



**OTAY VALLEY REGIONAL PARK (OVRP)  
CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)  
February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
2:00pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER** – 2:13 pm by CAC Chair, John Zarem

**APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2022, MINUTES**

Committee Member Joan Schneider asked for minor edits and clarification on the summarized minutes that were provided. Revisions were made by Joint Staff for the final version.

MOTION to APPROVE AS AMENDED - Committee Member Mark Kukuchek, 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee Member Rick Richardson  
ALL IN FAVOR – 7-0-0

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- No Public Comment

**AGENDA ITEMS**

1. OFFICER ELECTIONS (ALL) (ACTION ITEM)

CAC Chair John Zarem called for nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair positions prior to a motion being made. John Zarem was re-elected as Chair and Susie Murphy was re-elected as Vice Chair.

MOTION to Elect John Zarem as 2023 CAC Chair by Acclamation – Committee Member Joan Schneider, 2nd Committee Hale Richardson  
ALL IN FAVOR – 7-0-0

MOTION to Elect Susie Murphy as 2021 CAC Vice-Chair by Acclamation – Committee Member John Zarem, 2nd Committee Member Mark Kukuchek  
ALL IN FAVOR – 7-0-0

2. MEETING FORMAT (COUNTY)

County of San Diego Joint Staff Member Juliette Orozco asked CAC members for input on in-person versus hybrid meetings for future CAC meetings. It was established that CAC members must attend in person unless they have a qualifying reason under state law.

Members discussed that a hybrid meeting type would allow for members of the public to participate. This was not a voting item.

3. UPDATE ON EMERGENCY SHELTER (CHULA VISTA)

Joint Staff Member Harold Phelps provided an update on the Emergency Shelter project. Along with photos showing construction progress, Mr. Phelps mentioned that the shelter would have 66 units and bathrooms with showers. He also spoke to the need to remove a tree, planter, and two parking spaces in the trails staging area adjacent to the site. CAC member Joan Schneider asked if there would be safe parking spaces available for people to be able to habitate in their vehicles, and who would be managing the facility. Mr. Phelps said he would bring those questions to City of Chula Vista staff Angelica Davis for a response at the next CAC meeting.

4. UPDATE ON EAST OTAY TRAIL ALIGNMENT STUDY EIR (COUNTY)

Joint Staff Member Juliette Orozco gave an update on the East Otay Trail Alignment Study Environmental Impact report. She mentioned that the project was currently in the NOP Scoping period which runs from January 6, 2023 through February 21, 2023, and that the Scoping meeting was held on January 12, 2023 via zoom. She let the group know that the County is soliciting feedback currently on what resources under the California Environmental Quality Act the committee would like to see analyzed. A link and mailing address were provided to the committee to submit feedback. A link was also provided to access the final study.

5. CALTRANS UPDATE ON I-805 BRIDGE (CALTRANS)

CalTrans Staff Member Ramon Martinez gave an update on the status of the bicycle bridge along I-805 between Palm Avenue and Main Street. Mr. Martinez provided a presentation that included project background and history, project goals, project layout, elevations, and cross-sections, and discussed the two project variations. The variations include a hanging bridge and a multi-span bridge. Mr. Martinez provided information on the project webpage and comment period. John Zarem asked whether Caltrans was weighing variation preferences in comment letters. Mr. Martinez advised to include preferences within comment letters, as all public input is considered in the decision-making process.

6. CAC LETTER TO CALIFORNIA DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION ON I-805 BRIDGE (CAC CHAIR) (ACTION ITEM)

CAC Chair John Zarem and Vice Chair Susie Murphy led the discussion on the group's decision to sign a letter to submit during the public comment period for the CalTrans 1-805 bicycle bridge project. There was discussion among all members of the CAC present on which variation was preferred, along with concerns regarding the possibility of the bridge attracting homeless encampments. Rick Richardson brought up the hanging bicycle bridge at Batiquitos Lagoon, and Caltrans Staff Member Ramon Martinez clarified that this design would not be similar to the Batiquitos Lagoon hanging bicycle bridge. Chair John Zarem and Vice Chair Susie Murphy both mentioned that the CAC members had previously voted on which variation they were supporting, which was reflected in the letter.

MOTION to APPROVE - Committee Member Hale Richardson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Susie Murphy  
ALL IN FAVOR – 7-0-0

7. BROWN ACT TRAINING (CITY OF SAN DIEGO)

City of San Diego Deputy City Attorney Catherine Morrison provided a presentation regarding the Ralph M. Brown Act. This presentation provided an overview of the requirements of the Brown act and how it applies to the CAC, especially as it applies to communication outside of meetings. Additional information provided included core principles of the Brown Act, rules for public access, what constitutes a “meeting”, teleconferencing/ virtual meetings pre-COVID, teleconferencing/ virtual meetings during COVID, hybrid meetings, remote participation, public access during hybrid meetings, AB2449, serial meetings, Assembly Bill 992, and social media communications. The presentation also included the need for CAC members to attend CAC meetings in-person starting March 2023.

**RANGER REPORT**

1. Western OVRP, Ranger Mika Shimada

Ranger Mika Shimada reported that there will be a news conference on “binge and underage drinking” on Friday, February 17th at 1pm at the Rangers Station on Fenton Pond.

2. Eastern OVRP, Ranger Lauren Raduc.

County of San Diego Joint Staff Member Lauren Raduc presented several upcoming events within County Parks, including Movies in the Park in June, August, and October, the upcoming Breakfast with a Bunny event, and monthly hikes available. She also reported on that there would be an upcoming I Love a Clean San Diego Creek to Bay cleanup, and that there would be enough funds through an Off-highway Vehicles (OHV) grant to clean trash from under the 125 freeway. CAC member Joan Schneider requested an update on how the Boys Scout Camp was being advertised, and Ranger Raduc said she would follow up.

**CAC CHAIR COMMENTS**

- No CAC Chair Comments

**VICE CHAIR COMMENTS**

- No CAC Vice Chair Comments

**SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT** – 3:59PM

MOTION to ADJOURN - Committee Chair John Zarem, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Susie Murphy  
ALL IN FAVOR – 7-0-0

NEXT MEETING IS May 18, 2023

**CAC MEMBER ATTENDEES**

John Zarem	Rick Richardson
Hale Richardson	Mark Kukuchek
Susie Murphy	Joan Schneider
Delanie Medina	

**STAFF PRESENT**

Blanca Castillo  
Lauren Raduc  
Harold Phelps

Catherine Morrison  
Juliette Orozco  
Alyssa Del Rosario

Mika Shimada  
Charles Gailband  
Jose Gavaz

PUBLIC MEMBER ATTENDEES

Cesar Castro  
Ramon Martinez