
**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Minutes of September 20, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joe LaCava – Chair
Chris Khoury – Vice Chair
Jill MacDonald
Dwight Worden
Consuelo Martinez
Marni von Wilpert
Greg Kazmer, Alternate

REPRESENTING

City of San Diego District 1
Citizens Advisory Committee
City of Solana Beach
City of Del Mar
City of Escondido
City of San Diego Dist. 5
County of San Diego Dist. 2

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brian Pepin
Terra Lawson-Remer
Dustin Fuller

REPRESENTING

City of Poway
County of San Diego Dist. 3
22nd Agricultural District, Ex Officio

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Shawna Anderson
Nathan Lacy
Dewanda Vandermost
Wayne Brechtel
Lizzy Bendrick
Brian Elliott
Anabella Gonzales
Maggie Brown
Joey Randall
Sanwar Harshwal
Garima Pathak

REPRESENTING

San Dieguito River Park JPA
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San Dieguito River Park JPA, General Counsel
County Parks & Recreation Department
City of San Diego District 1
City of San Diego Public Utilities Dept.
Friends of San Dieguito River Valley
Olivenhain Municipal Water Dist.
Harshwal & Company LLP
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Introduction and Announcements:

Chair LaCava convened the meeting at 11:02 a.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum of seven board members were present to begin the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Minutes of June 21, 2024

Board Member Alternate Kazmer moved to approve the minutes and Board Member von Wilpert seconded the motion. All in favor.

Yes votes: LaCava, Khoury, Worden, Martinez, Kazmer (Alt), von Wilpert

No votes: None

Absent: Lawson-Remer, Pepin

Abstain: MacDonald

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Anderson reported on the following:

- Senator Blakespear's visit for update on CTC Trail
- County Grant Award for Electric Outdoor Equity Vehicle
- Sikes Adobe Pavilion Grant Award from The Escondido Community Foundation
- North County Mall SDRP Storefront
- Recognition of JPA by High Tech High
- Escondido Grape Day Festival

Lake Hodges Lake Level Update Director Anderson reported that the Lake Hodges lake level agenda item, initially scheduled for the October JPA board meeting, has been postponed to the November board meeting due to scheduling conflicts. It is anticipated that members of the Citizens Advisory Committee and the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department will attend.

Upcoming Events:

- California Native Plant Sale
- Volunteer Training
- David Kreitzer Memorial Walk
- W-19 ribbon cutting
- San Dieguito Lagoon inlet dredging

Director Anderson shared an appreciation video created by the JPA staff for Board Member Dwight Worden, retiring from the Del Mar City Council, to honor and thank him for his many years of service and support. All expressed their gratitude to Board Member Worden for his participation and support as Del Mar's JPA member agency representative.

CAC Chair's Report

Vice Chair Khoury reported that the CAC met August 7, 2024, and that the topics discussed are included in today's JPA agenda.

Public Comment – No public comments received.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. FY22-23 Audit Report

Recommendation: Board to receive and file the FY22/23 Audit Report

Executive Director Anderson introduced Garima Pathak and Sanwar Harshwal, representing Harshwal & Co. to summarize the audit and answer questions for the board.

Board Member Worden asked for a clarification of the statement in the audit that addressed the responsibilities of management for the financial statements and the representative Mr. Sanwar Harshwal from Harshwal & Company LLP provided an explanation.

Chair LaCava asked Mr. Harshwal if he were given access to all information he required for the audit, Mr. Harshwal responded that all information was given on a timely basis. Chair LaCava asked if any of the audit work was not performed due to limitations placed by him by management, and did the audit include any deviation to general accounting practices. Mr. Harshwal replied that no limitations were present, and that management was cooperative, and there were no deviations to the general accounting practices.

Chair LaCava stated that the audit is received and filed.

Public Comment- no public comment

2. FY 23-24 Year-End Budget Report

Recommendation: Board to acknowledge and file FY 23/24 year-end budget report

Executive Director Anderson presented the FY 23/24 year-end budget report and stated that the FY 23/24 budget balanced at \$1,735,472. Director Anderson explained information about the revenue and expenses for the JPA Operations budget and the Coast budget using the consolidated budget report for the 4th quarter summary, the FY 23/24 year-end cash balance report and endowment balances report.

