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To: City of San Diego, District 1 Councilmember Joe LaCava and staff

Subject: JPA Board of Directors Action regarding Surf Cup Sports Lease

At their September 16, 2022 JPA meeting, the JPA Board of Directors voted unanimously to request the City of San Diego resolve a long-standing delay by the City's lessee Surf Cup Sports to restore the Coast to Crest Trail and adjacent habitat on City-owned property. Specifically, the JPA asks that the City establish a timeline and deadline for completing the trail and habitat restoration that Surf Cup Sports committed to do when they signed the lease with the City. In a related matter, the JPA is aware of and takes seriously recent grading and zoning violations by the same party including filling and parking on protected wetlands on an adjacent parcel (3975 Via de la Valle, aka former Milan property). The JPA asks that the City take prompt action responding to these violations as a top priority.

The attached JPA Board meeting agenda report details the issues outlined above.

The JPA, formed in 1989 to create and manage the San Dieguito River Park (SDRP), is a model for multi-jurisdictional planning and implementation. The subject property, deeded to the City as public open space in the 1980s as a condition of developing the surrounding residential area, lies within the SDRP's focused planning area along the San Dieguito River and is a vital connection to the San Dieguito Lagoon. The San Dieguito Lagoon has benefited from over \$500M in public investment as a landmark project in land preservation, habitat restoration, and construction of the regional Coast to Crest Trail. Currently, Caltrans/SANDAG is restoring another 154 acres of tidal wetlands as part of Phase II. In addition, the City's El Camino Real Bridge replacement project includes a trail undercrossing that will link the CTC Trail at Horse Park to the trail at Surf Cup Sports lease. The JPA received a public grant last year to extend the CTC Trail to the east of the Surf Cup lease property. The unfinished gap along the Surf Cup lease is preventing completion of this key part of the CTC Trail.

The JPA remains committed to the San Dieguito River Park and Coast to Crest Trail and looks forward to the next steps to finally restore the regional public trail on the City's property. Please do not hesitate to contact JPA Executive Director Shawna Anderson should you require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D Grosch".

Dave Grosch  
JPA Chair

Passed September 16, 2022 JPA Board Meeting:

AYES: 6 (GROSCH, LACAVA, WORDEN, INSCOE, KAZMER, BARNOUW)

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 3 (VON WILPERT, LAWSON-REMER, HARLESS)

Attachments