

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Fall Board Meeting
Hakusan Sake Garden, Napa
December 13, 2001**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 2:45 p.m.

Attendance

Board Members:

Chair: Rick Parmer

Bruce Beyaert

Bill Bliss

Julie Bondurant

Rosemary Corbin

Leo DuBose

Kerry Jo Ricketts-Ferris

Stana Hearne

Tom Huening

Joe LaClair

Gayle Likens

Judith Malamut

Steve McAdam

Jim McGrath

David Mitchell

Philip Sales

Don Weden

Guests:

Jennifer Barrett, City of Novato

Bob Carlsen, City of Napa

Julian Carroll, Caltrans

Steve Ehret, Sonoma County Regional Parks

Steve Fiala, East Bay Regional Park District

Mary Halle, Contra Costa County Public Works

Cecily Harris, City of San Mateo

Dan Hodapp, Port of San Francisco

Carol Randisi, City of Milpitas

Al Schaal, Contra Costa County Public Works

Dino Teddyputra, City of Menlo Park

Graham Wadsworth, City of Napa

Staff:

Janet McBride

Melissa Barry

Laura Thompson

Introductions / Agenda

Introductions were made. The agenda and minutes were adopted with no additions or corrections.

Board Announcements

Beyaert announced that the planning study across Chevron property in Richmond has been completed paving the way for construction of a link between Point Richmond and Point Molate.

Corbin announced groundbreaking for the new Lucretia Edwards Shoreline Park along the Bay Trail in Richmond to occur in Spring 2002.

McGrath announced the opening of the new Middle Harbor Shoreline Park in Oakland next summer with Bay Trail spur access. ♦ A new volunteer group called Bay Access has organized with plans to develop a Bay Water Trail identifying non-motorized boat launches along the Bay Trail.

LaClair announced BCDC was granted \$1 million in Coastal Impact Assessment Program funds with \$700,000 to go towards Bay Trail related projects and implementation. ♦ The final report has been completed for BCDC's Wildlife Compatibility project as a compilation of research, survey results and Policy Advisory Committee recommendations.

Staff Announcements

McBride announced completion of the second year of Wildlife and Public Access Study research. The summary data and a full report will be released in June 2002. CIAP funding has been secured for a third year of research. ♦ The Earth Day theme in 2002 is titled 'Celebrate the Bay' with focus on the Bay Trail. Staff will be planning a series of local Bay Trail hikes and events. ♦ The MTC Regional Bike Plan has been adopted and places prominent attention on the Bay Trail. ♦ Brian Wiese has been elected to the full board replacing Tom Mikkelsen. The Board welcomes him as a Bay Trail Director.

Thompson announced progress on developing new Bay Trail maps with the assistance of consulting team Reineck & Reineck. A new layout of six Bay Trail maps has been created for the alignment. The next phase is design and artwork, including the addition of streets and other points of interest and developing a new design for the map front and back.

Resolutions

1. Bliss moved, McGrath seconded adoption of the resolution honoring former board member Tom Mikkelsen for his contributions to the Bay Trail. Unanimously approved.
2. Hearne moved, LaClair seconded adoption of the resolution honoring Robert Tufts for his long service to BCDC and support for the Bay Trail. Unanimously approved.

McAdam moved, Hearne seconded support for the November 2002 Water Bond. McGrath and Bondurant abstained.

Hearne moved, LaClair seconded support for the March 2002 Park and Open Space Bond. Unanimously approved.

Beyaert moved, Hearne seconded support for the East Bay Regional Park District "Parks 2002" ballot measure

Strategic Plan Process

Thompson provided an overview of the Bay Trail Project's progress on strategic objectives since the October 2000 strategic planning workshop. Board members provided comments and suggestions on areas of focus in 2002:

- ◇ To broaden outreach of Bay Trail accomplishments, grant summaries and maps could be sent to national representatives as well as members of the Boards of Supervisors in each of the nine counties.
- ◇ Identify the jurisdictions that have not incorporated the Bay Trail into General Plans and work to develop its inclusion. Coordinate in the early stages of large development projects along the shoreline to ensure Bay Trail construction.
- ◇ Bay Trail could be identified as an option for mitigation, such as the requirement that Caltrans construct the trail between the San Mateo and Dumbarton Bridges in the East Bay. Opportunity to require Bay Trail construction as a condition of development.
- ◇ Develop a critical link analysis. Collect information about each gap so priorities can be established and funding can be earmarked. Priorities from this list could be endorsed by the Board providing more leverage for completion.

Bay Trail Grant Update

McBride provided an overview and status report of the grant projects. Staff continues to finalize contracts with the jurisdictions and work to move pending projects along.

Grant recipients representing eight new projects around the region presented a slide show of their projects. Representatives from the Port of San Francisco, City of San Mateo, City of Menlo Park, City of Milpitas, East Bay Regional Park District, Contra Costa County Public Works, City of Napa and City of Novato showcased their projects.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.