



**OTAY VALLEY REGIONAL PARK (OVRP)
JOINT POLICY-CITIZEN'S ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2017
2:00 P.M.**

Meeting called to order at 2:10 pm by Policy Member Cox.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

AGENDA ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 27, 2016
MOTION TO APPROVE OCTOBER 27, 2016 MINUTES – Policy Member Alvarez, 2nd
Policy Member Cox
ALL IN FAVOR – 3-0-0
2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS
 - Introduction of Patricia Aguilar the Councilwoman for the City of Chula Vista. Patricia has a long history in the area and we are happy to welcome her as part of the committee and OVRP family.
3. OVRP HONORARY EMERITUS MEMBER APPOINTMENTS
 - At the last meeting it was recommended that we move forward with two Honorary Emeritus Member Appointments for John Willett and Wayne Dickey to honor their tremendous service to the Otay Valley Regional Park.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE HONORARY EMERITUS MEMBER STATUS FOR JOHN WILLETT AND WAYNE DICKEY – Policy Member Alvarez, 2nd Policy Member Cox
ALL IN FAVOR – 3-0-0
4. CAC VACANCIES (County of San Diego-1, City of San Diego-2, City of Chula Vista-1)
 - Appointment – County of San Diego
Policy Member Cox – The County of San Diego has one appointment today. We would like to appoint Blair Crossman.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPOINTMENT OF BLAIR CROSSMAN TO THE OVRP CAC – Policy Member Cox, 2nd Policy Member Alvarez
ALL IN FAVOR – 3-0-0

- Appointment – City of San Diego
Councilman Alvarez – The City of San Diego would like to nominate Kim Peterson to the OVRP Citizens Advisory Committee

MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPOINTMENT OF KIM PETERSON TO THE OVRP CAC –
Policy Member Alvarez, 2ND Policy Member Cox
ALL IN FAVOR – 3-0-0

5. TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL PARK FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE – County of San Diego

The County of San Diego recently completed a public use economic feasibility study for the Tijuana River Valley Regional Park and held a public open house on December 14, 2016. There was a large turnout for this with almost 100 people in attendance. At this open house we presented potential concept plans for new recreational opportunities in the area as well as new regional trail connections including a possible connection from the Tijuana River Valley to the Otay Valley Regional Park. PowerPoint presentation with slides of maps for the area. The study will be available online by the end of the month.

- Advisory Committee Member McCoy – Asked about the beach side trail shown on one of the maps and stated that this was not a feasible route.
 - Brian Albright – This particular route is not one that was created as part of this process but is what is currently listed as the proposed California Coastal Trail.
- Policy Committee Member Cox – Mentioned that the community garden in this area is extremely popular and the Resource Conservation District is overseeing a project to complete construction in the area with 120 new garden plots. There is a lot we are trying to accomplish in the Tijuana River Valley area as a whole.
- Policy Committee Member Alvarez – Asked what the connection on the far east side of the plan will be.
 - This would be a bike path connection.

6. OTAY REGIONAL TRAIL ALIGNMENT STUDY UPDATE – County of San Diego

The study is currently underway and the consultant has assembled background information on the 75,000 plus acres study area. We have met with all of the participating agencies and everyone is committed to participating and finding sustainable trail alignments while also respecting the natural resources of the area. We are currently in the process of scheduling a public workshop for mid-March and will let everyone know once that is scheduled. There will also be a survey sent prior to the public meeting which you all will receive. This survey will be used to gather user preferences to assist with the study planning.

7. OTAY BUSINESS PARK PROPOSAL – City of Chula Vista

The consultant for this project presented at a recent Citizens Advisory Committee meeting and at this time there is no updates to this or new information to present.

8. I-805 TO HERITAGE ROAD TRAIL UPDATE – City of Chula Vista

- Staff made a field visit to map (via GPS) possible trail route between the Crossings Shopping Plaza and Sunroad property (Situs 710 Main Street) for the north trail system on December 20th. Another visit is planned for February 7th, dependent on weather, to complete the trek to Heritage Road.

9. RANGER REPORTS

- Mika Shimada-Cicarelli, City of San Diego, Western OVRP
I have been on staff for 2 months now and I am still working very hard to familiarize myself with the area and the protocols and duties of the job and I am very excited about working in this area and will continue to be proactive working on the safety issues such as the homeless encampments in the area. I am continuing to make contacts with the local law enforcement to continue to keep up a coordination between our departments.
- Lauren Raduc, County of San Diego, Eastern OVRP
Otay Lakes Park hosted a Movie in the Park of Hocus Pocus on Saturday, October 29 and it was a big success filling all of our parking lots and having to go out onto the street. On January 28 we will be hosting a Project Wildlife event and will be hosting a Mountain Lion presentation on February 18.

10. OVRP/CAC CHAIR'S REPORT – John Vogel, CAC Chair

The committee continues to move forward and many of our subcommittees are meeting up again and things are going well.

11. FRIENDS OF OVRP REPORT

No Updates.

12. PC/CAC MEMBER COMMENT/OPEN DISCUSSION

- Advisory Committee Member McCoy – Asked if there has been any signs of growth in the areas that were affected by the Shot Hole Borer.
 - Melanie Tylke – Some of the willows are starting to show some offshoots so we are monitoring this and will continue to monitor this positive growth.

13. REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

- None

ADJOURNMENT – 4:15 pm

OVRP PC MEMBER ATTENDEES

Supervisor Cox

Councilman Alvarez

Councilwoman Aguilar

CAC MEMBER ATTENDEES

Jack Bransford

Vinit Jensen

John Zarem

John Vogel

Robert Miller

Ben Vallejos

Mike McCoy

Alfredo Perez

Mark Kukuchek

Jose Galaz

John Mendez

STAFF PRESENT

Brian Albright

Melanie Tylke

Lauren Raduc

Victor Avina

Kristi McClure-Huckaby

Michael Walker

Mika Shimada-Cicarelli

Casey Smith

Yidelwo Asbu

Michael De La Rosa

PUBLIC ATTENDEES

Ezra Oneal

Blair Crossman

Kim Peterson