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BAY TRAIL TREKKER CIRCLED THE BAY IN 30 DAYS

New Bay Trail Map Set Used as Guide

To experience the breadth and depth of the Bay Area, travel along the San Francisco Bay Trail, a network of walking and biking paths encircling the Bay connecting the shoreline of 47 cities. Bay Area outdoorsman/trekker Kurt Schwabe decided to see for himself what the Bay Trail had to offer when he traveled approximately 300 miles on the trail from June 1st to June 29th. Each day, he ventured out from his condo in San Francisco to walk a new segment of the trail using a set of map cards and an online map tool recently developed by the San Francisco Bay Trail Project, which is a nonprofit organization, administered by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG).

trek, Schwabe returned home to download his photos and blog about his experiences at walkingthebaytrail.com.



Coyote Hills, Fremont

Schwabe used a new interactive online mobile map tool that captures the entire Bay Trail network on desktops, laptops and mobile devices: baytrail.org/maps-online.html and a newly developed map card set. The set includes 25 map cards with a fold-out map that shows the entire Bay Trail system and a card for birding on the trail. The map set is available for purchase at www.baytrail.org for \$14.95, as well as at the Bay Crossings store at the San Francisco Ferry Building and in area bookstores, or call 510-464-7900.



Beacon Day School, located near the Bay Trail in Oakland, joined Kurt Schwabe on his trek on June 13, 2013.

Some of Schwabe's daily adventures on the trail included walking across the Golden Gate Bridge; along the Sonoma Baylands Restoration Area; along the Richmond shoreline; through China Camp State Park in San Rafael; through Coyote Hills Regional Park in Fremont; around the Palo Alto Baylands, and along the Hayward Regional Shoreline. In his blog, Schwabe documented the ease of accessing the Bay Trail via the region's bus, rail, and ferry network. He took public transit to and from the trailheads, each morning picking up where he left off the day before, using a Clipper® card provided by Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to pay his fares. Public transit allowed Schwabe to get home at night without having to backtrack to a car parked at his starting point. "The Bay Trail is connected to public transportation at just about any point along our shoreline," Schwabe wrote in one of his pre-trek blog posts. Each night after his

"Schwabe's adventure highlights the diversity of experiences provided on the shoreline paths for locals, tourists, and commuters," said Julie Pierce, ABAG Vice President and City of Clayton Mayor. She added that, "when complete, the Bay Trail will link the shoreline of all nine counties, pass through 47 cities, and cross the region's major toll bridges, along 500 miles."

"MTC has been a strong supporter of the Bay Trail and has contributed \$4.4 million in planning moneys over the past 25 years to make the trail a reality," said MTC Commissioner Anne Halsted. "With this walk, Schwabe has become an ambassador for the Bay Trail as well as for the Clipper transit fare card, showing that these two innovations go hand in hand and that the Bay Trail is an important corridor for green commuting."

The State Coastal Conservancy is a primary funder of the Bay Trail, allocating over \$20 million over the past 15 years for planning, design and construction of Bay Trail segments throughout the region. Conservancy grants are matched by other funding sources resulting in increased momentum for trail completion. The Conservancy has also funded the publication of popular outreach tools such as the new Bay Trail map set and the *San Francisco Bay Shoreline Guide*.

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Bay Area Planners Take Resilience to the Next Level

A truly resilient future requires adapting practices to address climate change, earthquakes, floods, and other hazards expected over the next several decades. More than 60 planning directors, planners and other local government staff from around the Bay Area took that next step in hazard mitigation planning and recovery by attending the Spring Bay Area Planning Directors Association (BAPDA) half-day workshop, *Resilient Futures: What Planners Need to Know to Address Climate Change, Earthquakes, and Other Hazards*, on May 31, 2013.

Presenters showcased what local cities are doing to make their communities more resilient, discussed the national perspective, and shared state resources to guide climate planning and hazard mitigation planning

and implementation. A panel of leading experts discussed top questions about hazards in their communities and presented existing information and tools for planners' path forward. Topics discussed ranged from defining a community resilience vision and desired outcomes to translating resilience thinking into land use planning policy and practice.



