

**San Diego River Conservancy (SDRC)**  
**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2005 PUBLIC MEETING**  
*(Draft Minutes for Approval April 8, 2005)*

***Chairman Murphy called the February 11, 2005 meeting of San Diego River Conservancy to order at 9:16 AM.***

**1. Roll Call**

*Members Present:*

Dick Murphy, Chairman (*Mayor of San Diego*)  
Donna Frye, Vice-Chair (*City Council of San Diego*)  
Jim Bartell (*Public at Large, Appointed by Governor*)  
Jim Peugh (*Public at Large, Appointed by Senate*)  
Toni Atkins (*Public at Large, Appointed by Assembly*)

*Non-Voting Members Present:*

Mike McCann (*San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board Designee*)

*Others Present:*

Deborah Jayne, Executive Officer  
Jamee Jordan Patterson, Deputy Attorney General -Alternate  
Hayley Peterson, Deputy Attorney General

*Absent:*

David Harper (*Director of Finance Designee*)  
Dr. Susan Hector (*Public at Large, Appointed by Governor*)  
John "Jack" H. Minan (*Public at Large, Appointed by Governor*)  
Sam Schuchat (*Secretary of Resources Agency Alternate Designee*)  
Karen Scarborough (*Secretary of Resources Agency Designee*)  
Al Wright (*Executive Director, Wildlife Conservation Board*)

**2. Approval of Minutes**

***Vice-Chair Donna Frye moved approval of the minutes of the December 3, 2004 public meeting with a correction of a typographical error in the spelling of "Conservancy" on page 3. The motion was seconded by Board Member Toni Atkins and adopted by a voice vote of 5-0.***

**3. Public Comment**

Any person may address the Governing Board at this time regarding any matter within the Board's authority which is not on the agenda. Submission of information in writing is encouraged. Presentations will be limited to three minutes for individuals and five minutes for representatives of organizations. Presentation times may be reduced depending on the number of speakers.

*There were three public commentators.*

*Deborah Jones, Executive Director of Lakeside's River Park Conservancy, provided the SDRC with copies of Lakeside's River Park Conceptual Plan.*

*Mark Weston, General Manager for the Helix Water District, issued an invitation to the SDRC Board and staff to a field trip to the mid-part of the watershed, including a visit to Cedar Creek Falls sometime in late March / early April.*

*Bill White, Director of the California History and Culture Conservancy, commented on the historical and cultural resources located along the River, particularly the 1000 feet of the mission flume which still exists near the end of Tierrasanta Blvd. Mr. White distributed three graphics of the area and urged the SDRC to protect these valuable resources.*

#### **4. Chairman's and Governing Board Members' Comments**

These items are for Board discussion only and the Board will take no formal action.

*There were no comments.*

#### **5. Executive Officer's Report (Deborah Jayne)**

This item is for Board discussion only and the Board will take no formal action.

The following topics may be included on the Executive Officer's Report:

- a) Executive Officer Activities
- b) California Performance Review
- c) GIS Maps/ Database for SDRC Jurisdiction
- d) Board Member Terms of Office
- e) Board Member Stipends
- f) Board Member Travel Reimbursements
- g) Status of Securing Remaining Prop 40 funding
- h) SDRC Building Signage

*Deborah Jayne introduced the Board to the Conservancy's new Executive Assistant, Susan Huntington, and gave instructions to Board Members on how to submit travel reimbursement and stipend requests.*

*The remainder of the report was postponed in the interest of time.*

#### **6. Deputy Attorney General's Report – Training on Bagley-Keene Act (Hayley Peterson)**

This item is for Board discussion only and the Board will take no formal action.

The Following topics will be included in the Deputy Attorney General's Report:

- a) Conflict of Interest Code/ Statements of Economic Interest (Form 700)
- b) Attorney Generals' Coverage of SDRC Meetings
- c) Training on Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act

*Hayley Peterson explained the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Form 700 filing requirements. She instructed the Board Members to return the*

*forms to Deborah Jayne by March 28, 2005 so that they can be sent to the FPPC by the April 1<sup>st</sup> filing deadline.*

*Ms. Peterson introduced Jamee Jordan Patterson who will be filling in as the Conservancy's liaison with the California Attorney General's office while Hayley is out on maternity leave.*

*Following completion of the other agenda items, Ms. Peterson gave a brief training presentation on the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. A quick reference guide was provided for the Board Member's convenience.*

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### **7. Proposed Interagency Agreement with State Coastal Conservancy**

