
**SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
Minutes of January 16, 2026**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jill MacDonald – Chair
Chris Khoury – Vice Chair
Joe La Cava
Consuelo Martinez
Jenny Maeda

MEMBERS ABSENT

Terra Lawson-Remer
Terry Gaasterland
Marni von Wilpert
Joel Anderson
Dustin Fuller

VISITORS/STAFF PRESENT

Shawna Anderson
Dewanda Vandermost
Nathan Lacy
Jason Lopez
Wayne Brechtel
Lizzy Bendrick
Udo Wahn
Joaquin Quintero

REPRESENTING

City of Solana Beach
Citizens Advisory Committee
City of San Diego District 1
City of Escondido
City of Poway

REPRESENTING

County of San Diego Dist. 3
City of Del Mar
City of San Diego Dist. 5
County of San Diego Dist. 2
22nd Agricultural District, Ex Officio

REPRESENTING

San Dieguito River Park JPA
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San Dieguito River Park JPA, General Counsel
County Parks & Recreation Department
City of Del Mar Lagoon Committee
City of San Diego District 1

Introduction and Announcements:

Chair MacDonald convened the meeting at 11:03 a.m., welcomed all attendees, and introduced herself as the Deputy Mayor of Solana Beach. She invited the remaining board members and staff to introduce themselves. A quorum was established with five board members present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair's Statement – No Report

Approval of the Minutes of November 14, 2025

No corrections or additions were noted for the December 12, 2025 minutes. Board Member Martinez moved to approve the minutes and Board Member Maeda seconded the motion.

All in favor.

Yes votes: MacDonald, La Cava, Maeda, Martinez, Khoury

No votes: None

Absent: Lawson-Remer, Gaasterland, Von Wilpert, Anderson
Abstain: None

Executive Director's Report –

Executive Director Anderson encouraged attendance at the Valentine's Teas at Sikes Adobe on February 14 and 15. She reported that the Red Nose Run in Del Mar was sold out and successful, with donation figures forthcoming. Rangers have been actively performing drainage improvements, staging area repairs, and replacing automatic gate mechanisms, resulting in excellent trail conditions. No board questions were raised.

CAC Chair's Report – Vice Chair Chris Khoury reported that the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) did not meet in January and therefore had no report.

Public Comment – None

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. FY25-26 Q2 Budget Report

Recommendation: None

Executive Director Anderson reported that that operation revenues are tracking at 82% of annual projections, exceeding mid-year targets. Expenditures are aligned with expected mid-year levels. The Coast Budget received full revenue and has expended 97% of its annual allocation. No issues were identified and no board questions were asked.

Public Comment - None

2. Budget Committee Appointment

Recommendation: None

Chair MacDonald announced that Board Member Terry Gaasterland from Del Mar agreed to serve as the third member of the Budget Subcommittee. Meetings will be held via Zoom.

Public Comment- None

3. JPA Meeting Venue Change

Recommendation: Provide direction to staff on JPA board meeting venue and schedule for 2026.

Staff presented the proposed 2026 meeting schedule, noting that Solana Beach City Hall is available from February through May and that the County Administration Center is reserved from July through December. The Board had previously expressed support for using Solana Beach for half the year, while avoiding the Fair and racing seasons due to traffic. Staff also noted that the June 19, 2026 meeting falls on the Juneteenth holiday and will require rescheduling or cancellation, with alternate dates to be circulated closer to June.

Action: The Board agreed to the proposed venue schedule: Solana Beach City Hall for February–May 2026 and the County Administration Center for June–December 2026 and directed staff to identify alternative dates for the June meeting.

Public Comment- None

INFORMATION

4. Project Status Updates

- a) **Osuna Segment of Coast to Crest Trail** – Director Anderson reported she submitted a \$250,000 funding request to the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, with board consideration expected next week. The 90% design plans have been reviewed, and permit application preparation continues, though additional funding will be required for full construction.
- b) **Reach the Beach Fairgrounds Trail** – Work is progressing on the Reach the Beach/Fairgrounds Trail and Gateway collaboration with Del Mar’s Living Levee Project.
- c) **San Dieguito Lagoon Phase II Restoration (aka W-19)** – Director Anderson and JPA general counsel are finalizing access easements with the project team. Anderson stated that SANDAG may start preparing an endowment agreement soon for long-term management.
- d) **CTC Trail – East San Pasqual and Sutherland Gaps Project** – Director Anderson reported ongoing work on the trail gap project with no new updates.
- e) **CTC Trail at Rio Run** - Chair MacDonald requested an update on the Polo Fields Trail area. Environmental Planner Lacy reported that recent rains highlighted the need for additional drainage improvements, which the project team has agreed to incorporate. It was noted that construction will pause during the bird-breeding season beginning around February 1, and staff will continue onsite monitoring during this period. Director Anderson added that the selected name for this trail segment is Coast to Crest Trail at Rio Run.

5. 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** – Director Anderson reported that the Volcan Mountain Foundation has recently secured significant forestry and habitat management grants and completed several acquisitions in 2025. Board Member Khoury added comments on the ongoing conservation successes on the eastern slope of Volcan Mountain, noting observations from a recent visit to the area.
- d. **San Dieguito Lagoon Committee** - No report

6. Jurisdictional Status Reports –

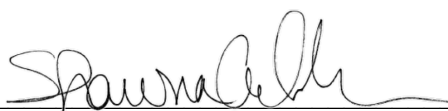
Board member La Cava reported on the reappointment of Brian Elliott as his alternate representative for District 1.

7. Correspondence – None

8. Closed session with Legal Counsel: None

Chair MacDonald adjourned the meeting at 11:24am

These minutes were approved by Board action on April 3, 2026



Shawna Anderson, Executive Director