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AGENDA

SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PARK CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday - August 2, 2024
 10:30 a.m.

Location: San Rafael Parish Pastoral Center, Rooms D & E
 (The Pastoral Center building is located on the south side of the parking lot)
 17252 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo (north of Rancho Bernardo Dr.)

The Chair cannot start the meeting until a quorum is present. PLEASE ARRIVE BY 10:25 A.M. The CAC may take action on any item listed on the Consent or Discussion/Action agenda, but only when a quorum is present. If a quorum is temporarily lost during the meeting, no further discussion will take place until the quorum is regained. If the quorum is not regained, the meeting will be adjourned. **Please advise the Chair at the beginning of the meeting if you must leave before 12:15 p.m.**

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Roll Call and Introductions Chair

Late arrivals should speak to staff to make sure their attendance is noted.

Approval of 6-7-24 Minutes (Pg. 3-6)

Chair's Report Chair

Executive Director's Report Staff

Public Comment Public

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 Executive Director

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Consider revisions to CAC Bylaws to clarify Property Owner representative appointments (Page 7)
2. Approve alternates for Property Owner representatives (Page 15)
3. Lake Hodges Update - oral report
4. East San Pasqual CTC Gap Presentation (Page 16)

5. Committee Reports

Project Review Committee

Trails Committee

Interpretation Committee

INFORMATION

Horsepark Trail Repairs (oral report)

Osuna Trail Segment of CTC Trail (oral)

Correspondence

Adjournment

Chair

The next meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2024.

If you have any questions, please call Dewanda Vandermost, Office Manager (858) 674-2270 x10

**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of June 7, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Khoury
Rich Risner
Kelly Clemeshaw
Maggie Brown
Liz Gabrych
Victoria Touchstone
Jeremy Blakespear
Jennifer Disser
Julie Klein
Udo Wahn
Sharon Fogg
Pam Heatherington
Pat Whitt
Jeff Barnouw
Bill Adelson

REPRESENTING

CAC, Chair
American Society of Landscape Architects
Del Dios Town Council
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
League of Women Voters
Rancho Bernardo Planning Board
San Diego Bicycle Coalition
San Diego Mountain Biking Assoc.
San Diego Trails Alliance
San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
San Dieguito Planning Group
Sierra Club
Torrey Pines Community Planning Group
Coastal Property Owner
Eastern Property Owner

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Shawna Anderson
Dewanda Vandermost
Nathan Lacy
Mark Carpenter
Kristina Leyva
Paul Bernstein
John Anshus

San Dieguito River Park JPA
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KTU+A
Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley
Lake Hodges resident
Lake Hodges resident

Introductions and Announcements

Chair Khoury called the meeting to order at 10:36 AM.

Guests introduced were Paul Bernstein and John Anshus from the Lake Hodges neighborhood. Also introduced was the newly hired environmental planner for the JPA, Nathan Lacy and the KTU+A principal consultant, Mark Carpenter.

Approval of Minutes- 5-3-24

Jeff Barnouw moved to approve the minutes of May 3, 2024 with a correction to Discussion Item 2 changing the last name of Bob from O'Neil to Dudley and to add the word "maximum" to the 280 feet lake level. Pam Heatherington seconded the motion.

All members were in favor.

Abstain: None

Chair's Report – Chair Khoury reported on the topics discussed at the last JPA meeting, which included the CAC motion regarding the Lake Hodges water level. He stated the JPA Board's intent to have the Hodges lake level on the agenda at the July or August JPA meeting pending confirmation from City

Public Utilities staff attendance. Chair Khoury clarified the procedure for making public comments at the JPA Board meeting.

Executive Director's Report –Director Anderson reported on the following:

Recent Activities: The joint JPA/Conservancy volunteer appreciation party was held at Sikes Adobe where appreciation awards and signed framed photographs were presented to retiring CAC members Phil Pryde and Jan Fuchs (presented to Jan's daughter).

An equestrian ride event was organized by the Conservancy with the Ramona Trails Association staging at Sikes Adobe.

Cactus Wren Restoration Project: Work has started on this project at Bernardo Mountain Preserve, funded by a SANDAG EMP grant. The project aims to plant new cacti to support the endangered Cactus Wren species.

Watershed Explorer Summer Camp: This camp, funded by a State Outdoor Equity grant and organized for underserved youth in Escondido, was filled within a day. It includes visits to various sites down the watershed and ends with an overnight camping experience at Surprise Farms in Ramona. Future outdoor equity grants are being considered.

