

**San Francisco Bay Trail  
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes  
ABAG Metro Center  
December 16, 2009**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

**Attendance**

Steering Committee

Rick Parmer, Chair  
Julie Bondurant  
Brian Wiese  
Cathy Woodbury  
Joe LaClair  
Moira McEnespy

Bay Trail Staff

Laura Thompson  
Maureen Gaffney  
Lee Huo

Board

Betty Moose

**ACTION      Adoption of 12/16/09 agenda and approval of 08/13/09 minutes.**

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

**Announcements by Chair and Boardmembers**

- Moose            Announced that the Hayward Area Shoreline Planning Agency is working on a sea level rise study and Bay Trail staff should be involved in developing the recommendations.
  
- McEnespy      Announced that the Conservancy recently approved the West County Wastewater District project developed by East Bay Regional Park District staff that includes the new selection criteria for sea level rise. Also announced expectation of a spring 2010 bond sale that could release additional bond funds.
  
- Wiese            Informed the Committee that environmental approvals for the Union City Bay Trail segment south of Eden Landing are in process. The District is moving forward to secure approvals from the Department of Fish & Game and Caltrans so they are ready when the Alameda County Flood Control Disitrcet begins their planned levee rebuilding project.
  
- Parmer           Announced that the East Bay Regional Park District is a co-sponsor of the National Association for Interpretation workshop on interpretive center design scheduled for February 2 at the Shoreline Center. Three new

interpretive centers are planned for construction: Coyote Hills, Big Break in Oakley and Point Pinole.

- LaClair Suggested that Bay Trail and Coastal Conservancy staff share the Water Trail Sign Plan recommendations with BCDC's Design Review Board at a future meeting.

### **Staff Announcements**

- Huo Announced that a consultant has been selected for a feasibility study to address the gap along Doolittle Drive between MLK, Jr. Regional Shoreline and Bay Farm Island. Informed the Committee that the City of Oakland presented the draft Estuary Plan at a recent Waterfront Action meeting including an inland trail alignment between Tidewater and High Street. Bay Trail will provide comments to the Planning Commission in support of a shoreline alignment. Also announced that Republic Services expects to open the remaining section of West County Landfill trail in Richmond by the end of 2010.
- Gaffney Announced that the Fort Mason Squeeze ribbon cutting ceremony was held on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy completed the project that was funded, in part, with a Bay Trail grant expanding the width and improving safety along this popular route. Also informed the Committee that she is writing a comment letter on the Hunters Point Shipyard EIR.
- Thompson Informed the Committee that ABAG and MTC are discussing options for addressing the Bay Trail funding shortfall in FY 2010-2011 and beyond. Also announced that Bay Trail is working with Ridge Trail and the Conservancy to explore opportunities for non-bond funding. Also, Bay and Ridge Trail board chairs and staff will be meeting with the Bay Area Council to discuss possible private sector partnerships.

### **Bay Trail Grant Program Update**

- Thompson Provided an overview of the projects funded to date using Proposition 40, Proposition 84 and Coastal Impact Assistance Program funds. Distributed a comprehensive summary of all awarded grants that the Committee recommended be uploaded to the Bay Trail website.

## North Bay Realignments

-Gaffney Provided a summary of realignment proposals in Napa County, City of Napa and American Canyon officially supported realignment with letters of support from each jurisdiction.

The following changes to the Bay Trail alignment were adopted:

### City of Napa

- **Adopted** new spine alignment on Golden Gate Drive, Stanly Lane and Stanly Crossroad.
- **Removed** spine alignment on Freeway Drive and Old Sonoma Road.

### County of Napa

- **Adopted** new spine alignment on Golden Gate Drive, Stanly Lane, Stanly Crossroad and 3,800 feet of spur trail from Stanly Crossroad to the Napa River.
- **Adopted** 4.5 miles of levee-top trail associated with the California Department of Fish and Game's (CDFG) Napa Plant Site Wetland Restoration Project.
- **Removed** spine alignment on Old Sonoma Road, Highway 12/121 and Duhig Road north of Las Amigas.

The Committee discussed redesignating the section of Cuttings Wharf Road between Stanly Crossroad and Highway 12/121 as a connector. Upon further discussion, the Committee considered removing Cuttings Wharf Road from the Bay Trail system since it would become an orphaned segment with the removal of Bay Trail designation on Highway 12/121. Because this section was funded in part by a past Bay Trail grant, the Committee asked staff to research the implications of this decision and bring back for further review.

### City of American Canyon

- **Adopted** 4,400 feet of spine alignment connecting to the California Department of Fish and Game's (CDFG) Napa Plant Site Wetland Restoration Project
- **Adopted** 2.6 miles of levee top spur around the landfill and extending to the Napa River.

**ACTION: LaClair moved, Wiese seconded approval of the recommendation as outlined in the staff report. The Committee asked staff to bring back consideration of Cuttings Wharf Road removal after conducting research.**

## **Motorized Vehicles on Trails**

-Huo            Provided an overview of the Steering Committee’s previous discussion of motorized vehicles on the Bay Trail and emphasized that SB 100 clearly states no motorized vehicles should be allowed on the trail (except emergency vehicles as necessary). Also shared the questions and feedback from an informal survey of 20 agencies that manage and operate the Bay Trail indicating that most of the responding agencies support restricting motorized vehicles from the trail.

The Committee was supportive of further staff exploration on this topic and acknowledged the challenge of addressing the issue since we do not own, manage or operate Bay Trail segments. The Committee advised staff to engage with a specific group, such as MTC’s Regional Bicycle Working Group or the Bay Area Open Space Council’s Trail Working Group. The Committee recommended that this item come back to them as a focused one-hour discussion. At this meeting staff will provide additional information on the policies in place and reports of how the trail is being used.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.