

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
ABAG Metro Center
June 14, 2007**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

Attendance

Steering Committee

Rick Parmer
Stana Hearne
Brian Wiese
Tom Huening

Bay Trail Staff

Laura Thompson
Maureen Gaffney
Patrycja Bossak
Lee Huo

Guest

Ken Kirkey, ABAG Planning Director

ACTION Adoption of 06/14/07 agenda and approval of 04/12/07 minutes.

Thompson announced that Ken Kirkey, ABAG's Planning Director would join us for discussion of the Grant Program Preparation item. Hearne moved, Wiese seconded adoption of agenda and approval of minutes. Motion passed.

Announcements by Staff and Board Members

- Wiese Informed the Committee that the Park District is moving forward on the Union City segment of the Bay Trail. The South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project EIR/EIS shows two different trail alignments in this area. The Park District plans to set up a meeting with Department of Fish & Game prior to beginning the CEQA process.

- Gaffney Announced that the Napa Plant Site Final EIR was recently released without showing a gap closure along the Napa County Bay Trail, currently under study by the County through a Bay Trail grant. The project will go before the BCDC Design Review Board and the Bay Trail Project will continue to work with the partner agencies to close this gap.

The Committee discussed a possible regional forum to bring the resource agencies together to discuss trails and habitat issues and asked staff to follow up with BCDC on this concept.

-Huo Provided an update on the City of Emeryville's Bay Trail alignment. Bay Trail staff met with Emeryville staff and shared Steering Committee comments and will continue to work with the City to identify the current alignment and future routes.

-Thompson Announced a recent site visit to the Richmond Refinery with ABAG staff and Chevron representatives in an effort to agree on a process to complete the gap between Point Richmond and Point Molate. A meeting has also been set up with the U.S. Coast Guard to discuss security issues.

Provided good news that the Bay Trail Project received approval of a grant from MTC's 5% Unrestricted State Bridge Toll Fund Source. Since 1994, this grant amount has been constant at \$140,000. The FY 2007-8 \$170,000 grant will be used for administration of the project.

The Walk-Bike California Conference is scheduled for September 11-14 in Davis. Bay Trail staff plans to attend.

Bair Island Bay Trail Realignment

-Bossak Provided an overview of the Bair Island restoration project and recent action by Redwood City Council to adopt a revised Bay Trail alignment consistent with the habitat restoration project on Bair Island. The Committee alerted staff that the map attached to the item did not clearly identify a northern connection as shown in the Bay Trail Plan. Questions were raised about whether a permit from BCDC has been received, and whether BCDC approved a reduction in public access as part of the restoration project.

ACTION No action was taken on this item. The Committee asked staff to bring this item back for consideration after meeting with the City of Redwood City and discussing the details with BCDC.

Class III Discussion

-Gaffney This item was deferred to the next meeting when more representatives of the Steering Committee are present and adequate time for discussion is available.

ACTION Huening moved, Parmer seconded the motion to move this item to the next meeting agenda.

CIAP Grant Adjustment – Bay Trail at Battery East

-Gaffney Presented an overview of the CIAP grant program made possible through a BCDC grant. Described the proposal to apply \$9,000 in excess grant funds from the Port of San Francisco Pier 14 construction project to the Battery East Bay Trail construction project in the Presidio. An updated budget indicating how the additional funds will be used was reviewed by the committee.

ACTION Huening moved, Wiese seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Grant Program Preparations

-Thompson Provided an overview of the Proposition 84 Grant Program schedule, scoring criteria and potential grant applications. The Committee reviewed the scoring criteria, scoring sheets and a list of potential project costs totaling \$37 million.

-Kirkey Described ABAG's Focusing our Vision (FOCUS) program advancing a regional vision of collaborative planning to improve the quality of life in the Bay Area. Provided an overview of the Priority Development Area (PDA) and Priority Conservation Area (PCA) designation process to establish regional priorities for infill development and conservation efforts. The Committee discussed the possibility of coordinating Bay Trail grant decisions with the PCA program by designating criteria for Bay Trail segments that are part of the FOCUS process. Bay Trail staff will continue to coordinate with ABAG staff on this process.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.