

**San Francisco Bay Trail  
Steering Committee Meeting  
ABAG Metro Center  
February 14, 2002**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

**Attendance**

Steering Committee:

Chair: Rick Parmer  
Co-Chair: Controller Tom Huening  
Julie Bondurant  
Joan Cardellino  
Leo DuBose  
Stana Hearne  
Joseph La Clair  
Brian Wiese

Staff:

Janet McBride  
Laura Thompson  
Melissa Barry  
JoAnna Bullock

Board Members:

Bruce Beyaert  
Bill Bliss  
Rosemary Corbin

Guests:

Gerry Raycraft, Planning Director, ABAG  
Ron Blatman, documentary film maker  
Michael Casey Walker, Bay Access, Inc.  
David Dolberg, Bay Access, Inc.  
Linda Stonier, Bay Access, Inc.  
Ken LaJoie, Bay Access, Inc.

**Adoption of Agenda and 10/11/01 Minutes:**

Hearne moved for adoption of the agenda; Bondurant seconded. Adopted unanimously.

**Announcements by Board**

-Corbin            Announced there will be a groundbreaking ceremony to dedicate the new Lucretia Edwards park in Richmond on Friday, March 1 from 10 AM to noon.

**Announcements by Staff**

-McBride            1) The second year summary data for the Wildlife & Public Access Study will be available by end of this month (February), and the statistical analysis will be most likely be completed by June or July of 2002. Announced that Jana Sokale will be reporting on the

summary data for the second year at the next Steering Committee meeting. Extended thanks to BCDC for their funding support for the Wildlife & Public Access Study, which now has a full complement of funding for the third year of research. Noted that at the next Steering Committee meeting, discussion about future direction for the study will be entertained with Jana Sokale.

2) The theme for this year's Earth Day (April 22<sup>nd</sup>) is "Celebrate the Bay." Events are being planned all around the Bay Area, and the Bay Trail Project is providing support to the regional Earth Day coordinator (Acterra) by planning and coordinating events. Parmer suggested matching Steering Committee members to local sites for Earth Day events.

3) A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the I-880 bicycle/pedestrian bridge will be held at the Berkeley Marina on February 27<sup>th</sup> 2002.

-Thompson Invited interested Committee members to serve on a one meeting committee to guide the Bay Trail map update process. Bondurant and Cardellino expressed interest in sitting on the committee. Bondurant noted that the maps should include public transit and other map features for those that do not use roads as a primary way to orient.

### **Grant Round Update**

-McBride Provided an accounting overview of the allocation of the \$7.5 million and \$2.5 million grant rounds. Noted that for the \$7.5 million round, over \$6.6 million have been allocated by the Bay Trail Project, although some of the recommended projects have not yet been authorized by the Coastal Conservancy since they are awaiting environmental review or other resolution.

-Thompson Briefly described developments that have occurred since the last grant round update, including a request for additional funds for the Golden Gate National Parks Association's Golden Gate Bridge South Public Access Study.

### **Bay Trail Birding Trail**

-Barry Introduced the concept of developing a "birding trail" along the Bay Trail using popular birding trails, such as the Great Florida Birding Trail and the Great Texas Birding Trail, as an example. The Steering Committee provided general feedback and suggestions as to how this concept could be developed for the Bay Trail. Several members of the Committee recommended Barry perform a cursory inventory of existing trails and amenities, and develop a list of potential agencies/members that could serve on a

committee to guide a “birding trail,” should the concept be furthered.

### **Celebrating the San Francisco Bay Video – Funding Request**

- Blatman      Blatman provided an overview of his proposal to create a 1-hour PBS program celebrating the San Francisco Bay. Blatman will use the Bay Trail to tell the story of how the bay has developed over time. The focus of the video is to reach out to the public about the importance of saving the bay.

La Clair moved and Huening seconded a motion to approve a \$50,000 contribution from the Regional Development Program funds for the video production. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Bay Trail Water Trail**

- Walker      Discussed a proposal to develop a water trail in the Bay Area. Provided a history of Bay Area Access, Inc., the nonprofit organization dedicated to the creation of a water trail accessible by human-powered watercraft. Described the components and benefits of developing a water trail in the Bay Area. The Steering Committee provided input on the proposal, noting concerns as well as opportunities.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.