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Subject: Request recommendation to the Executive Board to adopt a resolution endorsing the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail

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Executive Summary

The California State Legislature enacted the Water Trail Act (AB 1296) in 2005 establishing the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail (Water Trail). The Water Trail is a growing network of launching and landing sites that allows non-motorized small boat users to enjoy the historic, scenic, cultural, and environmental richness of San Francisco Bay.

Implementation of the Water Trail is underway and is a joint effort led by the State Coastal Conservancy in partnership with the Association of Bay Area Governments, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, and the California Department of Boating and Waterways. Water Trail implementation benefits from regional partnerships and support.

Water Trail staff presented an overview of the Water Trail program during the February 6, 2013 Regional Planning Committee (RPC) meeting. The RPC expressed support for the Water Trail program and voted to recommend that the Executive Board adopt a resolution endorsing the Water Trail. The RPC also asked Water Trail staff to continue to explore a trail connection with the Bay Delta.

Recommended Action

Executive Board adopts a resolution endorsing the Water Trail.

Next Steps

The Water Trail will use the adopted resolution to build partnerships and encourage shoreline jurisdictions to support and/or join the Water Trail.

Attachments

1. Resolution supporting the Water Trail