Board member von Wilpert inquired about the miscellaneous income sources. Director Anderson summarized the sources of income.

Board member Kazmer requested that the report format be modified in the future to include more detail on the source of income for the Miscellaneous category.

Chair LaCava stated that the board unanimously acknowledges and files the FY 23/24 year-end budget report.

Public Comment- no public comment

3. Joint Use Agreement with Olivenhain Municipal Water District (OMWD) for Osuna Segment of Coast to Crest Trail

Recommendation: Approve and authorize Executive Director to finalize and sign a Joint Use Agreement (JUA) with OMWD for Osuna Segment of the Coast to Crest Trail

Executive Director Anderson summarized the points, terms and financial impact of the JUA. Director Anderson introduced Joey Randall, the assistant general manager for the OMWD. Mr. Randall noted the long-standing positive relationship and partnership with the JPA that led to the discussion of the JUA which will allow the JPA to construct and operate a portion of the Osuna bridge and trail within OMWD's easement. Mr. Randall stated that members of his staff worked cooperatively with JPA staff on the JUA language and that the JUA will be presented to the OMWD Board of Directors for approval after the JPA's approval.

Board Member Kazmer moved to approve and authorize the Executive Director to finalize and sign the JUA and Board Member Worden seconded the motion. All in favor.

Yes votes: LaCava, Khoury, Worden, Martinez, Kazmer (Alt), von Wilpert, MacDonald

No votes: None

Absent: Lawson-Remer, Pepin

Abstain: None

Public Comment- no public comment

4. Amend CAC Bylaws regarding Property Owner Representatives

Recommendation: Approve change to Section IV.D of the CAC Bylaws as recommended by CAC

Executive Director Anderson and board member Khoury explained the need to amend the CAC Bylaws to clarify the process for appointing property owner alternates on the CAC. The CAC Bylaws paragraph IV would be amended to state the following (changes in underline text): "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".

Board Member von Wilpert moved to approve Section IV.D of the CAC Bylaws as recommended by the CAC and Board Member Worden seconded the motion. All in favor, except for board member Kazmer who temporarily left the meeting.

Yes votes: LaCava, Khoury, Worden, Martinez, von Wilpert, MacDonald

No votes: None

Absent: Lawson-Remer, Pepin, Kazmer (Alt)

Abstain: None

Public Comment- no public comment

5. Approval of Property Owner Alternate Appointment to CAC

Recommendation: Appoint Paul Bernstein as CAC property owner alternate for Central Area

Executive Director Anderson provided information about Paul Bernstein, the recommended alternate for Bob Dudley (Central Area Property Owner) and indicated her support for the recommendation.

Board Member MacDonald moved to appoint Paul Bernstein as the CAC property owner's alternative for the Central Area and Board Member Martinez seconded the motion. All in favor

Yes votes: LaCava, Khoury, Worden, Martinez, von Wilpert, MacDonald, Kazmer (Alt)

No votes: None

Absent: Lawson-Remer, Pepin

Abstain: None

INFORMATION

6. Project Status Updates

- a) Osuna Segment of Coast to Crest Trail – No report
- b) Reach the Beach Fairgrounds Trail – Director Anderson stated she is working with Del Mar staff, to coordinate the possible combination of the Reach the Beach Trail and their living levee project.
- c) San Dieguito Lagoon Phase II Restoration (aka W-19) – No report
- d) CTC Trail – East San Pasqual and Sutherland Gaps Project – No report

4. Coordination Reports (oral)

- a. San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy -No report
- b. Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley- No report
- c. Volcan Mountain Foundation – No report
- d. San Dieguito Lagoon Committee- No report

5. Jurisdictional Status Reports – No report

6. Correspondence – None

7. Adjourn to Closed Session – Counsel Brechtel stated that the Board voted to deny the Morera Claim. No other reportable action was noted.

Chair LaCava adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

These minutes were approved by Board Action December 13, 2024.



Shawna Anderson, Executive Director