

**San Francisco Bay Trail  
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes  
ABAG Metro Center  
August 10, 2006**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

**Attendance**

Steering Committee:

Rick Parmer, Chair  
Brian Wiese  
Stana Hearne  
Cathy Woodbury  
Joe LaClair

Bay Trail Staff:

Laura Thompson  
Patrycja Bossak  
Lee Huo  
Ceil Scandone

Advisory Council

Linda Stonier

Guests:

Lynne Trulio  
Jana Sokale

**ACTION      Adoption of 08/10/06 agenda and approval of 06/15/06 minutes.**

LaClair moved, Wiese seconded adoption of agenda and approval of minutes.

**Announcements by Staff and Board Members**

- LaClair      Informed the Committee and staff about BCDC's Bay Plan Recreation Policy updates, comments due by the August 17 Commission hearing with vote scheduled for September. Additionally, informed the Committee that BCDC and Bay Trail staff are working with Caltrans to install a Bay Trail sign on the bicycle-pedestrian bridge over Highway 92.
- Parmer      Informed the Committee and staff that the Eastshore State Park received a 5-year time extension with State Parks for operations.
- Wiese      Mentioned that Eden Landing trail specifications propose a chain link fence along the base of the levee. The Park District is working with the Department of Fish and Game to determine if this fence is needed, and if so, develop a visually pleasing design.

- Thompson Informed the Committee that new Bay Trail signs should be delivered this week and announced that staff is beginning a map update which will likely be funded by ABAG and MTC.
- Bossak Presented the Bay Trail new t-shirts and hats.
- Huo Announced that ACTIA's Countywide Pedestrian Plan and ACCMA's Countywide Bicycle Plan update will be going to their respective Boards/Commissions for approval in September.

### **Wildlife and Public Access Study Follow-up Discussion**

- Trulio/  
Sokale Dr. Lynne Trulio and Jana Sokale, the principal investigators for the Bay Trail-sponsored Wildlife and Public Access Study, provided an overview of the revisions made to the Executive Summary based on feedback from the Steering Committee at their June 15 meeting and an update on the scientific paper revisions. They discussed the finer-grained analyses that are currently underway and emphasized that despite these new analyses, the preliminary conclusions have not changed. The Committee agreed that because the papers are currently being revised, the scientists should not spend any more time revising the Executive Summary. When the papers are in final form after acceptance for journal publication, Bay Trail staff, board and the study scientists will develop a public announcement about the study results. At that time the team will develop a clear and concise summary that explains the scientific conclusions.

### **Discussion of Formalized Coordination with the Bay Area Ridge Trail**

- Committee In response to a request from the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council Board of Directors, the Committee addressed issues related to closer coordination with the Ridge Trail. The Committee discussed examining connectors between the two trail systems, exploring a coordinated funding strategy in partnership with the Coastal Conservancy, examining opportunities and risks related to a merger of the two projects, considering the benefits for the Bay Trail from such merge and the need to form a sub-committee to further explore these issues.

The Committee identified two tasks for Bay Trail staff:

- Recruit Steering Committee and Board members as volunteers to serve on the sub-committee
- Form the sub-committee and set up meetings

### **Support for Proposition 84: Clean Water, Parks and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006**

-Thompson Introduced Proposition 84, a statewide ballot measure authorizing \$5.4 billion in general obligation bonds to fund safe drinking water programs, flood protection and land preservation. The measure earmarks \$135 million to the State Coastal Conservancy and \$108 million to the San Francisco Bay Conservancy Program. If passed, funding from this measure would be eligible for Bay Trail Projects and would allow the Bay Trail Grant Program to continue.

The Committee discussed the details of the measure and the potential benefits for the Bay Trail associated with passage of this statewide ballot measure.

**ACTION The Bay Trail Steering Committee formally endorsed Proposition 84: Clean Water, Parks and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006**

Wiese moved, Hearne seconded the motion for formal Bay Trail Board of Directors support for Proposition 84. Unanimous approval.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.