

**San Francisco Bay Trail  
Steering Committee Meeting  
ABAG Metro Center  
July 13, 2000**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM

**Attendance**

Steering Committee:

Chair: Rick Parmer

Brian Wiese

Leo DuBose

Stana Hearne

Steve McAdam

Nadine Hitchcock (for Joan Cardellino)

Staff:

Janet McBride

Niko Letunic

Ceil Scandone

Laura Thompson

Guests:

City of Novato Councilmember Carol Dillon-Knutson

Steve Marshall, City of Novato

Hans Grunt, City of Novato

Margaret Henderson, Questa Engineering

David Mitchell, City of San Jose Parks & Recreation Department

**Adoption of Agenda and Minutes**

Two additions were made to the agenda: (1) discussion of ABAG golf tournament where the Bay Trail is named as a charitable beneficiary, and (2) discussion of a proposed September Bay Trail event. Hearne moved for adoption of the agenda and minutes; Hitchcock seconded. Adopted unanimously.

**Announcements by Board**

Hearne- Commended staff for work in securing the \$7.5 million appropriation from the State.

Wiese- Reported on the Berkeley Bay Trail segment currently in the works. The project has received a BCDC permit and the Caltrans plans have been finalized. Berkeley will construct the segment along the Highway 580 frontage road between Virginia and Ashby.

**Hamilton Bay Trail Realignment**

Project consultants, City of Novato staff and Councilmember Carol Dillon-Knutson provided an overview of the Hamilton Bay Trail realignment planning process. The consultant focused on the impacts the Coastal Conservancy wetland restoration project would have on the current Bay Trail alignment and reviewed in detail the five alternative alignments that have been developed through agency

meetings and public forums. Several issues were raised during this discussion including the possible impact on wildlife, increased traffic in the adjacent neighborhoods and management needs for the area. The discussion also stressed the importance of maintaining a continuous Bay Trail alignment and focused on the options for connecting to existing Bay Trail segments north and south of the project area.

### **Wildlife & Public Access Study**

Scandone provided an update on the Wildlife and Public Access Study draft preliminary analyses summarizing nine months of data. The consultants are now comparing data between the three sites. At their last meeting, the Bay Trail Board strongly recommended that the study continue for a second year. Since then, staff has been developing a list of potential funders and has presented proposals. \$125,000 is needed for an additional year of study and subsequent statistical analysis. Staff requested feedback from the Committee on the draft preliminary analyses, recommendation on a preferred cap for Bay Trail Project contribution for the second year, and whether funds should be designated from the Bay Trail non-profit account or from unspent RDP funds.

### **Announcements by Staff**

McBride- Reported on the ABAG service program proposal to designate the Bay Trail Project as the charitable beneficiary of funds raised for a golf tournament. The estimated donation amount is \$8,000. The Committee suggested looking into whether the tournament will be held at a private or public course, and if private, ensure the club has no discriminating policies. It was also suggested that the tournament be held at a golf course along the Bay such as San Mateo or Tony Lema. It was agreed that Bay Trail Board members should be invited to the tournament. Wiese moved to endorse support of the Bay Trail Project as the charitable beneficiary and Hearne seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

### **Strategy Discussion on New Funding**

McBride- Reported on the \$7.5 million allocation and raised the idea of conducting a strategic planning workshop to determine how the recent allocation should be spent. The Committee agreed that a paid facilitator should be hired to assist staff and the Committee with development of a strategic plan. The workshop will be a one-day intensive session and staff will distribute a survey to Board members prior to the workshop to facilitate discussion. The Committee requested that the workshop establish continuity with prior strategic planning efforts and that it be held on a weekday. In the survey Board members could be asked to identify interested representatives who will be invited to participate during a public comment period at the beginning of the workshop. An additional point of discussion at the workshop could focus on the

approximately \$300,000 left over from the \$2.5 million allocation and whether these funds could be used for other Bay Trail projects if there are restrictions on the recently acquired \$7.5 million.

McBride- Informed the Committee that Senator Liz Figueroa made a personal request for a Bay Trail event celebrating the \$7.5 million appropriation. At the event Senator Sher should be recognized as well as the four assembly members who sponsored the funding. The event could possibly be held in September during the Legislators' recess.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.