

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
ABAG Metro Center
August 9, 2012**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Attendance

Steering Committee

Brian Wiese: Chair
Ann Buell
Julie Bondurant
Leo DuBose

Bay Trail Staff

Laura Thompson
Lee Huo
Maureen Gaffney

ACTION Adoption of 08/09/12 agenda and approval of 04/26/12 minutes.

DuBose moved, Buell seconded approval of the agenda and minutes.
The agenda and minutes were adopted unanimously.

Board Announcements

-Buell Announced that the Water Trail program will not hold a September meeting, preparations are being made to hire a consultant for the Water Trail accessibility plan and the Palo Alto Sailing Station has been conditionally designated as part of the Water Trail system.

Staff Announcements

- Huo Informed the committee that \$254,000 of Cosco-Busan mitigation funds has been directed to the Bay Trail construction project next to the Plunge in Richmond. Attended an East Bay Regional Park District board meeting in support of the Bruener Marsh project. Berkeley will soon break ground on new Bay Trail access to the marina. Provided comments for the Alameda County Bicycle Plan. Also announced that the City of Richmond will open Point Molate Beach Park for one year.

- Gaffney Provided an update on the *San Francisco Bay Shoreline Guide* progress including a press release and other promotions. The map update is still underway with an expected release date in October.

- Thompson Announced several new trail openings: Presidio improvements as part of the Golden Gate Bridge 75th Anniversary, Cooley Landing Park in East Palo Alto, a

section of the Napa River Trail in American Canyon and the official opening of Shipyard 3 in Richmond.

Bay Trail Strategic Plan Discussion

Thompson introduced the discussion of strategic plan objectives adopted as part of the 2001 strategic plan. The Committee reviewed each objective with some discussion and recommended changes to the following objectives as a framework for continued discussion with the Steering Committee and full board:

Objective 1

- a) ~~Expend \$7.5 million quickly and credibly~~ Award and administer grants through the Regional Development Program to implementing agencies for all aspects of Bay Trail development
- d) Explore new outside funding sources that will continue to close gaps and substitute for grant funds that may no longer be available

Objective 2

- a) ~~Produce a comprehensive trail development plan that includes an inventory of gaps, an analysis of opportunities and constraints and cost estimates for alternative gap closures, and revisions to the adopted Bay Trail alignment-~~ Complete internal review of the Gap Analysis to assess the status of the remaining gaps and updated costs estimates and to determine future funding needs
- g) Assist regional partners and local jurisdictions in assessing the impacts of sea level rise on the Bay Trail

Objective 5

- a) Seek new members to the Bay Trail Project's board of directors who represent new or under-represented constituencies
 - Consider environmental groups, under-represented geographic areas, railroad and other utility representatives, private industry, building or real estate groups, and corporate "neighbors" as well as board composition that can assist with a changing funding landscape

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.