

**San Francisco Bay Trail  
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes  
MTC Staff Conference room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
February 11, 2010**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

**Attendance**

Steering Committee

Rick Parmer, Chair  
Julie Bondurant  
Brian Wiese  
Cathy Woodbury  
Leo DuBose  
Moirra McEnespy

Bay Trail Staff

Laura Thompson  
Maureen Gaffney  
Lee Huo

Board

Betty Moose

**ACTION      Adoption of 02/11/10 agenda and approval of 12/16/09 minutes.**

Woodbury moved, Bondurant seconded adoption of agenda and approval of minutes.

**Announcements by Chair and Boardmembers**

- DuBose      Announced that the East Bay Bicycle Coalition is gearing up for Bike to Work Day and Bike Month in May. EBBC is working to increase membership from 2,000 to 6,000 by the end of the year.
- McEnespy      Informed the Committee that a bond sale will take place this spring allowing the Conservancy to release funding for frozen projects. Also announced that the Conservancy helped fund improvements to the Wave Organ in San Francisco. The Exploratorium will hold an open house at the Wave Organ on Saturday from 11:30 am – 4:00 pm.
- Moose      Informed the Committee that HASPA has filed an appeal to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's decision to issue a permit for the Russell City Energy Center in Hayward. She asked the Committee to consider signing onto this appeal at their next meeting since the power plant would be located within close proximity to the Bay Trail.

## Staff Announcements

- Huo Informed the Committee that Bay Trail staff will provide comments to the Conservancy on Eden Landing trail access. Two Bay Trail construction grant projects are close to completion: Derby to Lancaster in Oakland and the San Leandro Slough Bridge. The Richmond Redevelopment Agency is planning to upgrade the Bay Trail at Marina Bay including lights embedded in the trail that could cause safety hazards. Staff is working with the City to develop other lighting alternatives to ensure safety along the trail. Also announced that the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority and the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency are merging.
  
- Gaffney Announced that Staff is working with the Treasure Island Redevelopment Authority to incorporate the shoreline trail around Treasure Island and connections from the Bay Bridge on Yerba Buena Island into the Bay Trail system. Staff is also working with the Marin County Bicycle Coalition to identify priority gaps eligible for funding through the federal pilot program. The Napa Valley Wine Trail effort is moving forward with support from the Bay and Ridge Trails for federal funding. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and partners recently celebrated the Skaggs Island property transfer from the Navy.
  
- Thompson Informed the Committee that Bay Trail staff participated in the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Pacific Flyway Festival in Vallejo on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Announced an upcoming public workshop for Gateway Park at the touchdown of the Bay Bridge on February 25<sup>th</sup> from 5pm – 9pm at the Metro Center. Bay Trail staff will attend the California Trails & Greenway Conference in Cambria April 21 – 23. Following Bill Long’s suggestion, Bay and Ridge Trail will schedule a filming of Comcast Newsmakers later this month for future airing on CNN.

## Cuttings Wharf Road

- Gaffney Provided an overview of the discussion from the pervious Steering Committee meeting regarding removal of Cuttings Wharf Road from the Bay Trail alignment as a result of other alignment changes made within the vicinity.

**ACTION: Bondurant moved, Wiese seconded approval of the recommendation as outlined in the staff report to remove Cuttings Wharf Road from the Bay Trail alignment, work with Napa County to remove Bay Trail signs along the roadway and install a sign at the intersection of Highway 12/121 directing bicyclists to the Bay Trail.**

## **Bay Trail / Water Trail Sign Plans**

- Thompson The Bay Trail and Water Trail Sign Programs are the most comprehensive projects staff has worked on since the Gap Analysis. The Bay Trail Sign Program addresses the need for placing the Bay Trail logo along completed portions of the alignment. The Water Trail Sign Program provides recommendations to the Coastal Conservancy for placement of Water Trail signs at launch and landing sites. Site visits for both projects involved riding the length of existing trail segments, photographing recommended sign locations, entering information into the GIS database and printing sign plans for consideration by local authorities. Both projects helped staff establish even stronger partnerships with shoreline managers.

## **Bay Trail Financial Update**

- Thompson Provided an overview of the current financial status of the Bay Trail Project. Discussions continue with MTC about potential funding long-term sources, including TDA Article 3 funds, used to finance the initial phase of the Bay Trail Project in the late 1980s. A new contract with BART has been awarded to the Bay Trail Project to identify and manage federal transportation funds for completion of a Bay Trail segment that improves connections to transit. Also moving forward with a grant application to Kaiser in partnership with the Coastal Conservancy and the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council through the Community Benefits Program focusing on public health.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.