

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
ABAG Metro Center, Room 171
June 10, 2010**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

Attendance

Steering Committee

Rick Parmer, Chair
Moirra McEnespy
Leo DuBose
Tom Huening

Board

Betty Moose
Bruce Beyaert
Minane Jameson

Bay Trail Staff

Laura Thompson
Lee Huo

Guests

Michael Reeves
Bob Siegel
Pat Koren

ACTION Adoption of 06/10/10 agenda and approval of 02/11/10 minutes.

McEnespy moved, DuBose seconded adoption of agenda and approval of minutes.

Announcements by Chair and Boardmembers

- McEnespy Informed the Committee that the Coastal Conservancy is moving forward with projects now that the bond freeze has been lifted.

- Beyaert Informed the Committee that the June 2010 *Sunset* magazine features the Bay Trail in Richmond as “The Bay’s Best Bike Ride.” Also announced that the East Bay Regional Park District has retained a contractor to prepare the Bruener Marsh restoration plan in north Richmond, which includes a gap in the Bay Trail.

- Parmer Attended “Children in Nature Collaborative” conference featuring programs to encourage access to the outdoors, including mothers and children from inner city areas. Emphasized the importance of trails for outdoor access and unstructured outdoor exploration. Informed the Committee about Tolay Regional Park in Sonoma County and a potential

easement connection to the Bay Trail. Also announced the results of a recent study about invasive Spartina (tall grasses) along the edge of the bay potentially providing shelter for endangered species such as the California Clapper Rail during high tide events.

- Moose Requested a copy of the Bay Trail comment letter for the Draft Recovery Plan for Tidal Marsh Ecosystems of Northern and Central California.

Staff Announcements

- Huo Informed the Committee that the Bay Trail celebrated its 300th mile on May 7 with the installation of a new bridge in San Leandro named the 'Bill Lockyer Bay Trail Bridge.' Also announced that the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority and the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency are merging and the new entity will move forward with a revision to the countywide bicycle plan.
- Thompson Announced that American Canyon dedicated a new segment of the Bay Trail along the Napa River on June 5. The 'Bike the Bridges' event along the Carquinez Strait was a success with over 350 bike rides and over \$60,000 raised for the Special Olympics. The Law Enforcement Torch Run will hold this event again next year and Bay and Ridge Trail plan to be involved. Sunday Streets was a success again this year in San Francisco with three events along the Bay Trail. The Sonoma County Planning Commission will consider a significant realignment of the Bay Trail at their meeting today followed by Board of Supervisor approval in August. Reminded the Committee that the full Bay Trail Board meeting will be held on June 24 in San Mateo.

Bay Bridge West Span Bicycle-Pedestrian Pathway

- Thompson Provided an overview of Senate Bill 1061 (Hancock) to give the Bay Area Toll Authority the ability to allocate funds for the construction of the West Span pathway, a segment of the Bay Trail. Announced that ABAG's Executive Board voted in support of this bill at their last meeting.

ACTION: Huening moved, DuBose seconded Bay Trail Board support for Senate Bill 1061 authorizing the Bay Area Toll Authority to allocate funds for construction of the Bay Bridge West Span Bicycle-Pedestrian Pathway. The item was unanimously approved.

California State Parks and Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund Act of 2010

- Thompson Provided an overview of the State Parks and Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund Act. Committee members discussed the State Parks link to the Bay Trail and expressed support for avoiding park closures and increased funding for ongoing maintenance. Staff clarified that any action by the Bay Trail Board of Directors would be from the non-profit organization. The Committee directed staff to bring this item to the full Bay Trail Board of Directors for official action.

ACTION: Huening moved, DuBose seconded Steering Committee recommendation of support to the Bay Trail Board of Directors.

Bay Trail Grant Program Update

- Thompson Updated the Committee on the status of the grant program. Bay Trail staff is now soliciting grant applications to complete the remaining gaps with approximately \$2.5 million to allocate. Nineteen planning and construction projects have been awarded funding and staff will bring additional applications to the Steering Committee for consideration.

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

- Reeves Provided an overview of the District's work to secure a Bay Trail easement along the preferred route identified in the 2005 Bayfront to Ravenswood Feasibility Study.

Ravenswood Bay Trail Alignment Study (\$40,000)

- Thompson Introduced the planning grant application submitted by the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District for \$40,000 to complete a focused alignment study and preliminary design for a ½-mile segment of Bay Trail between the Ravenswood Open Space Preserve and University Avenue.

ACTION: Huening moved, DuBose seconded the motion to award a grant to the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District in the amount of \$40,000. The item was unanimously approved.

Brickyard Cove to Shipyard III (\$150,000)

- Huo Introduced the construction grant application submitted by the City of Richmond for \$150,000 to complete a 0.33-mile segment of a Bay Trail spur from Brickyard Cove Road to Shipyard III.

ACTION: DuBose moved, Huening seconded the motion to award a grant to the City of Richmond in the amount of \$150,000. The item was unanimously approved.

Bob and Pat's Bay Trail Adventure

-Siegel / Bob Siegel and Pat Koren presented a slide show of their October 2009
Koren Bay Trail bike ride. The presentation illustrated the diverse environments the Bay Trail passes through and provided a new perspective of the shoreline for staff and board members. The Committee encouraged Bob and Pat to present their slideshow at a full future board meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.