

**San Francisco Bay Trail  
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes  
ABAG MetroCenter  
December 11, 2014**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

**Attendance**

Steering Committee

John Woodbury, Chair  
Julie Bondurant  
Leo DuBose  
Maggie Wenger (Alternate)  
Betsy Wilson

Bay Trail Staff

Maureen Gaffney  
Lee Huo  
Laura Thompson

**ACTION: Adoption of the 09/11/14 meeting minutes: Wilson moved, Woodbury seconded.  
Adoption of the 09/18/14 meeting minutes: Bondurant moved, DuBose seconded.**

*Yes Votes:*

*Julie Bondurant  
Leo DuBose  
Betsy Wilson  
John Woodbury*

*No Votes: None*

*Abstentions: Wenger*

**Announcements by Chair and Boardmembers**

-Bondurant      Received a letter from a member of the public about periodic Bay Bridge pathway closures. Staff agreed to look into the issue and respond.

**Staff Announcements**

-Thompson      A well-attended public launch of the Canogle Alviso mobile phone tour was held in October. Board member Sophia Recalde has left the Solano Transportation Authority; staff will explore other Solano County representation options. Staff has been meeting with state legislators in district offices to educate them about the Bay Trail, our successful Coastal Conservancy grant program and funding needs; Board member Tom Huening and Conservancy representatives have joined us at these meetings. Staff helped support a national \$1 million Bloomberg grant application effort with Oakland,

East Palo Alto and Palo Alto to secure funds for public art along the Bay Trail; awards will be announced in February.

- Huo The Carquinez Scenic Drive section of the Bay Trail opened in November with great fanfare, renamed the George Miller Regional Trail. A section of the Bay Trail in Richmond is under construction near the Ferry Point Tunnel to close a gap in the trail. A Trails Collaborative group, initiated by the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, has formed to work together to finding funding for trails, and the Bay Trail is involved. A recent meeting about the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge was held with the East Bay Bikes, Marin County Bicycle Coalition, the California Bicycle Coalition, Bay Trail and Caltrans management to discuss potential options for a bicycle/pedestrian pathway on the bridge.
- Gaffney A well-attended public launch of the Canogle mobile phone tour was held in November in American Canyon. Bay Trail submitted a comment letter voicing opposition to a bicycle/pedestrian toll on the Golden Gate Bridge. Pond 10 in Napa will soon be graveled to complete this gap near the Napa County Airport.

### **Grant Program Overview**

Thompson provided a detailed overview of our grant program history from 1996 – 2014. Geographic distribution and leverage of state funds have helped build a successful program that continues with the May 2014 allocation of the \$1 million Block Grant #5 from the Coastal Conservancy. Projects have been awarded in all nine counties and for every one dollar granted from our program, four dollars have been provided by the grantee using other funding sources. Approximately \$82,000 remains in Block Grant #4 and will be spent on website redesign and sign fabrication.

### **East Bay Regional Park District Breuner Marsh Bay Trail Construction (\$50,000)**

Huo provided an overview of the East Bay Regional Park District's request for funding to construct a 1.5-mile segment of the Bay Trail spine and a 0.25-mile segment of Bay Trail spur as part of the Breuner Marsh Restoration Project in the City of Richmond. The trail will be a 10-foot-wide, Class I facility and will be ADA accessible. It will be comprised of a bridge structure, paved trail and boardwalks in order to minimize impacts to sensitive restored habitat areas. The Bay Trail spur will be pedestrian-only and will be a combination of paved and unpaved trail segments. This project will connect to the Goodrick Avenue segment and together will form a continuous Bay Trail from Point Pinole Regional Shoreline in North Richmond to the Albany Bulb.

**ACTION: DuBose moved, Wenger seconded the motion to award a grant to the East Bay Regional Park District in the amount of \$50,000 to construct 1.5-miles of Bay Trail spine and 0.25-miles of Bay Trail spur in Richmond at Breuner Marsh. The vote was approved unanimously.**

Yes Votes:

*Julie Bondurant  
Leo DuBose  
Maggie Wenger*

*Betsy Wilson  
John Woodbury*

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

### **U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Marshland Road Feasibility Study (\$85,106)**

Huo provided an overview of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service request for funding to complete a feasibility study for approximately 4.4 miles of Bay Trail spine within or near the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge in Newark and Fremont. The study area will include a 1.2-mile stretch along Thornton Avenue, a 3.1-mile stretch along Marshland Road, and a 0.03-mile segment connecting the Quarry Trail to Marshland Road. The project work will include data collection, preliminary analysis, field review, identification of issues and needs, development of alternatives and recommendations, and conceptual design. The Committee emphasized the need for Refuge staff to work with the City of Newark and Caltrans during the study process since the Refuge is not the implementing agency for the entire study area. Staff assured the Committee that collaboration with these agencies will be built into the process.

**ACTION: Bondurant moved, DuBose seconded the motion to award a grant to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife in the amount of \$85,106 to complete a feasibility study for a 4.4-mile Bay Trail segment along Marshland Road, Thornton Avenue and the Quarry Trail connector. The vote was approved unanimously.**

Yes Votes:

*Julie Bondurant  
Leo DuBose  
Maggie Wenger*

*Betsy Wilson  
John Woodbury*

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

### **Review of 2014 Accomplishments and Adoption of 2015 Tasks**

The Steering Committee reviewed the accomplishments over the past calendar year and approved the priority tasks for 2015. A change was recommended to Task #3 to broaden the description to include other climate change initiatives in addition to *Adapting to Rising Tides*.

**ACTION:** Wenger moved, Bondurant seconded the motion to approve the 2015 Priority Bay Trail Tasks with a recommended rewording of Task #3. The vote was approved unanimously.

*Yes Votes:*

*Julie Bondurant  
Leo DuBose  
Maggie Wenger*

*Betsy Wilson  
John Woodbury*

*No Votes: None*

*Abstentions: None*

**Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.