

**San Francisco Bay Trail  
Fall 2017 Board Meeting Minutes  
Mare Island Conference Center, Vallejo  
October 19, 2017**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Attendance**

Board Members

John Woodbury, Chair	Judy Malamut
Julie Bondurant, Co-Chair	Hanna Miller
Bruce Beyaert	Julia Miller
Brenda Buxton	Dave Mitchell
Nance Donati	Rick Parmer
Leo DuBose	Philip Sales
Ellen Johnck	Don Weden
Bill Long	

Guests

Jomari Peterson	City of Vallejo
Bob Macaulay	Solano Transportation Authority
Srinivas Muktevi	City of Vallejo

Staff

Laura Thompson	Bay Trail
Maureen Gaffney	Bay Trail
Lee Huo	Bay Trail
Ben Botkin	Water Trail/Bay Trail
Kara Oberg	Active Transportation

**Introductions / Agenda**

Woodbury brought the Board meeting to order and introductions were made.

Agenda/Minutes

**ACTION:** Weden moved, DuBose seconded adoption of the agenda and Mitchell moved, Weden seconded adoption of the 6/8/17 minutes. The agenda and minutes were approved unanimously.

*Yes Votes:*

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Philip Sales  
Don Weden

*No Votes: None*

*Abstentions: None*

## **Announcements**

### Board Announcements

- Beyaert      The Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) has gone out to bid on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. The bid package includes the trail across the bridge and the Richmond trail approach. The Marin side approach will be added later due to land acquisition needs by PG&E. This is a 4-year pilot project expected to be complete next year.
  
- Johnck      Working on a Port of San Francisco project to enhance public access at Pier 39 around the tour boats and is also involved in the design of the new fire boat station along the Embarcadero. Both projects connect to the Bay Trail.
  
- Parmer      Met with Maureen and will coordinate a group of board members to look at gaps and long-term advocacy for the North Bay counties. A meeting of the sub-group will be set up to move forward on key gaps.
  
- Bondurant      This is a big year for design and construction of Bay Trail, including projects such as Doolittle Drive in Oakland, Pt. Molate in Richmond near the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, Dotson Marsh in Richmond and Pinole Shores in Contra Costa County currently under construction.
  
- Buxton      A new park bond SB5 was signed by the governor and will be on the ballot in June as a potential new funding source for Bay and Water Trail.
  
- Weden      The Resilient by Design process has begun to develop visions for reconfiguring the shoreline and it has implications for the Bay Trail.
  
- Long      The Ridge Trail recently celebrated the opening of its highest point at Mt. Umunhum. This Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District and Coastal Conservancy effort includes new trail at the top that had been off limits to the public for many years.
  
- H. Miller      Many Bay Trail related projects will be going to the BCDC Design Review Board soon, averaging 2-3 projects a month until March.

- Donati As a PG&E representative, offered to help with the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.
- J. Miller Google funded the resurfacing of the Bay Trail last year through Sunnyvale and Mountain View at a cost of \$2.2 million. Now the second phase of Google's generous improvements has started through Sunnyvale south to Santa Clara and San Jose. The Santa Clara Valley Water District will be reconfiguring the trail near the Sunnyvale Water Treatment Plant and will change access to the trailhead at Carl Road. The Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition and other stakeholders are involved.

Staff Announcements

- Thompson Announced new email addresses and introduced the Bicycle-Pedestrian-Environment team. Requested board member volunteers interested in serving on a review panel for San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority grant applications, due November 15. The following board members expressed an interest: Julia Miller, South Bay; Ellen Johnck; Dave Mitchell, South Bay; Rick Parmer, North Bay; Philip Sales, North Bay. Provided an update on Regional Measure 3 and the SB5 Park Bond, both signed by the Governor with the potential to generate funds for Bay and Water Trail projects.
- Gaffney Provided an update on the Bay Trail/Vizzit smart phone audio tours. Over the last 3 months we have seen 2,362 new downloads of the app, with the highest activity in September totaling over 1,000 downloads. We featured ads/stories in Bay Nature, Chinook Book and Weekend Sherpa and highlighted the tours on Bay Day.  
  
On Bay Day several tours were featured: at Benicia SRA with professionals that made the tour; Sonoma Land Trust featured the tour at Sears Point and Doug McConnell hosted a tour at Bair Island. On October 29 Doug will lead a walk at Crissy Field.  
  
Joined the Resilient by Design team on a tour of Hamilton, to make sure the Bay Trail is included in the proposals. Attended the kick-off meeting for the Adapting to Rising Tides Bay Area, a project of Caltrans and BCDC. Bay Trail staff will continue to be involved.
- Huo In Contra Costa County, the East Bay Regional Park District has broken ground at Pinole Shores and Hercules is moving forward with the second phase of Bay Trail as part of their intermodal station project. The Cross-Alameda Trail has broken ground after completion of a feasibility study. The East Bay Regional Park District has applied for an urban greening grant for Lone Tree Point and has made the cut from 100 to about 40 projects under consideration. On September 21 the East Bay Regional Park District hosted the first ever Bay Trail Summit in Oakland, attended by over 70 people. The purpose was to create political will to

finish the Bay Trail in Oakland and the East Bay. The Park District was inspired by the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy's success in revitalizing their waterfront. Attended a Resilience by Design team tour at Eden Landing and shared information about the Bay Trail and the Water Trail.

