



**OTAY VALLEY REGIONAL PARK (OVRP)
CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)**

August 17th, 2023

2:00pm

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER – 2:02 pm by CAC Chair, John Zarem

PUBLIC COMMENT

- CAC Member Hale Richardson made a comment and provided information on the Otay River Valley Restoration Project including location, description of work, purpose, and the mitigation bank sponsor, Home Fed.

APPROVAL OF MAY 18TH, MINUTES

MOTION to CONTINUE ITEM TO NEXT MEETING - CAC Member Rick Richardson, 2nd CAC Member Joan Schnieder

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AGENDA ITEMS

1. UPDATE ON EMERGENCY SHELTER (CHULA VISTA)

- Chula Vista joint staff member Angelica Davis gave a report on the Bridge Shelter update. Highlights included: full operations began on May 15th, upcoming pending bathroom installations, a temporary trailer bathroom provided by the City of San Diego, and installation of tables, gazebos, and trees throughout the shelter. Pictures and an updated will be provided at a future meeting.
- Feedback was provided by the CAC members on referral process for occupants on the parks, landscaping at the Bridge Shelter and the length of the stay of the residents.

2. MAXWELL AT MAIN UPDATE

- Representatives from the project applicant (Pemcor Properties, Inc.) gave an update for the proposed project at Maxwell at Main St. Highlights included elevations, project overview on Auto Park East specific plan, site plan, landscape plan, trail cross section, and grading plans.
- Feedback was provided by the CAC members on the timeline, planning approval process,

trails connections, trail maintenance, installation of retaining wall and fence.

3. REPUBLIC SERVICES GRANT UPDATED

- Republic Services' Municipal Manager Risa Baron gave a presentation on the Neighborhood National Promise 2023 program. Highlights included the Republic Services commitment to sustainability, charitable giving, involvement of Urban Corp of San Diego County, the National Promise Volunteer Day.
- Feedback was provided by the CAC members on the engagement and trail repairs.

4. GRANT IDEAS

- County of San Diego Joint Staff Member Juliette Orozco let the CAC members know that OVRP Joint Staff is open to any grant ideas on an ongoing basis.

RANGER REPORT

1. Western OVRP, Ranger Mika Shimada

- Ranger Mika Shimada reported on the following items:
 - Bike the Bay is scheduled on Sunday, August 27th, 2023;
 - General maintenance by the ranger program;
 - San Diego Audubon Society (SDAS) watering plants between July-December;
 - Non-native plant abatement by the City of San Diego pesticide applicator every Friday throughout the year; and
 - Active cleanup encampments within the City of San Diego municipality since May of 2023 by the San Diego Police department and ESD.
- Ranger Mika Shimada gave a summary on the following events:
 - Saturday, May 27th, 2023, SDAS and the ranger program cohosted milkweed planting day to enhance monarch butterfly habitat at Beyer- Beyer north trail to plant total of 200 plants. Approximately 23 volunteers participated in the event.
 - Saturday, June 24th, 2023, San Diego Coastkeeper, and rangers cohosted quarterly riverbed cleanup. Eight volunteers participated in the event.
 - Wednesday, July 19th, 2023, SDAS hosted the Aves y Bicileta event as a part of Latino Conservation week.
 - Institute for Public Strategy is utilizing Western OVRP to host four painting workshops for their group during this summer. There were approximately eight participants in each session.
 - Ranger program is returning to host student interns anywhere from three months up to a year. Ongoing recruitments are taking place.
- Ranger Mika Shimada provided information regarding the following upcoming events:

- Saturday, September 16th, 2023, San Diego Mountain Biking Association and the County of San Diego will host the County Ride on Challenge from Mace Street.
- Saturday, October 28th, 2023, San Diego Coastkeeper and rangers will host river cleanup below I-805.
- Sunday, October 29th, 2023, El Día de Los Muertos Day milkweed planting.
- Saturday, November 4th, 2023, Neighborhood promising Day.
- Saturday, November 25th, 2023, County of San Diego to host California Volunteer Day at Western OVRP tree planting.
- Feedback was provided by the CAC members on ranger station parking, new sign at 4th Street and trailhead, and mountain bikers.

2. Eastern OVRP, Ranger Lauren Raduc.

- County of San Diego Joint Staff Member Lauren Raduc reported on the following items:
 - Otay Rocks events in Otay Ranch School;
 - Women in the Wild sometime in November, date is to be determined;
 - Movie at the Park on September 15th, 2023;
 - Pumpkin carving on October 21st, 2023;
 - Junior Ranger program was just completed.
- County Staff Member Tony Richardson added that the county is partnering with California Volunteers for a tree planting event on September 30th and November 25th at the Otay Lakes County Park from 9am-12pm.
- Feedback was provided by the CAC members on distribution of event flyers, Volunteers, and types of trees being planted.

CAC CHAIR COMMENTS

- Chair John Zarem reported on the following items:
 - Encourage CAC members to attend the tree planting event on September 30th at Otay Lakes County Park;
 - OVRP CAC vacancies;
 - Members terming out at the end of December;
 - date of the next OVRP PC-CAC meeting.

VICE CHAIR COMMENTS

- None

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Adjacent Development Review Subcommittee – None
2. Trails Subcommittee – None
3. COYIS – None
4. Economic/Habitat Restoration Subcommittee -None

ADJOURNMENT – 3:51PM

NEXT MEETING IS DECEMBER 14TH, 2023.

CAC MEMBER ATTENDEES

John Zarem
Christina Santa Maria
Joan Schneider
Rick Richardson
Cesar Castro
Hale Richardson

STAFF PRESENT

Blanca Castillo
Lauren Raduc
Harold Phelps
Mika Shimada
Angelica Davies
Annette Saul
Camille Wildburger

Tony Richardson
Juliette Orozco
Charlie Gailband
Laura Ball
Rene Smith
Oscar Romero
Harry Muns

PUBLIC MEMBER ATTENDEES

Nick Martin
Julia Cataido
Risa Baron
Sarah Walsh
Greg Lang
Ryan Taylor
Paul Mayer
Soo Wai Kin