

**San Francisco Bay Trail Project  
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes  
ABAG Metro Center  
May 2, 2016**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Attendance**

Steering Committee

John Woodbury, *Chair*  
Julie Bondurant, *Co-Chair*  
Maggie Wenger  
Steve McAdam  
Juan Raigoza  
Betsy Wilson

Staff

Maureen Gaffney  
Lee Huo  
Laura Thompson

Guests

Ethan Lavine, BCDC  
Ina Gerhard, Caltrans

**ACTION: Adoption of the 5/2/16 agenda and the 3/7/16 minutes: Wenger moved, McAdam seconded.**

*Yes Votes:*

<i>John Woodbury</i>	<i>Julie Bondurant</i>
<i>Maggie Wenger</i>	<i>Steve McAdam</i>
<i>Juan Raigoza</i>	<i>Betsy Wilson</i>

*No Votes: None*

*Abstentions: None*

**Announcements by Chair and Boardmembers**

-Wilson            Announced that she is leaving the Coastal Conservancy, after many years of advancing the completion of the Bay Trail and working with Bay Trail board members and staff on a variety of projects.

Staff and the board recognized Betsy's contribution to the project.

**Staff Announcements**

-Thompson        Announced an event held at Cooley Landing in East Palo Alto on April 16 dedicating the new environmental education center at the park. The event was well-attended by

elected officials and the community. This will make a fantastic location for a future Bay Trail board meeting. Informed the board that the Google/Bay Trail event in Sunnyvale has been rescheduled to Friday, May 20. On June 10, Bay Trail will join our other regional trail partners at the Golden Gate Bridge to welcome two Coastal Trail through-walkers as they traverse the entire coast raising awareness about the Coastal Trail.

-Huo Announced that at 9:30 a.m. on May 12, Bike to Work Day, the City of Emeryville plans to open a short but important stretch of Bay Trail along Christy Avenue. When this segment is complete, the Bay Trail will be continuous between Golden Gate Fields and the Bay Bridge. On May 6 at 10:00 a.m., we will join the California Department of Fish & Wildlife at Eden Landing for the joint opening of a section of Bay Trail and a Water Trail launch site as part of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project.

-Gaffney Announced that Bay Trail maps will be placed in Bike to Work Day bags throughout the region with help from our bicycle coalition partners. On Sunday, May 15 at 2:00 p.m. the Sonoma Land Trust will dedicate the completion of the 2.5-mile Sears Point Bay Trail, built in conjunction with the Sears Point Wetland Restoration. Elected officials and partner representatives will join the celebration with Doug McConnell as host. Sonoma Regional Parks has received a Bay Trail grant to study the next segment connection to the east.

**Alameda Point Bay Trail Realignment Proposal**

Huo introduced the Bay Trail in the City of Alameda with an overview of a proposed new route at the former Alameda Naval Base on Alameda Point. The City’s Master Infrastructure Plan for Alameda Point includes a proposal to construct new Bay Trail around the entire edge of Alameda Point, including the Veteran Affairs property and Seaplane Lagoon as shown in Figure 31 of the plan. The City of Alameda submitted a letter on April 12 requesting an official change in the Bay Trail alignment.

Lavine provided additional details from BCDC about the planning process. McAdam raised the question about whether a trail realignment could occur to provide bicycle/pedestrian access along “Spirits Alley,” a popular destination in the city.

**ACTION: Bondurant moved, McAdam seconded the motion to approve the staff recommendation to add the proposed alignment as shown in Figure 31 of the Alameda Point Master Infrastructure Plan. In addition, the motion directs staff to continue working on an interim “Spirits Alley” alignment. The vote was approved unanimously.**

Yes Votes:

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| <i>John Woodbury</i> | <i>Julie Bondurant</i> |
| <i>Maggie Wenger</i> | <i>Steve McAdam</i>    |
| <i>Juan Raigoza</i>  | <i>Betsy Wilson</i>    |

No Votes: None  
Abstentions: None

## City of American Canyon Augmentation Request

Gaffney introduced the request from the City of American Canyon to augment the active Kimberly Park Technical Studies planning grant to include additional funds for the permitting task. \$21,884 is the estimated need for the task (including a \$10,000 contingency that may not be used) and \$3,775 remains in the project budget, bringing the augmentation request to \$18,108.

**ACTION:** Raigoza moved, Wilson seconded the motion to approve the staff recommendation to augment the Kimberly Park Technical Studies grant by \$18,108 to complete the necessary permitting for the project. The vote was approved unanimously.

*Yes Votes:*

*John Woodbury  
Maggie Wenger  
Juan Raigoza*

*Julie Bondurant  
Steve McAdam  
Betsy Wilson*

*No Votes: None*

*Abstentions: None*

## Bay Trail \$6 Million Grant Program Overview

As an information item, Thompson provided a detailed PowerPoint summary and spreadsheet of the projects funded under the Coastal Conservancy Block Grant #4, a \$6 million grant that was awarded to ABAG in 2007 using funds from Proposition 84. The block grant will be completed at the end of September.

The Committee suggested adding maps for each project to show what it connects to; sorting by county and sending the spreadsheet to the board; sending to legislators (which we have been doing with customized packets by district) and presenting to BCDC.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.