

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Minutes of November 18, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Barry Leonard
Don Mosier
Olga Diaz
Dave Zito
Jeff Barnouw
Dustin Fuller

REPRESENTING

City of Poway
City of Del Mar
City of Escondido
City of Solana Beach
Citizens Advisory Committee
22 District Agricultural Association

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Tomer Gutman
Kevin McKernan
Shawna Anderson
Brenda Miller
Trish Boaz
John Barone

JPA Counsel
San Dieguito River Park JPA
San Dieguito River Park JPA
San Dieguito River Park JPA
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
City of San Diego

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dianne Jacob-Chair
Mark Kersey
Sherri Lightner
Dave Roberts

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Introduction and Announcements

Boardmember Leonard convened the meeting at 12:02 p.m. in the County Administration Building, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302/303, San Diego, CA 92101

Approval of Minutes of September 16, 2016

Boardmember Mosier made a motion to approve the minutes of September 16, 2016. Boardmember Barnouw seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Leonard, Mosier, Barnouw, Diaz, Zito
Absent: Jacob, Kersey, Lightner, Roberts

Executive Director's Report

Receive and file third party auditor's report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. Boardmember Mosier made the motion to receive and file the third party auditor's report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. Boardmember Zito seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Leonard, Mosier, Barnouw, Diaz, Zito
Absent: Jacob, Kersey, Lightner, Roberts

Executive Director McKernan included a SDRP budget status report in the agenda showing the first quarter income and expenditures for fiscal year 2016-2017 as well as the 2016 third quarter income and expenses for the Coast Budget which operates on a calendar year. Executive Director McKernan reported that a Citizens Advisory Committee meeting was held October 7, 2016 and asked CAC Chair Jeff Barnouw to

report on the meeting. Boardmember Barnouw reported that the Friends of Sikes Adobe were welcomed as members of the Citizens Advisory Committee with Jim Lyon as the President. Boardmember Barnouw also reported that a second census of trails users has been completed. Four Trails Committee members were located at highly frequented trails located at the Lagoon Trail at San Andres. Boardmember Barnouw's results were 11 different zip codes for 48 people during two hours on Saturday, October 22. Several trail users stated they came to the park several times a week. The information will be compiled and presented at the Trails Committee meeting in December. Boardmember Barnouw reported that a third Subcommittee, Interpretation Committee has been added to the Citizens Advisory Committee. The Citizens Advisory Committee also discussed the Akin Family donation and options for the use of this gift; options 1: Coast Ranger Station 2: Horsepark Trail Repair 3: Repay Fidelity Investment loan. After much discussion, the CAC decided to not consider option 3 and ranked the Coastal Ranger Station #1 and Horsepark Trail #2 in order of priority.

Public Comment- No public comment.

ACTION AGENDA

1. Appoint Nominating Committee for JPA Board Officers

Executive Director McKernan reported that a nominating committee is appointed to determine the chair and vice-chair for the next year. The vice-chair usually assumes the role of chair with the chair choosing the committee. Alternate Leonard, speaking for Vice-Chair Grosch, said Vice-Chair Grosch would enjoy being the chair for the 2017 year. Boardmember Mosier made the motion that the nominating committee will be Vice-Chair Grosch, Boardmember Zito and Boardmember Diaz. Boardmember Zito seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Leonard, Mosier, Barnouw, Diaz, Zito

Absent: Jacob, Kersey, Lightner, Roberts

2. Approve Resolution No. R16-3 Authorizing the Partnership With Live Well San Diego

Executive Director McKernan introduced this matter stating that Resolution R16-3 authorizes the JPA to become a partner with Live Well San Diego and recognized the JPA's commitment to the program. Boardmember Mosier moved to authorize the partnership with Live Well San Diego. Boardmember Diaz seconded the motion.

Yes votes: Leonard, Mosier, Barnouw, Diaz, Zito

Absent: Jacob, Kersey, Lightner, Roberts

INFORMATION

3. Project Status Updates

a. Update on SDRP Coast Ranger Station

Executive McKernan reported that the cost estimator provided an estimate of 1.2 million dollars, which is a little less than the two construction bids received. Staff is working with the architect and cost estimator to determine a lower, reasonable price and is waiting for the value engineer report. The item will be brought back to this board and sent out for a new bid, after the cost and financing plan have been determined. Design pictures are included in the agenda packet today. Principal Planner Anderson will present the project in detail at a board meeting in the near future.

b. Update of SANDAG W19 Wetland Restoration Project

Principal Planner Shawna Anderson presented a status update on the W19 project and provided a map of the area. In 2009 the JPA signed a Memorandum of Agreement with SANDAG to enable them to design a wetland restoration project on property that the JPA and City of San Diego own. The project is called W19. The project is a component of mitigation for the LOSSAN (freeway and railway project). SANDAG will create 60 acres of tidal wetlands and 15 acres of freshwater/brackish marsh (mitigation for the City of San Diego widening El Camino Real and replacing bridge). This design is the preferred design of many over the years with a river inlet connection and a berm to protect the area from sedimentation. A lot of hydrology work has been done to make sure the Southern California Edison restoration area is not harmed. The phase that the project is in now requires that an EIR be completed. The JPA is the lead agency for CEQA on this project. There will be a meeting during the public review period in January. The draft EIR will be released early in 2017 with construction to begin 2018. The JPA will be responsible for certifying the environmental document, thus playing an important role. SANDAG will be responsible for construction and for monitoring and maintenance of the project for five to ten years. After the mitigation requirements have been met SANDAG will turn over an endowment to the JPA for monitoring and maintenance in perpetuity. The sea level rise issue is being taken into consideration in this project, with models looking at 100, 50, and 25 year storms as well as combinations of storms. The utility corridor easement that bisects the two properties is vulnerable to erosion during severe storms and will need to be armored. The corridor will be left in place.

c. Horsepark Trail Repair

Executive Director McKernan attended the October 22nd Ag District meeting to give a presentation on the Horsepark Trail repair. The 22nd Ag District deferred the item until all board members were in attendance. There will need to be a soil test to move forward with any bridge project. The San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy stated they will fund the soil test. The JPA will work with the 22nd Ag District going forward on repairs.

4. Coordination Reports (oral)

a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy- No report

b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley – Boardmember Barnouw reported on the lawsuit against the City of San Diego. Both parties met however, there was no outcome, and negotiation continues.

Boardmember Barnouw also reported on the Milan project proposed on Via de la Valle near the polo fields. One issue regarding this project is 1985 Proposition A of rezoning the property which needs to be voted on by City of San Diego residents.

- c. Volcan Mountain Preserve Foundation- No report
- d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee-No report

5. Jurisdictional Status Reports

Executive Director McKernan shared the new River Park brochure and the Sikes Series Event tri fold brochure with the board members. John Barone with the City of San Diego has been coordinating on a lot of projects, assisting Principal Planner Anderson on trail projects, planting cactus around Piedras Pintadas, and working with the community to do outreach and likes the team approach to addressing issues.

Boardmember Mosier stated this was his last meeting, that he has been on the board for six years and has enjoyed working on the River Park effort. He stated he will be joining the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy and doing fundraising. He stressed what an important organization this is and noted that much has been accomplished in a short time. The boardmembers thanked Boardmember Mosier for all of his years of service.

6. Communications – No communications

Alternate Leonard adjourned the meeting at 12:41 p.m.

These minutes approved by Board Action

2/7/17
Date


Executive Director