- Botkin The Water Trail program now has 39 designated sites and just released new Water Trail maps representing 5 different regions with interpretive information, all the Water Trail sites and the Bay Trail. Also launched a new Water Trail website, [www.sfbaywatertrail.org](http://www.sfbaywatertrail.org) created by GreenInfo network. Developing a strategic plan for the program and implementation plans for specific sites along the Water Trail.
  
- Oberg Serves as the Active Transportation Planner for MTC, formerly with the City of Berkeley working on bike share and the Livable Streets Alliance in Boston. Currently working on complete streets: wrapping up workshop tours in Napa, Oakland, San Jose and San Francisco to provide technical assistance for the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG). A webinar will be created for those that were not able to attend. Launching a bike-ped count program to develop consistency on counts, geographic spread, and an open data site hosted by MTC. Also working on Bike Share: managing the contract with Motivate, the organization serving as the owner/operator of Ford GoBike, currently deploying 7,000 bicycles at 540 stations in San Francisco, San Jose, Emeryville and Oakland, now halfway complete. There are over 20,000 members of bike share. Equity is a major component of program, Bike Share for All, currently 800 members and growing, and a quarter of the stations highlight the \$5 annual membership option and stickers will be added to the rest. Also working to provide funding for bike share in other cities around the region.

### **Consider Endorsement of Novato Watershed and Flood Protection Program**

- Long Introduced the item with the history of the Bay Trail-funded feasibility study in Novato that developed trail alignment alternatives that did not move forward due to homeowner resistance. Since that time, a watershed program was started by Marin County and the City of Novato to consider options for flood control and all factors involving surface water. Now, a package of projects is moving forward as a ballot measure known as Measure E presenting longer term potential benefits for the Bay Trail. The plan is to widen Novato Creek as a receptacle for flood water and a tidal basin. Trail options include the area south of Highway 37 with an extension south to Hamilton next to Pacheco Pond at the entrance to Bel Marin Keys Blvd. Also includes rebuilding the levee connection to Bel Marin Keys Road. Measure E will be on the ballot in November 2017 and requires two-thirds of the vote for passage.

**ACTION:** Long moved, Johnck seconded the motion to support the Novato Watershed and Flood Protection Program. The vote was approved unanimously.

*Yes Votes:*

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*No Votes: None*

*Abstentions: None*

**Three Vallejo Projects: Vallejo Bluff, Bay/Vine Trail, and the Vallejo Waterfront Feasibility Study**

Muktevi introduced the Bay/Vine Trail project, which originally got traction through the Bay/Vine Trail study, sponsored and funded by both trail programs. The \$100,000 study set the stage for an Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant to the City of Vallejo. This is a public-private partnership, with the Vine Trail committing \$800K. The city has selected a consultant and will execute a contract soon. The total cost is \$4.2 million for design and construction of about 4 miles of trail. Caltrans is a major partner and the project involves working with BCDC and the Union Pacific Railroad.

Peterson introduced the Valljo Bluff Trail along 1.1 miles of bluff over Highway 80 with an undercrossing of Hwy 29. The alignment is part of the Bay/Ridge Trail Carquinez Scenic Loop Trail and was considered in two planning studies in 2003 and 2008. Currently the city is conducting design and right-of-way analysis, and preliminary engineering. There was not enough time for Peterson to cover the Vallejo Waterfront Feasibility Study.

Bob Berman, a Ridge Trail board member and resident of Benicia expressed appreciation for the many years of Bay Trail support of these projects in Vallejo.

**Highway 37**

Macaulay introduced the Solano Countywide Active Transportation Plan, focusing on the Highway 37 corridor, with multiple destinations and sensitive habitats. This congested 21-mile corridor sees an average of 45,000 daily vehicle trips, with the potential to grow to 58,000 trip by 2040. Sea level rise presents regional challenges and inundation as was experienced earlier this year. A \$1.2 - \$4.3 billion facility is under discussion, expanding out from the roadway to look at the entire North San Pablo Bay

corridor. Two committees have been formed, design alternatives and environmental task force. A design alternatives analysis (DAA) is underway. A hybrid facility could potentially keep levees in some places. There is a potential for toll revenues. Four public workshops have been completed so far and all options are still under consideration.

Board comments included concern about bicyclists and pedestrians located next to fast moving cars and encouraged options for trail out on the levees, if not inundated. The Board also expressed a desire to keep the Bay Trail as an integral aspect of this project.

Gaffney presented a brief overview of the key considerations for the Bay Trail in the Highway 37 corridor:

1. Safety. All options need full barrier protection and adequate buffer distance for bicyclists AND pedestrians
2. Connections. Ensure linkages to existing Bay Trail and other open space assets in the corridor are maintained.
3. Continuity. That a complete, continuous and free multi-use pathway is a baseline element of all alternatives and moves through planning, environmental review, design, permitting and construction in tandem.

**ACTION:**            **Weden moved, DuBose seconded the motion to direct staff to continue advocating for the three key considerations for the Bay Trail in the Highway 37 corridor. The vote was approved unanimously.**

*Yes Votes:*

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*No Votes: None*

*Abstentions: None*

**Adjourn Meeting**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

**Vallejo Bay Trail Stroll**

Board members and Bay Trail staff walked along the future alignment of the Bay Trail in Vallejo near White Slough that will be completed as part of a joint Bay Trail / Vine Trail project.