

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Steering Committee Meeting
ABAG Metro Center
June 14, 2001**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:40 PM

Attendance

Steering Committee:

Acting Chair: Julie Bondurant
Leo DuBose
Joan Cardellino
Stana Hearne
Tom Huening
Brian Wiese (Alternate)

Staff:

Janet McBride
Niko Letunic
Laura Thompson

Board Members:

Bruce Beyaert
Dave Mitchell

Guests:

Gerry Raycraft, ABAG Planning Director
Ken Moy, ABAG Legal Counsel

Adoption of Agenda

Three items were added to the agenda: report from ABAG legal counsel discussing conflict of interest, a time for public comment and scheduling the next Steering Committee meeting. Hearne moved for adoption of the agenda; Wiese seconded. Adopted unanimously.

Adoption of 5/10/01 Minutes

Huening moved for adoption of the minutes; Cardellino seconded. Adopted unanimously.

Announcements by Chair and Boardmembers

Wiese- Announced BCDC's approval of a permit allowing the East Bay Regional Park District to manage the restoration of Eden Landing Ecological Reserve located south of the San Mateo Bridge. The project will include approximately 3.5 miles of new Bay Trail.

Cardellino- Announced that Sam Schechat will be stepping in as the new executive officer of the Coastal Conservancy beginning July 2nd, replacing Bill Ahern.

Announcements by Staff

McBride- Introduced Gerry Raycraft, ABAG's new Planning Director.

Announced continued progress on the Wildlife & Public Access Study, now in the last quarter of the second year of research. There is possibility of a third year of study expanding the research focus.

Announced that Niko Letunic is leaving the Bay Trail Project at the end of this month.

Bay Trail Grant Review

Moy- In preparation for funding decisions on the agenda, legal counsel provided an overview of the conflict of interest laws applying to public agencies focusing on incompatibility of activities by public employees serving in two conflicting capacities. The employer of the board member should be notified if such a conflict exists. No members of the Steering Committee were identified as having this conflict.

McBride- Provided overview of funding availability, summarized the review process and explained the results of the review team funding recommendations. Sixty-three applications were received under this grant round: 26 construction, 23 planning, and 14 project inquiries. The selection committees reviewed fifty applications for planning or construction. Original allocation from the Park Bond was \$7.5 million. After subtraction of administration costs, a balance of \$6.6 million is available for allocation. Three review panels representing West Bay, East Bay and North Bay recommended allocation of \$5.4 million to a total of 35 project - 19 construction and 16 planning. Under this scenario, a reserve of \$1.18 million would be left over.

Staff/
Committee- Staff provided an overview of the recommendations from the three review panels - West Bay, East Bay and North Bay. The Committee discussed the recommended funding allocations, project details and the value of the proposed projects to the Bay Trail. The following changes were made to the funding recommendations:

- (1) additional \$20,000 to Shipyard III planning project to include the Brickyard Cove alignment alternative in the study resulting in a \$70,000 grant;
- (2) additional \$100,000 to Union Point Park project resulting in a \$500,000 grant;
- (3) additional \$100,000 to Glen Cove Waterfront Park resulting in a \$500,000 grant;

- (4) designation of \$90,000 from the reserve to spread equally between Larkspur, Corte Madera and Tiburon planning projects encouraging a joint master plan if the projects cannot move forward with the current allocation of \$60,000 each.

Huening moved and Cardellino seconded a motion to:

- (1) approve staff funding recommendations with additional \$220,000 allocated to Shipyard III, Union Point Park and Glen Cove Waterfront Park, and to designate \$90,000 to be used in negotiations with Marin County planning projects;
- (2) move forward with the projects ready to go to the Conservancy Board meeting for approval in August;
- (3) provide Steering Committee funding recommendations to the full Board of Directors inviting questions and comments.

The motion passed unanimously.

Staff- The next Steering Committee is scheduled for August 9th from 1:30 to 3:30.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.