

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Spring Board Meeting Minutes
Shoreline Center, Oakland
May 22, 2008**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Attendance

Board Members:

Chair: Rick Parmer
Brian Wiese
Leo DuBose
Sean Co
Joe LaClair
Don Weden
Judy Malamut
Jim Foran
Steve McAdam
Julie Bondurant

Rosemary Corbin
Bill Long
Bruce Beyaert
Julia Miller
Mary Burns
Cathy Woodbury
David Lewis
Tom Huening
Elish Ryan

Guests:

Will Travis, BCDC
Bob Doyle, East Bay Regional Park District
Doug Siden, EBRPD Board of Directors
Cecily Harris, San Mateo County Parks Dept
Moirra McEnespy, State Coastal Conservancy
Joan Cardellino, State Coastal Conservancy
Jim McGrath, Regional Water Quality Control Board

Staff:

Laura Thompson, Project Manager
Lee Huo, Bay Trail Planner
Maureen Gaffney, Bay Trail Planner
Patrycja Bossak, Bay Trail Planner

Introductions / Agenda / Announcements

Parmer welcomed Board members and guests, and thanked the East Bay Regional Park District for providing the facilities for the Board meeting.

Introductions were made.

Agenda/Minutes

LaClair made a motion to adopt the agenda and the previous meeting's minutes; DuBose seconded. The agenda and minutes were adopted unanimously.

Board Announcements

- Beyaert Announced the May 9th opening of Boat Ramp Street, a new water trail launch site located adjacent to the Bay Trail in Richmond.

- Wiese Notified the Board that the Oakland Waterfront Action Committee will hold a fundraising event tonight at Jack London Square from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm.

- Harris Announced that she attended the California Trails and Greenways Conference in April with many informative workshops on trails statewide.

Staff Announcements

-Thompson Announced that the wildlife and public access study, titled *Foraging Shorebird Response to Trail Use around San Francisco Bay*, was accepted for publication by the *Journal of Wildlife Management*. Congratulations to Lynne Trulio, Jana Sokale and the entire research team.

Informed the Board that Trails for Richmond Action Committee (TRAC) was awarded the 2008 California Trails and Greenways Conference Website award. David Moore, owner of local company Sincere Design, developed and continues to maintain the site entirely on a volunteer basis. Congratulations to David and TRAC for the creation of this useful website about Richmond's Bay Trail!

Announced that in March the Goldman Fund awarded a \$100,000 grant to the Ridge Trail and the Bay Trail for joint efforts to complete the Carquinez Strait Scenic Loop Trail along shared alignments in Contra Costa and Solano counties.

On July 18 the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) will hold its annual golf tournament, with partial proceeds provided to the Bay Trail.

The San Francisco *Chronicle* will publish a "green section" in June – reporter Jane Kay is writing an article highlighting the Bay Trail gaps

Provided an overview of the Proposition 84 grant program and distributed a summary of the grants awarded since the beginning of the program in 1996.

-Gaffney Informed the Board that Bay Trail staff has initiated the regional sign program identifying placement of Bay Trail signs along all existing segments of the trail.

-Huo Announced that the Oakland Heritage Alliance awarded one of its 2008 Partners in Preservation Awards to the City of Oakland and PGA Design for their work in developing 11 historic markers along the Bay Trail in Oakland.

Informed the Board that the City of Alameda began the planning process for a feasibility analysis of a new bicycle and pedestrian crossing of the Oakland Estuary.

-Bossak Informed the Board that plans were underway for a Moffett Field dedication ceremony this fall.

Bay Trail Board Candidates

Thompson announced the consideration of two new Bay Trail Board members—Cecily Harris and Moira McEnespy. Huening introduced Harris, Financial Services Manager for the San Mateo County Department of Parks. A motion for approval was made by Huening and seconded by LaClair. Thompson introduced McEnespy, Deputy Manager for the Coastal Conservancy's San Francisco Bay Area Program. A motion for approval was made by Miller and seconded by Beyaert. All board members approved and welcomed the new directors.

San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

Thompson and Lewis introduced the legislation, AB 2954, establishing the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority. Board discussion focused on the benefits to the Bay Trail, financial assistance for restoration efforts regionwide, the structure and funding mechanisms of the proposed authority.

McAdam made a motion to support the bill; Foran seconded. The motion was approved with two abstentions. The motion directed staff to follow progress of the bill, keep the Board informed and bring back to the Steering Committee if significant changes occur.

Rising Sea Levels in the Bay Area

Will Travis, Executive Director of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), provided an overview of our region's future under current global warming and sea level rise scenarios. He highlighted the challenges faced by the region, including significant inundation of urbanized shoreline areas. BCDC is leading the effort to initiate a regional discussion about sea level rise and to develop new policies that will shape the future of our shoreline.

East Bay Regional Park District Regional Park Bond Extension

Doug Siden, East Bay Regional Park District Board Director, introduced the District's proposal to extend Measure AA providing funding for parks, trails and permanent protection of open space, ridge lands and shorelines. The current proposal allocates \$125 million for local parks and trails. The \$500 million bond initiative must be approved by two-thirds of voters in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. The Park District Board of Directors will make a final decision on July 1st to place the measure on the November 2008 ballot.

Board Director Recognition

Thompson presented long-time board members Jim McGrath and Joan Cardellino with framed photographs expressing the Bay Trail Project's appreciation of their significant contribution to the project.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline Walk

Bay Trail Board members and staff enjoyed a walking tour along the edge of Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline with a stop at the 66th Avenue Gateway area. The walk was led by representatives from the East Bay Regional Park District.