(left to right): Alex Hinds • Moderator, Co-Founder, Center for Sustainable Communities; Arrietta Chakos • Principal, Urban Resilience Strategies; Louise Bedsworth • Senior Researcher, Governor's Office of Planning and Research; Wendy Goodfriend • Senior Planner, Bay Conservation and Development Commission; Laurie Johnson • Principal, Laurie Johnson Consulting | Research; Timothy Burroughs • Climate Action Coordinator, City of Berkeley

The morning ended with a community resilience exercise designed to spur thinking about how to use existing planning tools to prepare for hazards in the local community. *For more information about BAPDA, contact Hing Wong, AICP, ABAG Senior Regional Planner at hingw@abag.ca.gov.*

20/20 Vision: Past Reflections, Future Directions

11th Biennial State of the San Francisco Estuary Conference, October 29-30 2013

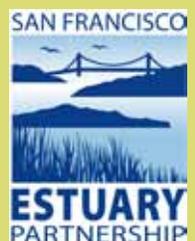
SAVE The Date

11th Biennial State of the San Francisco Estuary Conference October 29-30, 2013 • Oakland Marriott City Center

Celebrate the 20th anniversary of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership's (Partnership) Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan, while focusing on future challenges at this year's State of the Estuary Conference, **"20/20 Vision: Past Reflections, Future Directions."** Expert speakers will discuss the Estuary's current and emerging issues such as climate change and sea level rise, Delta inflows, contaminants, invasive species, and other threats to fish and wildlife populations. Presenters will also examine the ways in which government and decision-makers can better engage Bay Area communities in critical decision-making around these challenges. Opportunities for informal discussions are built into the program as well as an awards

program recognizing outstanding environmental projects and individuals. The awards nominations are due August 1st and awards' criteria are described at <http://www.sfestuary.org/soe/envmtlprojectaward/>.

The Partnership's biennial State of the Estuary Conference provides a focus on the management and ecological health of the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary, showcasing the latest information about the estuary's changing watersheds, impacts from major stressors, recovery programs for species and habitats, and emerging challenges. *For more information, visit the conference website at <http://www.sfestuary.org/SOE/>.*



ABAG Online Training Center Unveils New Look for Hazmat School

The ABAG Online Training Center's Hazmat School is a unique training website where local government employees can obtain professional development training on hazardous waste and hazardous materials. The Hazmat School (www.hazmatschool.com) now features a new look, new logo and easy navigation with updated course descriptions, a convenient scroll down menu, and significant technical upgrades. In addition to the latest upgrades, ABAG members now receive an increased membership discount, saving 25 percent in comparison to nonmembers.

The school's 28 courses satisfy the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Students receive continuing education unit credits (CEUs) and course certificates upon completion. Courses include Hazardous Materials, Hazardous Waste Operations, Emergency Response, Department of Transportation Hazmat, Construction Safety Courses, and Industrial Safety Courses for field workers and first responders. Hazmat School instructors are fully qualified to teach OSHA and DOT courses and have years of experience in developing online training.

Tailored to meet the schedule needs of busy, time-constrained professionals, the convenient economical



courses are self-paced and can be accessed at the click of a mouse, anywhere in the world. Courses feature interactive exercises and quizzes that may be taken at any time and on any computer with internet access. All course materials are included in the course fee and may be saved and printed for off-line study. As follow-up to their online courses, participants receive a free monthly newsletter with safety tips and notices of regulatory changes. In addition, Hazmat School offers group registration rates, online student tracking, record keeping, and the ability to customize courses for organizational needs.

These interactive courses serve students in the Bay Area and around the world and more than 7000 students receive training at hazmatschool.com annually. Online Hazmat School was created in 1999. The ABAG Training Center has been providing courses since 1979 and hazardous materials training since 1984. *For more information, contact Chanell Gumbs, at Chanellg@abag.ca.gov or (510) 464-7964.*

ABAG Welcomes New Deputy Executive Director

ABAG is pleased to introduce its new Deputy Executive Director, Brad Paul, who brings more than thirty years of experience working with private and public entities to address problems challenging cities and neighborhoods. Brad's agency management responsibilities will include working closely with the Executive Director and the program managers, as well as managing Executive Board relations and legislative activities.