Southern California Edison Wetland Restoration Project: The annual monitoring of this project at the lagoon by UCSB monitors was reported. The project has not met all success criteria and has not received any mitigation credits yet. The 2023 results can be found on their website.

Project Review Committee Updates: Several proposed projects will be reviewed by the PRC, including the Notice of Preparation for the LOSSAN Double Track. The process is in the early stages of the CEQA EIR process.

Membership Issues: The issue of quorum was discussed, and outreach to non-attending organizations is planned. The CAC memberships of C3 (Citizens Coordinate for Century 3), the San Diego Farm Bureau, Walkabout San Diego, and the Julian Community Planning Group have been suspended until they identify CAC representatives.

Public Comment – Vicky Touchstone from Rancho Bernardo Planning Board shared that there is a public scoping meeting scheduled for June 18th in Del Mar regarding the SANDAG LOSSAN project with details available on their website.

Paul Bernstein from the Lake Hodges neighborhood shared talking points regarding the Lake Hodges water level and encouraged attendance at the next JPA meeting to offer public opinion.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Coast to Crest Trail Gap Presentation – Sutherland Segment

Director Anderson provided background information on the CTC Gap project funded by the Conservancy and JPA Get-to-71 campaign that raised over \$2,000,000 for the study, design, and environmental for two long gaps in the Coast to Crest Trail.

One gap is the East San Pasqual Valley gap, which extends five miles from Hwy 78 and Bandy Canyon to Boden Canyon The other gap is the Sutherland Gap, an approximately eight-mile,

rugged backcountry gap from Black Canyon Road near Lake Sutherland to Santa Ysabel West Preserve. The goal is to get the project to a level where it is ready to build or close to being ready to pull permits, and then to seek funding for construction. Director Anderson expressed confidence in the project's competitiveness for grants and progress towards completion of the Coast to Crest Trail.

Mark Carpenter, the project consultant from KTU+A, provided an in-depth presentation with video and maps to explain the process of trail selection and the many factors that are considered in the design for the Sutherland Segment of the Coast to Crest Trail.

- Various trail routes studied by the JPA team and explanation of the preferred trail alignment
- Complexities of several landowners and agencies that the trail will traverse
- City water quality buffer areas around Lake Sutherland.
- Biological mapping and surveys to identify potential sensitive species and habitats to avoid conflict areas and develop a mitigation strategy. Water crossing areas including a low flow crossing planned for Bloomdale Creek
- Identified areas for gathering spaces and primitive campsites
- Next steps include additional consultation with City and other landowners, impact analysis and potential mitigation, campsite design concepts, and preparation of construction cost estimates.

There were discussions about other issues such as the city's buffers, the environmental review process, and the timeline for securing funding and completing the project. Also discussed was the issue of bikes not being allowed on the trail adjacent to Boden Canyon, which is owned by the California Fish and Wildlife Service, and the challenge of hunting currently permitted by the city on northeast side of Lake Sutherland.

2. Committee Reports

- a. **Project Review Committee** – Upcoming meeting scheduled for June 17th at 2:30PM at the JPA Headquarters.
- b. **Trails Committee** – Jennifer Disser reported the committee has not met since the last CAC meeting. The Committee is planning a trail user survey for June 20th and June 23rd. Volunteers are needed, especially for the eastern trail sections. The survey involves counting visitors, capturing zip codes, and type of user. A preparatory meeting for volunteers will be held on June 13th at 6:30 PM via Zoom.
- c. **Interpretation Committee** – The committee did not meet recently. The next scheduled meeting will be in July.

INFORMATION

Horsepark Trail (oral report) – Director Anderson reported that there are ongoing issues related to trail repair. There was a recent letter exchange between the JPA and the CEO of the 22nd Agricultural District, Carlene Moore. The JPA board met in closed session to address the matter.

Osuna Trail Segment of CTC Trail (oral) - Director Anderson reported the project is moving forward and the City of San Diego is finished with our application and preparing staff report but hearing has not been scheduled. A milestone has been reached, although construction timing remains uncertain. Seasonal restrictions due to wildlife (birds) impact the timeline.

Coast to Crest Gaps Planning Studies (oral) – Information was provided under Discussion/Action Item 1.

Other Park Updates (oral report) – no report

Correspondence – none

Bill Adelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Maggie Brown seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 pm.

Agenda Item 1
August 2, 2024

TO: CAC

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: Revisions to CAC Bylaws regarding Property Owner Representatives

It has come to the attention of the CAC Chair and JPA staff that Section IV of the CAC Bylaws is unclear concerning property owner representatives, specifically regarding the appointment of alternates. Section IV.D requires the JPA Board to appoint six property owners representing a geographic range of the river valley. Section IV.E refers to alternates for all member organizations and property owners. However, the Bylaws are not clear on whether property owner alternates are to be appointed (Attachment A).

