

**San Francisco Bay Trail  
Steering Committee Meeting  
ABAG Metro Center  
June 13, 2002**

**Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM.

**Attendance:**

Steering Committee:

Stana Hearne  
Julie Bondurant  
Leo DuBose  
Brian Wiese

Staff:

Janet McBride  
Laura Thompson  
Melissa Barry  
David Lipsetz

Guest: Rasa Gustaitis, State Coastal Conservancy

**Adoption of Agenda and 4/11/02 Minutes:**

Wiese moved for adoption of the agenda; DuBose seconded. Adopted unanimously.

**Announcements by Steering Committee:**

-Wiese      Noted that the Bay Trail should be lobbying for public access with the recent Cargill salt pond acquisition and restoration. Suggested that a future Bay Trail Board Meeting address this topic. McBride mentioned that the acquisition and restoration will be the topic of the upcoming Board Meeting on June 27th.

Suggested that staff consider sending letters to Senator Feinstein and Senator Boxer about the opportunity to provide public access on acquired lands.

Noted that an upcoming BCDC meeting will include a Federal Consistency Determination regarding a development on NASA's Moffett Field. Suggested that Bay Trail staff contact BCDC staff to discuss the issue.

-Bondurant      Announced that the San Jose Bay Trail Plan will go to City Council on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Noted that the Santa Clara Valley Water District has recently changed its enabling legislation to look at all activities that are beneficial to water, include recreational opportunities. Suggested

that Bay Trail staff contact the District regarding potential opportunities and partnerships in the future.

**Announcements by Staff:**

-McBride Reminded Committee members about the upcoming Board Meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Noted that the theme for the meeting will be “bayside wetland restoration and what it means for the Bay Trail.”

Noted that Staff recently filmed a 3-minute cable access video about the Bay Trail in Menlo Park, Palo Alto and East Palo Alto.

Announced that Carol Bach recently resigned from the Bay Trail Board. Carol recommended Dan Hodapp from the Port as a replacement.

-Thompson Announced the upcoming River to Ridge Trail dedication ceremony taking place on June 15th.

Updated Committee member on the progress of the Bay Trail maps. Noted that once draft maps are obtained they will be sent out to Committee members for review and comments.

**Bay Trail Grant Requests:**

**U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Don Edwards Refuge:**

-McBride Introduced a recent request of \$14,720 from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for design for universal accessibility to improve a portion of a Bay Trail connector. Recommended approval based on the opportunity to partner and to increase access.

-Discussion Following the request, the Committee discussed the current process for approving new grant funding requests. Bondurant questioned whether we are undermining the competitive grant process by approving funding requests on a case-by-case basis. Staff noted that there are not enough remaining funds to begin a new competitive grant process. Hearne noted that the current process seems to be working for Committee members, but that it is important that the entire funding picture be examined. Other Committee members agreed. Wiese suggested developing quarterly evaluations for new grants. Self-directed projects should also be evaluated quarterly.

Wiese moved to approve a funding request of \$14, 720 from the Regional Development Program for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service trail discussed above. DuBose seconded. Motion passed (3 in favor, 1 abstention).

### **Napa County – Cuttings Wharf Road Bike Lanes**

- Thompson Introduced a request of \$140,000 to install bike lanes on 1.6 miles along Cuttings Wharf Road. Noted that the County is looking for a match for the project and that with the Bay Trail funds the County would provide a 67% matching contribution.

The Committee deferred a decision on this request pending more information from the County about the bikeway characteristics of the area. Additional information will be brought to the Committee at a future meeting.

### **Coastal Conservancy – Wheelchair Rider’s Guide to the S.F. Bay Shoreline**

- Gustaitis Presented a request for \$43,000 match to be used to prepare a revised and expanded second edition of the *Wheelchair Rider’s Guide to the S.F. Bay Shoreline*.

Wiese moved to approve a funding request of \$43,000 from the Regional Development Program for the *Wheelchair Rider’s Guide to the S.F. Bay Shoreline*. DuBose seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Realignment Requests**

- Thompson Noted that staff is looking for a general idea of the types of criteria that should be used to determine whether a realignment request should be brought to the Committee or Board.

The Committee discussed trail alignment criteria and recommended the following:

1. Formal support for the realignment from the local jurisdiction should be received.
2. Whether environmental review should be completed prior to alignment change will be decided on a case-by-case basis.
3. Significant or controversial realignment requests should be brought to the full Board based on staff judgement.

- Thompson Introduced a realignment request to include the new alignment through Hamilton on Bay Trail maps (see map in handout from packet).

DuBose moved to include the revised alignment on Bay Trail maps. Weise seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- Thompson Introduced a realignment request for the Bay Trail in American Canyon (see map in handout from packet).

The Committee declined realignment for the purposes of the Bay Trail maps pending more information.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.