

**San Francisco Bay Trail  
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes  
ABAG Metro Center  
June 29, 2011**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

**Attendance**

Steering Committee

Rick Parmer, Chair  
Brian Wiese  
Cathy Woodbury  
Julie Bondurant  
Ann Buell  
Leo DuBose

Bay Trail Staff

Laura Thompson  
Lee Huo

**ACTION      Adoption of 06/29/11 agenda and approval of 02/09/11 and 03/30/11 minutes.**

Buell moved, Bondurant seconded adoption of the agenda and approval of minutes.

**Announcements by Chair and Boardmembers**

- Buell            Informed the Committee that the \$1 million grant contract with ABAG for the Water Trail has been signed. The first meeting will be held later this year with the Water Trail Project Management Team and Advisory Committee considering site designations.
  
- Wiese            Announced that construction has started on the trail segment between San Pablo Creek and Wildcat Creek at the West County Wastewater District in Richmond. The Park District is also planning to complete a ½-mile trail section adjacent to Bruener Marsh by the end of next year.
  
- Woodbury        Announced that Lisa Killough retired from the Santa Clara County Parks Department.
  
- Parmer            Informed the Committee that the East Bay Regional Park District is working to develop a bike program at the Tidewater Boating Center in Oakland.

## Staff Announcements

- Huo            Announced a 2-year trail closure and detour plan beginning in July as part of the BART Airporter construction project in Oakland ... Received the final permit from BCDC for the Bay Bridge Connector Trail, scheduled to open in 2013 ... Announced the opening of Richmond's Landfill Loop Trail in March ... Informed the Committee that the City of Newark is developing alignment alternatives for the trail west of the city.
  
- Thompson    Announced that Bay Trail funding is working through the approval process at MTC with an expected Commission approval in July ... At the May 19 Legislation and Governmental Organization meeting, Supervisor Haggerty introduced the monument concept to honor Treasurer Lockyer and referenced the Board's support of the idea ... On April 22 a sculpture honoring Bill Bliss was dedicated along the Bay Trail in Palo Alto ... The Bay Trail now has a Facebook site to promote the project ... Bruce Beyaert and I spent a day with the KQED filming crew on the trails in Richmond for a video on the QUEST website.

## Bay Trail Realignment

- Thompson    The Committee considered three realignments based on locally-adopted plans and projects.

### **Hunter's Point Shipyard, San Francisco**

- Thompson    Introduced the proposal to move the Bay Trail alignment off of unimproved streets to a planned shoreline path along the edge of the Shipyard redevelopment area. The Committee expressed an interest in visiting the Shipyard as part of a future Board meeting.

**ACTION: Wiese moved, Buell seconded the motion to realign the Bay Trail along the edge of the Hunter's Point Shipyard and remove the inland alignment along Phelps, Palou, Keith, Carroll, and Fitch streets. The item was unanimously approved.**

### **Downtown San Rafael, Marin County**

- Thompson    Introduced the proposal to realign the Bay Trail in San Rafael to include the Mahon Creek Pathway and remove portions of Andersen, Second and Third streets.

**ACTION: Woodbury moved, DuBose seconded the motion to realign the Bay Trail along the Mahon Creek Pathway in San Rafael and remove portions of the street alignments on Andersen, Second and Third. The item was unanimously approved.**

### **San Jose Bay Trail**

- Thompson Introduced the proposal to change the alignment of the Bay Trail in San Jose to include a portion of Zanker Road and an existing trail on the north side of Highway 237 funded for improvements. The Committee recommended that the City place signs along Zanker and Los Esteros alerting vehicles to the presence of bicyclists and “Share the Road” signs along the roadway.

**ACTION: Bondurant moved, DuBose seconded the motion to realign the Bay Trail along a portion of Zanker Road, and along an existing trail north of Highway 237 as well as eliminating the previous alignment across private property. The approval includes a recommendation to incorporate “Share the Road” signs for bicyclists and warning signs for vehicles at conflict areas. The item was unanimously approved.**

### **Glen Cove Nature Study Area Discussion**

- Thompson Provided an update on the \$200,000 construction grant to the Greater Vallejo Recreation District and ABAG’s recent decision to put a hold on the funds. The federally designated tribes with ancestral ties to the site issued an open letter to California tribal governments seeking support for their efforts to protect the site and establish a cultural and conservation easement on the site. The Committee expressed an interest in future updates on the issue.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at noon.