It is recommended that Section IV.D of the CAC Bylaws be amended as follows:

“D. Additionally, the JPA Board shall appoint to the CAC six property owners representing a geographic range of the river valley, and appoint their alternates as recommended by the CAC. Property owners should agree to serve as the conduit for other property owners’ interests as well as their own.”

Respectfully submitted,

Shawna Anderson
Executive Director

Attachment A: CAC Bylaws

SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY-LAWS¹

I. NAME AND AREA

- A. The name of this organization shall be San Dieguito River Park Citizens Advisory Committee, known hereafter as CAC.
- B. The area addressed by the CAC shall be the focused planning area of the San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park and areas which directly impact the focused planning area.

II. PURPOSE

- A. The primary purpose of the CAC shall be to advise the Board of Directors of the San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park Joint Powers Authority in matters relating to the planning, funding, property acquisition, design, improvement, operation and management of the San Dieguito River Park. The CAC is a standing committee of the San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority.
- B. Additionally, the purpose of the CAC shall be
 - 1. To provide an open forum for community discussion on park related issues;
 - 2. To organize and implement special community events deemed of interest to persons interested in the San Dieguito River Park;
 - 3. To gather and disseminate park-related information to residents and property owners within and adjacent to the San Dieguito River Valley.
 - 4. To advise the JPA on land use matters within or which directly impact the focused planning area.

III. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. All CAC activities shall be nonpartisan and nonsectarian and shall not discriminate against any person or persons by reason of age, race, color, sex, creed, national origin or sexual preference.
- B. The CAC shall not take part, officially or unofficially, in the election of any candidate for public office.

- C. A copy of current CAC bylaws shall be available for perusal at any public meeting of the CAC. A copy of the bylaws shall be provided at cost to any individual or organization upon request.

IV. GENERAL MEMBERS

- A. Membership shall be open to the following organizations: all community planning groups whose planning area overlaps or directly impacts the focused planning area of the San Dieguito River Park; a selection of homeowner associations; a biologist representing Association of Environmental Professionals; a landscape architect representing American Society of Landscape Architects; Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley; ~~RVR-PARC~~²; San Dieguito Lagoon Committee; San Dieguito River Valley Land³ Conservancy; local governmental entities owning property in the river valley; region-wide environmental organizations with significant interest in the river valley, and selected other special interest organizations with significant interest in the river valley.
- B. Member organizations may be recommended by the CAC and approved by the JPA Board.
- C. Member organizations will appoint, preferably from among their members, an individual and an alternate who will represent the organization on the CAC.
- D. Additionally, the JPA Board shall appoint to the CAC six property owners representing a geographic range of the river valley. Property owners should agree to serve as the conduit for other property owners' interests as well as their own.
- E. Organizations or property owners are expected to be represented at the meetings by either the appointed representative or an alternate. If neither the appointed representative nor alternate attends a meeting the organization or property owner is considered absent. Three consecutive absences or four absences within a twelve-month period shall result in the organization or property owner no longer being a member of the CAC. The Executive Director shall keep an up-to-date roster from which shall be determined membership status and each month's quorum. Organizations or property owners who lose their membership status under this paragraph may petition the JPA Board in writing for reinstatement and upon approval thereof shall be reinstated to full membership status after attendance at two consecutive meetings.⁴
- F. No person shall represent more than one organization on the CAC.

- G. A quorum for the purpose of conducting business will consist of a simple majority of the members of the Citizens Advisory Committee.
- H. When an organization or member is added to a newly created position on the CAC, that organization or member shall not have full voting status until after attendance at two consecutive meetings.⁵
- I. New CAC members and alternates, and new representatives, are required to obtain an orientation about the River Park and the role of the CAC from River Park staff. ⁶

