

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
ABAG MetroCenter
April 10, 2014**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Attendance

Steering Committee

John Woodbury, Chair
Julie Bondurant
Ann Buell
Joe LaClair

Bay Trail Staff

Lee Huo
Maureen Gaffney
Laura Thompson

Guests

Betsy Wilson
Betty Moose

**ACTION: Adoption of 04/10/14 agenda and approval of 12/12/13 and 02/13/14 minutes.
LaClair moved, Bondurant seconded approval of the 12/12/13 minutes.
LaClair moved, Buell seconded approval of the 02/13/14 minutes.**

Yes Votes:

*Ann Buell
Julie Bondurant
Joe LaClair
John Woodbury*

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Announcements by Chair and Boardmembers

- Moose Announced that during March and April, the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center is presenting a series of community workshops about the local impacts of sea level rise.

- Buell Announced that the Coastal Conservancy board of directors approved the Sosquel Ferry Road to San Anselmo Court Bay Trail construction project at their last meeting. Two new Water Trail sites have been designated in Suisun City. The Water Trail is sponsoring

an Earth Day kayak cleanup on April 26 at Martin Luther King, Jr Regional Shoreline. In May, the Water Trail will sponsor another cleanup launching from California Canoe & Kayak in Oakland.

-LaClair Suggested an update to the full board of directors on BCDC's Adapting to Rising Tides program. A focused Parks Program analysis will be completed in June.

Staff Announcements

-Thompson Informed the Committee of Kurt Schwabe's photography exhibit and opening reception at Oakland City Hall on April 22, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Announced Bay Trail's nomination for Kurt under MTC's Excellence in Motion Award program. Bay and Water Trail staff will speak at four REIs around the bay in June and July about our regional trail programs. Priority Conservation Area grants were recommended for approval by MTC's Programming and Allocations Committee, totaling \$4.7 million for Bay Trail projects. The MTC and Coastal Conservancy will consider final approval later in the year. Board member Judy Malamut nominated the Bay Trail Project for a "Planning Landmark" award by the American Planning Association Northern Section. Winners will be announced on May 16. Boardmember Bruce Beyaert was the recipient of a Comcast Hometown Hero award that was promoted with a Contra Costa Times article and video. The Coastal Conservancy is scheduled to consider the award of a \$1 million block grant to ABAG on May 29.

-Gaffney On June 26 we will celebrate the 25th anniversary with the opening of the Hamilton Bay Trail and launch of a new Bay Trail mobile application with the Coastal Conservancy, City of Novato and the Marin Community Foundation. On June 7, National Trails Day, Bay Trail will be involved in two events: a Benicia State Recreation Area trail event and a trail clean-up along the Mill Valley-Sausalito Pathway. On Bike to Work Day, the Bay Trail brochures will be placed in all canvas bags handed out to riders and 500 Bay Trail map sets will be provided to lucky Bike to Work Day participants.

-Huo Several Bay Trail events are coming up in Richmond: April 16 press conference celebrating the donation of a 1-mile Bay Trail easement from Chevron to the East Bay Regional Park District; April 22 groundbreaking of the Breuner Marsh restoration and Bay Trail construction with special guest Congressman George Miller; May 24 National Park Service visitor center rededication, 25th anniversary event and launch of a new Bay Trail mobile application.

Bay Trail Grant Program Review Criteria

Huo introduced the item and provided a summary of the discussion at the last Steering Committee meeting. The Committee considered staff's proposed changes to the score sheets and the grant application as well as the recommendation to not include separate sea level rise (SLR) or greenhouse gas (GHG) guidance documents. The Committee discussed the CEQA requirements that already address GHG emissions and that applicants will be covering this in their CEQA documents. The Committee requested that staff continue to explore opportunities to help applicants address SLR.

ACTION: Buell moved, LaClair seconded the staff recommended changes to the Bay Trail grant scoring sheets and grant application.

Yes Votes:

*Ann Buell
Julie Bondurant
Joe LaClair
John Woodbury*

*No Votes: None
Abstentions: None*

A16 Loop Trail in the South Bay

Thompson introduced the request for Committee consideration of a new addition to the Bay Trail alignment. The Alviso Pond A16 trail is an existing 3.8-mile loop trail that encircles a reconfigured pond managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service as part of the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge. The Refuge provided a letter of support for this addition. The Committee discussed the possibility of seasonal closures along this spur and the new addition to the alignment replacing possible future levee reconfiguration and trail shortening along the 9-mile loop trail in Alviso. The Committee also recognized the benefits of youth visits to the trail due to its proximity to the Environmental Education Center.

ACTION: Buell moved, LaClair seconded approval of the Alviso Pond A16 Trail as a part of the Bay Trail alignment.

Yes Votes:

*Ann Buell
Julie Bondurant
Joe LaClair
John Woodbury*

*No Votes: None
Abstentions: None*

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.