Joining ABAG in late March, Brad immediately became involved with the development of Plan Bay Area, putting to full use his housing and community development expertise. He observed, "I am very impressed by both the quality of work done by all ABAG's departments and the breadth of the agency's offerings. I look forward to working closely with our elected officials to learn about in-depth concerns and showcase what ABAG can offer to our members."

In addition to his extensive background in community planning and development and affordable housing, Brad has demonstrated expertise in developing creative outreach, planning and development strategies, and mediating among groups with differing and passionate points of view. He served as San Francisco's Deputy Mayor for Housing and Neighborhoods and as Director of the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development for Mayor Art Agnos from 1989 to 1992. In addition to recent work as a Housing, Community Planning and Development consultant, he also served as Senior Project Officer for the Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund.

On a personal note, Brad has been a Bay Area resident since completing his undergraduate work at Williams College, and minus a year attending the Harvard Graduate School of Design as a Loeb Fellow. Brad lives in Greenbrae with his wife and 10 year-old son.

Local Government Health and Wellness Forum: Creating Healthy Communities

Thursday, September 12, 2013

8:30 – 12:30 • MetroCenter Auditorium

No Charge: Online Registration Available mid July

Explore how local governments can create healthy communities and enable healthy living: from employee and community wellness programs to "healthy eating, active living" community partnerships.

Co-sponsored by
the Association of Bay Area Governments and Kaiser Permanente

Mark Your Calendar!

JULY 2013

July 12
**Bay Area Regional Prosperity
Plan Steering Committee** 12 NOON
MetroCenter, Auditorium

**Administrative Committee, Joint
Meeting with MTC Planning
Committee** 9:30 AM
MetroCenter, Auditorium

July 18
**Legislation & Governmental
Organization Committee** 3:30 PM
Oakland Marriott City Center, Rm 210
1001 Broadway, Oakland

Finance & Personnel Committee 5:00 PM
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1001 Broadway, Oakland

**Joint ABAG Executive Board and
Metropolitan Transportation
Commission Meeting** 6:30 PM
Oakland Marriott Convention Center,
West Hall, 1001 Broadway, Oakland

July 19
**ABAG/BAAQMD/MTC Joint
Policy Committee** 10:00 AM
MetroCenter, Auditorium

July 24
**San Francisco Restoration Authority
Governing Board** 12 NOON
MetroCenter, Conference
Room 171

July 26
ABAG 24th Annual Golf Outing 1:00 PM
Chuck Corica Golf Complex,
Alameda

AUGUST 2013

August 6
**Regional Advisory Working
Group** 9:30 AM
MetroCenter, Auditorium

August 7
**Regional Planning Committee
Meeting** 1:00 PM
MetroCenter, Auditorium

August 8
Bay Trail Steering Committee 1:30 PM
ABAG Conference Room B

August 21
**ABAG POWER Executive
Committee** 12 NOON
ABAG Conference Room B

August 28
**San Francisco Estuary Partnership
Implementation Committee** 9:30 AM
Elihu M. Harris State Bldg., Room 10
Oakland

Notable Numbers

K-12 Public Schools

1,000
California school districts operate more than 8,200 K-12 schools on an estimated 125,000 acres of land.

2,000 (nearly)
Bay Area K-12 public schools serve more than 950,000 students with 20% of the region's students attending schools in a PDA.

30%
Of the region's schools are located in a PDA or in a half-mile buffer of a PDA.

21%
Of the Bay Area's charter schools are located in PDAs, 8% of California's schools are charter schools and 4% of the United States' schools are charter schools.

70%
Of the Bay Area's public school students are students of color and nearly a quarter of Bay Area public school students qualify for free and reduced-price meals.

From Growth and Opportunity: Aligning High-Quality Public Education and Sustainable Communities Planning in the Bay Area, June 2011, by ABAG and the Center for Cities and Schools at the University of California Berkeley.

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