could take up to 6 months or longer.

12. Communications – No communications

Counsel Brechtel announced the adjournment to closed session at 11:45 a.m.

13. Adjourn to Closed Session

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel to Discuss Liability Claim Pursuant to California Government Code Sec. 54956.9(d)(2): City of San Diego Fee Dispute
- b. Closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) to evaluate the performance of the Executive Director

Boardmembers Diaz and Kersey left the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Counsel Brechtel stated that no reportable action was taken during the closed session.

Chair Jacob adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 19, 2016

These minutes approved by Board Action

3/17/16
Date


Executive Director