V. OFFICERS

- A. Officers of the CAC shall be the Chair and Vice-Chair. The Chair shall be recommended by the CAC subject to the approval of the JPA ~~Board~~. ~~The Vice-Chair shall be selected by the CAC.~~⁷ The CAC shall select a Chair and Vice-Chair by secret ballot.⁸
- B. The terms of the Officers shall be ~~two one~~ years⁹, subject to the stipulations in Paragraph G of this section.¹⁰ ~~renewable by appointment in the case of the Chair and election in the case of the Vice Chair. The term shall begin with the effective date of these by-laws.~~¹¹
- C. Nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair may be made by a Nominating Committee or¹² from the floor by any eligible CAC member. The Vice-Chair must represent an organization or property owners.¹³
- D. A vacancy in the office of the Vice-Chair shall be filled by a majority vote of CAC members present at the meeting following the meeting at which such vacancy is created, provided that such members present constitute a quorum and subject to approval by the JPA Board¹⁴.
- E. The Chair shall be the principal officer and shall preside over all meetings of the CAC. The Chair may or may not represent an organization. Should the Chair be selected from the CAC body, then during the term of office he or she shall no longer be the formal representative of the organization that appointed him or her, and that organization will appoint another representative. The Chair shall vote only in the case of a tie vote.¹⁵

- F. The Vice-Chair shall, in the absence of the Chair, carry out all the duties and responsibilities of the principal officer.

- G. The maximum term of office of the Chair shall be 3 (three) two year terms. However, the Chair may be reelected to office and serve a maximum of 2 (two) additional two year terms if he/she has been out of office for at least one full two year term. This clause shall take effect beginning with election of officers in the first election held after its inclusion in the by-laws.¹⁶

VI. SUBCOMMITTEES

- A. The Chair, with the advice and consent of the CAC, shall establish subcommittees and approve membership in those subcommittees, as necessary or appropriate to carry on the work of the CAC.
 - 1. Each subcommittee shall have a chair, and the chair of each subcommittee shall be a member of the CAC.

 - 2. All members and alternates shall be eligible to serve on subcommittees.

 - 3. The chair of a subcommittee may invite non-members to attend in a non-voting capacity if necessary.

 - 4. The subcommittee shall report its activities to the CAC at each regularly scheduled meeting.

 - 5. A subcommittee shall not represent itself as speaking for the CAC unless the CAC has taken action on the item being represented.

 - 6. All subcommittees shall be comprised of CAC members only who constitute less than a quorum of the CAC, unless inclusion of outside members is approved by the full CAC and/or unless a membership greater than a quorum of the CAC is approved by the CAC. In either such case all meetings of the subcommittee shall be noticed and held in conformance with the Ralph M. Brown Act. Other subcommittee meetings of less than a quorum and containing

no outside members need not comply with the Brown Act, but as a matter of policy shall be open and public attendance and participation shall be encouraged.

- B. The Chair may appoint a Steering Subcommittee to coordinate CAC activities with staff, and such other tasks as may be necessary. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the CAC shall be a member of the Steering Subcommittee.

VII. MEETINGS

- A. All regular and special meetings of the CAC shall be open to the public.
- B. Regular meetings shall be held at least once a month unless otherwise designated by majority vote of the Board or at the discretion of the Chair.
- C. Special meetings held to obtain input from the community at large shall be publicized and scheduled at a time and place so as to maximize participation.
- D. The Ralph M. Brown Act (Govt Code Sections 54950-54961) shall govern the proceedings, noticing and general activities of this Citizens Advisory Committee.

VIII. AGENDAS

- A. The Chair of the CAC shall establish a proposed agenda for each meeting of the CAC, and shall cause staff to mail it one week in advance of the meeting.
- B. The agenda will have a place for Consent items, Action items, and Information items. It will also list the names of currently active Subcommittees.
- C. At the beginning of each meeting, a supplemental item may be added to the agenda if 2/3 of the total membership agrees to place the item on the agenda, and if the need to place the item on the agenda arose after the publication of the agenda. In addition, if an emergency is found by majority vote, based on specified facts, an item may be added to the agenda. Unless any supplemental items are added as Consent Agenda items, they shall be placed at the end of the Action Agenda and shall be heard at the conclusion of the items on the proposed agenda.

- D. At the beginning of any meeting, any CAC member may request a different order of business than that proposed by the Chair. Granting such a request shall be the decision of the Chair.

IX. TESTIMONY AND DISCUSSION

- A. All agenda items shall be open for public discussion following discussion by the CAC members prior to making a decision.
- B. If necessary, the Chair shall establish appropriate time limits for individuals and group presentations, to maximize the participation of interested parties.
- C. Additional public comment will be accepted at the end of the meeting.

X. ACTIONS

- A. The CAC staff will record the aye votes, no votes, and abstentions on each action taken, and such will be noted in the meeting notes.
- B. Each member organization or property owner representative member will have one vote.
- C. Unless they are time-sensitive, CAC actions will be referred to the JPA Board for review and action. Where time does not permit such referral, a letter from the CAC will be directed to the JPA Boardmember(s) in whose jurisdiction the matter lies.
- D. ~~If no quorum is present, the CAC may, at the discretion of the Chair, take an informal and non-binding vote that conveys the sense of the attendees and that vote may be conveyed to the JPA Board, provided that the Board is informed of the count of the vote and that there was no quorum present.~~¹⁷¹⁸

XI. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

- A. All matters not covered in these Bylaws shall be governed by the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

XII. AMENDMENTS

- A. These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the CAC membership present¹⁹, provided that the

proposed changes were listed on the agenda mailed out to the CAC members, and are later approved by the JPA Board of Directors.