Consideration and possible action on proposed Interagency Agreement between San Diego River Conservancy and State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) for \$221,000 (total amount of SDRC's reappropriated Fiscal Year 03/04 Support Budget). The purpose of the Interagency Agreement is to (1) reimburse SCC for ongoing administrative support; (2) allow SCC to contract with others for services required by SDRC (e.g., strategic planning, consultation, etc.); (3) safeguard balance of reappropriated funds remaining after June 30, 2005 and make available to SDRC until June 2007; (4) reimburse SCC for potential non-administrative support. The Executive Officer is seeking the Board's authorization to execute the Interagency Agreement. (Deborah Jayne)

*This item was postponed to a future meeting.*

#### **8. SDRC 2005 Draft Workplan**

Consideration and possible adoption of SDRC's 2005 Draft Workplan. The Executive Officer will present a brief overview of the Draft Workplan. (Deborah Jayne)

*Deborah Jayne provided a brief review of the 2005 Draft Workplan. Chairman Murphy explained that it is necessary to set goals and objectives to achieve in 2005 so that the success of the Conservancy can be measured at the end of the year.*

*Board Member Atkins mentioned that Caltrans is starting to move very quickly to sell its surplus property. The Conservancy should make sure that it has a contact at Caltrans to ensure that we are not missing out on land acquisition opportunities. Board Member Bartell mentioned that MTS also has several surplus parcels located along the Trolley line.*

*Board Members discussed the need to receive a presentation from SANDAG on the TransNet Mitigation Funds, including general funding priorities and more specifically where nexus points exist along the River which may qualify for TransNet funding. Chairman Murphy suggested that a presentation from SANDAG be included on the next Board Meeting agenda.*

*Board Member Bartell mentioned that #1 of the Draft Workplan (development of the Five-Year Infrastructure Plan) is the most critical point because it defines and drives*

*the goals and priorities of the Conservancy. He asked that this item be considered of highest priority.*

*Vice-Chair Donna Frye moved to adopt the workplan with the two additions suggested by Board Member Peugh. (Additions: Item #4 should read: "Encumber remaining Proposition 40 funds to (1) support City of San Diego's AND ALL OTHER JURISDICTION'S priority acquisitions; Item # 9: add PADRE DAM to the list of Key Partners.) The motion was seconded by Board Member Atkins and adopted by a voice vote of 5-0.*

## **9. Grantville Redevelopment Project**

Consideration and possible action on the City of San Diego's proposed Grantville Redevelopment Project. Tracy Reed (Community and Economic Development, City of San Diego) will provide an overview of the City's proposed Grantville Redevelopment Project, much of which surrounds the San Diego River (as it flows approximately parallel to Mission Gorge Road). (Tracy Reed)

*A verbatim account of the Board members comments on this item is attached at the end of this document.*

*Tracy Reed (Project Manager, City of San Diego Redevelopment Agency) presented an overview of the Grantville Redevelopment Project.*

*Board Member Jim Peugh mentioned he was surprised to see that there is no objective related to making the River function better hydrologically. He suggested looking for property acquisitions in places where the River needs to be expanded or for properties that are constantly at risk of flooding.*

*Vice-Chair Donna Frye said that the Conservancy comments should focus on any inconsistencies between the Grantville EIR and the San Diego River Park Master Plan, the SDRC's enabling documents or any goals, programs, etc. of this particular Board's mission.*

*Specifically, Vice-Chair Donna Frye expressed concern about building in the floodplain and encouraging more industrial or residential uses in areas that are already prone to flooding. She also expressed concern that the San Diego River Park Master Plan was held up at the City level. She worries that the SDRP Master Plan was pulled from the City Council docket and modified to facilitate the Grantville Redevelopment Project. Vice-Chair Donna Frye expressed the need to make all such modifications in a public forum.*

*Board Member Jim Bartell would like the Executive Officer to look at the area south of Friars Road for a potential restoration project. Chairman Murphy repeatedly emphasized that the Grantville Redevelopment project has tremendous acquisition opportunities and open space easement opportunities for the Conservancy and urged staff to follow this project carefully.*

*Vice-Chair Donna Frye indicated that because the issues are complex, to allow the Conservancy to submit meaningful comments on the Draft EIR, a minimum 30- day extension of the public comment period should be granted.*

*Vice-Chair Donna Frye made a motion to accept the report from the Executive Officer, with the request for an extension to allow adequate time to comment on the EIR and the consistencies with the San Diego River Park Master Plan. The motion was seconded by Toni Atkins (?) and adopted by a voice vote of 5-0.*

**10. San Diego River Watershed Management Plan, Final Draft**

Consideration and possible action on the San Diego River Watershed Management Plan, Final Draft. Mark Carpenter (KTU+A) and Elizabeth Giffen (Department of Planning & Land Use, County of San Diego) will present an overview of the draft plan. *(Mark Carpenter, Elizabeth Giffen)*

