

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of February 2, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Khoury
Rich Risner
Bob Byrnes
Candice Bowman
Linda Oster
Maggie Brown
Monica Demler
Liz Gabrych
Dorothy Mclin
Don Wendt
Victoria Touchstone
Jeremy Blakespear
Jennifer Dissler
Susan Williams
Peter Shapiro
Pam Heatherington
Jim Smith
Jeff Barnouw
Sue Carr, Alternate for Jan Fuchs
Bob Dudley
Neil Meyer

REPRESENTING

CAC, Chair
American Society of Landscape Architects
California Native Plant Society – SD
Carmel Valley Planning Board
Del Dios Town Council
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
Friends of Sikes Adobe
League of Women Voters
Lomas Serenas Property Owners
Ramona Trails
Rancho Bernardo Planning Board
San Diego Bicycle Coalition
San Diego Mountain Biking Assoc.
San Dieguito Planning Group
San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy
Sierra Club
Torrey Pines Community Planning Group
Coastal Property Owner
Coastal Property Owner
San Pasqual Property Owner
Eastern Property Owner

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Shawna Anderson	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Dewanda Vandermost	San Dieguito River Park JPA
Kristina Leyva	Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
Paul Bernstein	Lake Hodges resident
Daniel Smith	Lake Hodges resident
Richard Engelhardt	Self
Paul Bernstein	Self
Glen Morgan	Ramona Trails Association
Kevin Kidd	Del Dios Resident

Introductions and Announcements

Chair Khoury called the meeting to order at 10:32 AM.
Guests introduced were Paul Bernstein and Daniel Smith from the Lake Hodges neighborhood.

Approval of Minutes- 12-1-23

Jeff Barnouw moved to approve the minutes of December 1 2023, and Neil Meyer seconded the motion.
All members were in favor.
Abstain: None

Chair's Report – Chair Khoury updated the CAC on the City of San Diego's Hodges Dam consequence modeling report and clarified the terminology that was used to reference risks levels. There was a request that the Lake Hodges Dam presentation given at the December 1, 2023 CAC meeting by City Public Utilities staff Megan Hickey be made available to the CAC.

Chair Khoury announced upcoming Conservancy events.

Executive Director's Report –Director Anderson informed the CAC that a plan for a memorial walk on the Lake Hodges Bridge in honor of David Kreitzer is in the works and will keep the CAC informed on details to come.

Director Anderson announced the new SDRP website with a new format and encouraged members to visit the site. She highlighted the Endowment Fund donation page on the website, plus the maps and interactive trails pages. There was a discussion about the Endowment Fund's terms and purpose.

Director Anderson explained that the Horsepark segment of Coast to Crest Trail is closed due to extensive storm damage and provided details on a 20-foot section of washed-out trail and bridge crossing. She also shared that she is working with the 22nd Agricultural District and the Horsepark operators for repairing the damage and alleviating future water runoff issues.

Director Anderson reported that SDRP was one of the charities for the Red Nose Run in Del Mar, held December 9, 2023 and donations for the park were received in the amount of \$13K.

Director Anderson also announced that SDRP was the charity for the Del Mar Onesie tournament. The donation amount is still to be determined.

Director Anderson gave details about the three new watershed panels installed in the park. She updated the status of events for the Watershed Explorers Program to include a recent visit to the Ilan Lael artist compound in Julian and the partnership with High-tech High school which will focus on the summer program.

Director Anderson shared the JPA's recent events and activities, such as: the Sike's Festive Farmhouse, the Volunteer Enrichment Programs, and a Scout Tour of Sike's Adobe, the SANDAG lagoon restoration project's opening of a channel, the JPA Staff Retreat, and three JPA rangers hired within the last six months. Upcoming events will include a lecture on "Living with Mountain Lions" on February 7th and the SDRP Volunteer Appreciation Party on May 19th.

Public Comment – Jeremy Blakespear requested that an item be added to a future agenda for Reach the Beach trail segment to discuss the alignment of the trail.

The Ramona Trails Association announced the fund raiser presentation of the film "Call Me Mule" on February 9th at 6PM at the Sycamore Hall in Poway.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Election of 2024 Officers for Chair and Vice-Chair

Chair Khoury summarized the CAC bylaws for officers and stated that both he and Vice-Chair Barnouw are willing to serve another term, which would be their second term for both officers. There were no other nominations from the CAC members.

Peter Shapiro nominated Chris Khoury as Chair and Jeff Barnouw as Vice-Chair and Pam Heatherington seconded the nomination. All voted in favor of these nominees.

2. Review of CAC Member Roster and Representatives

Chair Khoury explained that CAC meeting attendance records are kept by the JPA staff per the CAC bylaws and clarified the criteria to suspend member organizations for lack of attendance. Khoury informed that there are currently three organizations that have missed three or more consecutive meetings and will be notified of possible suspension: Julian Planning Group, San Diego Farm Bureau, and Walkabout International.

There was a discussion about the process for new organizations to join the CAC.

Director Anderson asked that the CAC members verify the information on the CAC member representative roster and provide an alternate representative for their organization if none are listed. Candice Bowman, listed as primary and alternate for two organizations, agreed to step down as the alternate for the Friends of San Dieguito River Valley and allow Kristina Leyva to be assigned as the formal alternate. Ms. Bowman will continue as the primary representative for the Carmel Valley Planning Board. Sue Carr will replace Jan Fuchs as the primary for the Coastal Property Owner until further notice.

3. Review and Appointment of CAC Subcommittee Members and Chairs

Executive Director Anderson reviewed the CAC Subcommittee rosters and the need for members and a chair for the Project Review Committee (PRC). Victoria Touchstone, Pam Heatherington and Rich Risner volunteered to be members of the PRC adding to the existing members of Maggie Brown and Jeff Barnouw. Director Anderson suggested that they nominate a Chair for the PRC at their next meeting.

CAC members discussed and received clarification regarding the policies for members and voting requirements for the subcommittees.

4. Discussion of CAC Tributes for Jan Fuchs and Phil Pryde

Suggestions were given as to how the Board could thank Jan Fuchs and Phil Pryde for their commitment to the CAC and their contribution to the San Dieguito River Park. One of the favored suggestions was a matted framed photo signed by the CAC members and presented at the volunteer party in May.

Chair Khoury asked if all were in favor pursuing the tribute and the vote was unanimous.

5. 2023 List of Accomplishments and 2024 Priorities

Chair Khoury commented on the large grants awarded to the JPA for SDRP projects this past year.

Executive Director Anderson reflected on the past year's accomplishments. Anderson pointed out that the vast majority of grants and donations go to SDRP Capital Projects and explained that the SDRP Endowment Fund provides annual distributions to the JPA's operating budget to maintain and manage the SDRP.

6. Committee Reports

- a. **Project Review Committee** – no report.
- b. **Trails Committee** – Candice Bowman stated that a meeting was held December 12th. The main topic of discussion was e-bike use on trails. The committee set a goal to propose an e-bike policy for the CTC Trail to be presented to the CAC by early summer.
- c. **Interpretation Committee** - no report

INFORMATION

Horsepark Trail (oral report) – addressed in the Executive Director's report

New Website and Promotion of SDRP Endowment Fund (oral report) – addressed in the Executive Director's report.

Other Park Updates (oral report) – no report

Jeremy Blakespear made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jeff Barnouw seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.