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- ¹ Adopted by JPA Board, November 15, 1990
 - ² Deleted by JPA Board, April 18, 2003
 - ³ Deleted by JPA Board, April 18, 2003
 - ⁴ Added by JPA Board, October 20, 1995
 - ⁵ Added by JPA Board, October 20, 1995
 - ⁶ Added by JPA Board, April 18, 2003
 - ⁷ Deleted by JPA Board, June 18, 2010
 - ⁸ Added by JPA Board, April 18, 2003
 - ⁹ Changed by JPA Board, April 18, 2003
 - ¹⁰ Added by JPA Board, June 18, 2010
 - ¹¹ Deleted by JPA Board, June 18, 2010
 - ¹² Added by JPA Board, June 18, 2010
 - ¹³ Added by JPA Board, April 18, 2003
 - ¹⁴ Added by JPA Board, June 18, 2010
 - ¹⁵ Added by JPA Board, April 18, 2003
 - ¹⁶ Added by JPA Board, April 18, 2003
 - ¹⁷ Added by JPA Board, July 18, 1997
 - ¹⁸ Deleted by JPA Board, April 18, 2003
 - ¹⁹ Added by JPA Board, April 16, 2010

Agenda Item 2
August 2, 2024

TO: CAC

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: Approve Alternates for Hodges Property Owner Representatives

The CAC's two property owner representatives for the Lake Hodges area, Chris Khoury and Bob Dudley, were appointed by the JPA Board as required by the CAC Bylaws. Bob Dudley is proposing that his alternate Lois Jones be changed to Paul Bernstein and Lois Jones would continue serving on the CAC as the alternate for Chris Khoury. Khoury does not currently have an alternate and may not represent an organization while he's serving as CAC Chair per the CAC Bylaws. In the role of Khoury's alternate, Lois Jones may attend the CAC meetings representing the Hodges/San Pasqual area while Khoury is serving as Chair or if he is unable to attend a meeting. Approval of these changes are subject to JPA Board approval.

Dr. Paul Bernstein, MD lives near Lake Hodges and has attended several CAC meetings as CAC member Bob Dudley's guest. He has served as a dedicated San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy member and supporter for over 20 years. As a frequent hiker of the San Dieguito River Park, he has a deep appreciation and understanding of its unique ecosystems and his interest in preserving local habitats for fish, birds, and other wildlife drives his commitment to the Park's conservation efforts. Paul is passionate about representing the Lake Hodges community and ensuring Lake Hodges and its surrounding open space habitat remains a thriving sanctuary for future generations.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawna Anderson
Executive Director

Agenda Item 4
August 2, 2024

TO: CAC

FROM: Staff

SUBJECT: East San Pasqual Segment of Coast to Crest Trail

Staff and the consultant team led by KTU+A Landscape Architects are making progress planning and designing two gaps in the CTC Trail, the proposed alignment of the Sutherland trail segment and the evaluation of three trail alignment alternatives for the East San Pasqual trail segment.

The project team is evaluating three alternative alignments for the East San Pasqual segment and the results will be documented in a feasibility study. The trail segment starts at the San Pasqual Staging area at Bandy Canyon and Highway 78 and ends at the Boden Canyon trailhead where it will connect to the Lower Santa Ysabel Trail segment. Most of the trail alignments are located on land owned by the City of San Diego Public Utilities although a short portion crosses land owned by the County and within the Caltrans right-of-way. The trail must cross Highway 78 and three different options for crossing the highway are being evaluated. Other considerations include compatibility with existing citrus and avocado orchard operations and potential impacts and mitigation required for sensitive habitat for the arroyo toad and other species. The feasibility study will identify a preferred trail alignment based on factors including trail user experience, cost, constructability, environmental resource impacts, and land use impacts. The feasibility study will be available for review in the next few weeks. Detailed trail plans will be prepared for the preferred alignment only.

A slide presentation of the alternative alignments being considered for the East San Pasqual trail segment will be given at this CAC meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawna Anderson
Executive Director

Attachment A: East San Pasqual Alignment Alternatives

East San Pasqual Valley - CTC Segment

