

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
ABAG Metro Center
December 13, 2007**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:35 PM.

Attendance

Steering Committee

Rick Parmer
Stana Hearne
Brian Wiese
Cathy Woodbury
Julie Bondurant
Joe LaClair
Leo DuBose

Bay Trail Staff

Laura Thompson
Maureen Gaffney
Patrycja Bossak

Board

Bruce Beyaert
Julia Miller

Guest

Adrienne DePonte, Program Director, Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center

ACTION Adoption of 12/13/07 agenda and approval of 08/23/07 minutes.

Hearne moved, LaClair seconded adoption of agenda and approval of minutes. Motion passed.

Announcements by Staff and Board Members

- LaClair Announced that BCDC approved transfer of the Water Trail Plan to the State Legislature and the Coastal Conservancy started the programmatic EIR process with a draft expected in Spring 2008.

- Beyaert Handed out colorful and informative new trail brochures for the Bay Trail at Richmond's Marina Bay made possible through funding from the National Park Service, Signature Properties and Republic Services.

- DuBose Announced that the East Bay Bicycle Coalition is involved in negotiating bicycle access as a component of a future new bore in the Caldecott Tunnel between Oakland and Orinda.

- Wiese Informed the committee that the East Bay Regional Park District is moving forward with the trail project at Eden Landing after long-awaited Caltrans mitigation funds have become available.
- Parmer Highlighted the impacts of the recent San Francisco Bay oil spill and the Committee discussed a possible role for the Bay Trail Project is marshalling local response to future spills in the Bay.
- Thompson Informend the Committee of the 2008 Steering Committee/Board of Directors meeting schedule. Announced that the *Saving the Bay* public television series is complete and will premire in April 2008. Informed the Committee that a joint Bay/Ridge Trail request for funds has been sent to the Goldman Foundation for assistance in completion of the Carquinez Strait Scenic Loop Trail. Announced the release of the Final EIR for the South Bay Salto Pond Restoration Project and a recent Bay Trail presentation to the ABAG Regional Planning Committee.

Proposition 84 - \$3 Million Grant Program Overview

- Thompson Provided an overview of the \$3 Million Proposition 84 program. The Committee discussed the review process and selection criteria and recommended that all grants come to the Committee at the next meeting on February 14 for review. The Committee agreed to use the same selection criteria but emphasized the need for a strong local match and directed staff to encourage potential grantees to secure more matching funds.

Moffett Field Bay Trail Construction (\$63,250)

- Bossak Presented the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grant request and recommended approval of funds in the amount of \$63,250 to improve and open 2.4 miles of Bay Trail along the edge of Moffett Field, closing the gap between Sunnyvale and Mountain View. The Committee and staff expressed appreciation to Julia Miller for her tireless advocacy over the years and the work of numerous Bay Trail advocates, partners and Board Members that helped move this project forward.

ACTION Miller moved, Bondurant seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Fort Mason Trail Construction (\$85,000)

- Gaffney Presented the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy grant request and recommended approval of funds in the amount of \$85,000 to complete design and construction safety improvements of a heavily-used segment of the Bay Trail in Fort Mason. The Committee discussed the importance of

this segment, existing safety concerns, NPS willingness to alter an historic wall and concerns about match percentage. The Committee expressed a strong interest in an increased match, and recommended a grant award of 75% of the total project cost.

ACTION **LaClair moved, Wiese seconded the motion to award a grant in the amount of \$82,450. Unanimous approval.**

Ridge Trail / Bay Trail Coordination Update

-Gaffney Informed the Committee that the joint Bay Trail/Ridge Trail proclamation has been revised based on Bay Trail Board of Directors comments and was ready for authorization by the Steering Committee. The Committee discussed the need for language that broadly supports regional partners and a range of trail users. Staff agreed to review and modify the proclamation language to ensure it meets these goals.

ACTION **DuBose moved, Wiese seconded the motion to approve the proclamation with suggested changes that will be finalized by staff. Unanimous approval.**

20th Anniversary Event Planning

-Thompson The Committee discussed potential timing and events to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Bay Trail Project. The Committee emphasized the importance of celebrating trail completion but also recommended focusing on key gaps. Several ideas included hiking/biking around the Bay, a “trails challenge,” coordination with a trails conference, collaboration with partners and an events clearinghouse on the Bay Trail website.

Adrienne DePonte provided an overview of the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center plans to celebrate the Bay Trail 20th anniversary with hikes, bike rides and bird walks as well as highlighting accomplishments, recognizing Bill Lockyer and stressing the importance of future connections to Eden Landing.

The Committee agreed that National Trails Day in June 2009 should be a target date for the celebration.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.