

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

RESOLUTION NO. 02-13

ENDORISING THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA WATER TRAIL

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature enacted the Water Trail Act (AB 1296) in 2005 establishing the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail, 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; and

WHEREAS, the Water Trail benefits the region by encouraging single-point, multiple-point and multi-day non-motorized boating excursions; promoting safe boating practices; increasing access for boaters of all abilities; fostering stewardship of the bay and trailhead facilities; reducing impacts to sensitive wildlife and habitat through education of boaters; providing economic benefits to waterfront and water-oriented businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Water Trail Act directs the State Coastal Conservancy to lead the funding and development of projects implementing the Water Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Water Trail Project Management Team consists of four public agencies including the State Coastal Conservancy, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the Association of Bay Area Governments and the California Department of Boating and Waterways; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Bay Area Governments plays a primary role implementing the Water Trail through leadership of the education, outreach and stewardship program, including the creation of the logo, maps and website; working with specific site owners and managers to ready sites for official designation into the Water Trail network; and managing site-specific grants for enhancement activities; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Water Trail benefits from regional cooperation and the combined efforts of local governments, public agencies, park and open space districts, private landowners, businesses, and environmental, recreational, and development interests and organizations.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments officially endorses the concept of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail, and encourages shoreline jurisdictions to adopt local resolutions of support and integrate Water Trail policies into local plans to realize the vision of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail.

The foregoing was adopted by the Executive Board this 21st day of March, 2013.

Mark Luce
President

Certification of Executive Board Approval

I, the undersigned, the appointed and qualified Secretary-Treasurer of the Association of Bay Area Governments (Association), do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the Association at a duly called meeting held on the 21st day of March, 2013.

Ezra Rapport
Secretary-Treasurer

Approved as To Legal Form

Kenneth K. Moy
Legal Counsel