*This item was postponed to a future meeting.*

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**11. San Diego River Wetland Creation Project Information**

Attached is a follow-up report from Rich Grunow (Metropolitan Wastewater Department, City of San Diego) which (1) provides an update on the San Diego River Wetland Creation Project; and (2) addresses the SDRC's concerns regarding a potential San Diego River Park trail on the south side of the River. No formal Board action is recommended; this item is provided for information. Discussion of this item may be requested by a member of the Board or public. *(Rich Grunow)*

*Rich Grunow updated the Board on the status of the San Diego River Wetland Creation Project. Based on the concern expressed by the SDRC Board at its February meeting, Mr. Grunow sent the project back for redesign. The new design will accommodate a future Class 1 bicycle trail along the southern boundary of the mitigation site and north of Camino Del Rio North. A graphic was distributed which illustrates the design changes for future trail development. The redesign will not affect the mitigation project.*

*Vice-Chair Donna Frye suggested that this project and the temporary "River Garden" project be processed together because the River Garden can serve as part of the erosion control for the Wetland Project and therefore could be identified as a mitigation measure in the environmental documents. Mr. Grunow said he would be pleased to convey this idea to the City's Developmental Services Department.*

*Vice-Chair Donna Frye moved to accept the Executive Officer's Summary Report and presentation. The motion was seconded by Board member Toni Atkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of 5-0.*

**12. Current FY 04/05 Budget Information**

Attached is an overview of the Conservancy's current Fiscal Year 04/05 Budget. No formal Board action is recommended; this item is provided for information. Discussion of this item may be requested by a member of the Board or public. *(Deborah Jayne)*

*Items 12 and 13 were discussed together. Please see below.*

**13. Proposed FY 05/06 Budget Information**

Attached is an overview of the Conservancy's proposed Fiscal Year 05/06 Budget. No formal Board action is recommended; this item is provided for information. Discussion of this item may be requested by a member of the Board or public. *(Deborah Jayne)*

*Items 12 and 13 were discussed together. Deborah Jayne provided a brief overview of the current agency budget situation. Chairman Murphy and Board Member Bartell noted that the Board needs to take an official action to adopt the FY 05/06 Support Budget and an official action to encumber the FY 03/04 reappropriated funds. The Board asked the Executive Officer to submit a report on the anticipated operating expenses and expenditures for FY 05/06 for its adoption, including the encumbrance of the reappropriated funds.*

*Board Member Bartell moved to accept the Executive Officer's Summary Report for items 12 and 13. The motion was seconded by Board member Toni Atkins and passed unanimously by a voice vote of 5-0.*

**14. Strategic Plan / Five-Year Infrastructure Plan Information**

Attached is a general overview of the proposed purpose and content of the Conservancy's Strategic Plan / Five-Year Infrastructure Plan. Also included is a brief update on potential contract assistance. No formal Board action is recommended; this item is provided for information. Discussion of this item may be requested by a member of the Board or public. *(Deborah Jayne)*

*Vice-Chair Donna Frye moved to accept the Executive Officer's Summary Report. The motion was seconded by Board Member Toni Atkins and adopted by a voice vote of 5-0.*

**15. Eight Grant Pre-Proposals Information**

Attached is an overview of the eight grant pre-proposals recently submitted on behalf of the Conservancy. No formal Board action is recommended; this item is provided for information. Discussion of this item may be requested by a member of the Board or public. *(Deborah Jayne)*

*Vice-Chair Donna Frye moved to accept the Executive Officer's Summary Report. The motion was seconded by Board Member Jim Bartell and adopted by a voice vote of 5-0.*

**16. SDRC 2004 Accomplishments Information**

Attached is a report highlighting the Conservancy's accomplishments for 2004. No formal Board action is recommended; this item is provided for information. Discussion of this item may be requested by a member of the Board or public. (*Deborah Jayne*)

*This item was postponed to a future meeting.*

**17. Administrative Matters**

This item is for minor administrative matters only and the Board will take no formal action.

*There were no administrative matters.*

**18. Executive Session**

Following or any time during the meeting, the Governing Board may recess or adjourn to closed session to consider pending or potential litigation; property negotiations; or personnel-related matters. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(a), (c) (7), or (e).

*There was no executive session.*

**19. A) Arrangements for Next Meeting and Adjournment**

**Friday, April 8, 2005**

9:00 am to 11:30 am

Location: San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board Office

9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100

San Diego, California

(858) 467-2733

**B) San Diego River Day – Riverfest 2005**

**Saturday, May 21, 2005**

Mark Your Calendars!

*Chairman Murphy adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:30am.*