

**San Francisco Bay Trail  
Steering Committee Meeting  
ABAG Metro Center  
November 14, 2003**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

**Attendance**

Steering Committee:

Acting Chair: Joseph La Clair  
Julie Bondurant  
Leo Dubose  
Stana Hearne  
Brian Wiese

Bay Trail Staff:

Janet McBride  
Melissa Barry  
David Lipsetz  
Laura Thompson

Board:

Bruce Beyaert  
Steven McAdam  
Jim McGrath

**ACTION - Adoption of 11/14/03 Agenda/ Approval of 7/10/03 Minutes**

Beyaert noted that he was in attendance at the 7/10/03 meeting.

Hearne moved for adoption of 7/10/03 agenda and approval of 5/8/03 minutes (with above correction); Bondurant seconded. Adopted unanimously.

**Introductions**

**Announcements by Chair and Boardmembers**

-Beyaert

Noted that new Bay Trail way finding maps are being developed for Lucretia Edwards Park which might have potential for broader use elsewhere. Bay Trail vicinity maps are being created to install on top of the concrete cubes commonly used for BCDC-required "public shoreline" signs. Since the public shoreline and Bay Trail signs are displayed on the sides of the cubes, the tops are available for Bay Trail maps (or other signs).

La Clair-

On a related topic, noted that BCDC is planning to work with the Bay Trail to develop a sign program around the Bay. The signs would ensure that people know that the shoreline is a public place and that they are on the Bay Trail. Directional signage could be part of the program, as well as interpretive signs where appropriate.

Also, the Bay Trail (represented by Laura Thompson) is making headway on plans to improve pedestrian and bicycle access through Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco.

### **Announcements by Staff**

-McBride

Noted that the recent Bay Planning Coalition's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Decision Makers Conference featured public access and recreation as one of the five main themes. Stated that the conference brought to light a possibility of new partnership opportunities with the Bay Planning Coalition.

Provided an update on the "Saving the Bay" video (a \$50,000 Bay Trail grant). Stated that the original 1-hour video has evolved to a 4-hour mini-series, and will include a book and museum exhibit. Distributed a draft list of interviewees for the series and mentioned that Committee members could pass along additional ideas.

Noted that Bay Trail staff applied for and has been accepted to the stakeholder forum for the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration. The stakeholder forum will advise the management group on the project's objectives and major elements of the restoration, including public access. Noted that the first meeting is in early December. Distributed a list of stakeholder forum members.

-Barry

Noted that the City of San Mateo recently broke ground for the Shoreline Park system, partially funded through a \$500,000 Bay Trail grant. Bay Trail elements of the project will include a new bicycle/pedestrian bridge over San Mateo Creek, a new loop trail in Seal Point Park and improvements to the existing shoreline alignment. Thanked Director Tom Huening for speaking at the groundbreaking ceremony in early November.

Stated that construction of Reach 1 of the San Tomas Aquino/Saratoga Creek Trail should be complete by the end of this year. This project was partially funded through a \$300,000 Bay Trail grant. The San Tomas Aquino/Saratoga Creek Trail is a Bay Trail connector that will eventually extend from the San Francisco Bay near Highway 237 in Santa Clara to

Prospect Road in San Jose. Bay Trail funds were mainly used to upgrade the underpass that links the connector trail to Sunnyvale Baylands Park.

Mentioned that the winter edition of the *Bay Trail Rider* will be mailed out in December.

-Lipsetz

Noted that the City of Martinez is almost finished with planning and design of the Bay Trail in Martinez Regional Shoreline project (\$325,000 Bay Trail grant). Martinez will begin with construction of a portion of the trail (rather than the entire trail segment) because the City's matching STIP funds have been frozen.

-Thompson

Mentioned that the recent dedication/opening of the new Carquinez Bridge span did not include the new Bay Trail because the bike/pedestrian access component is not complete. Noted that Bay Trail staff is working with BCDC and Caltrans on a sign plan and a joint dedication is being discussed for March 2004.

### **Grant Requests**

-McBride

Gave a status overview of the \$7.5 million Bay Trail appropriation. Noted that \$1.3 million remains unencumbered and that today's five grant requests total \$482,000. If the five grants under consideration today are approved, approximately \$860,000 would remain to encumber. Noted that staff hopes to encumber the balance of the funds within the next several months and provided the committee with a table of potential grant projects, with requests totaling \$1.8 million.

-Lipsetz

Introduced and provided details on four Bay Trail grant requests: Alameda Beltline Trail Feasibility & Design (\$53,000), San Leandro Marina Bay Trail Design (\$48,325), San Leandro Slough Bridge Design (\$175,000), and Tidewater Estuary Park Trail (\$186,381).

-Thompson

Introduced and detailed a \$20,000 augmentation request to the Central Marin Ferry Connection grant.

Asked the committee to discuss a future funding request for the Tiburon Trestle Glen project.

The committee discussed the merits of each of the five grant requests. In particular, they discussed the desire to see Alameda revise their planning documents to reflect current plans for a shoreline Bay Trail alignment both in this area as well as around Alameda Point.

The committee also gave feedback regarding a preliminary request for follow-on construction funding for Tiburon's Trestle Glen project. They advised that this project likely would be awarded less than the initial \$500,000 request, based on the relative cost per mile, level of local match, and relative merits, as compared to the small handful of previous \$500,000 awards. Directed staff to continue to work with the applicants to scope out an appropriate project.

**ACTION-** Bondurant moved and Hearne seconded a motion to approve the grant requests for San Leandro Marina Bay Trail Design (\$48,325), San Leandro Slough Bridge Design (\$175,000), Tidewater Estuary Park Trail (\$186,381), Central Marin Ferry Connection (\$20,000 augmentation), and the Alameda Beltline Trail Feasibility & Design (\$53,000) with the stipulation that the City of Alameda amend the Bay Trail alignment to reflect current plans that will create a shoreline alignment. Motion adopted.

### **Board Composition**

In the interest of time, this discussion was deferred to the next Committee meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Weise moved to adjourn and Hearne seconded. Adopted unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.