

**San Francisco Bay Trail  
Spring 2018 Board Meeting Minutes  
Pt. San Pablo Harbor, Richmond  
June 14, 2018**

**Call to Order**

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

**Attendance**

Board Members

John Woodbury, Chair	Bill Long
Bruce Beyaert	Hanna Miller
Brenda Buxton	Julia Miller
Rosemary Corbin	Dave Mitchell
Corinne DeBra	Rick Parmer
Jim Foran	Antoinette Romeo
Ellen Johnck	Diane Ross-Leech
Bill Keene	Don Weden

Guests

Donald Bastin	TRAC
Yader Bermudez	City of Richmond
Alix Bockelman	MTC
Bruce Brubaker	TRAC
Chris Lillie	Bay Area Toll Authority
Joe Mata	Office of Congressman Mark DeSaulnier
Richard Mitchell	City of Richmond
Bob Nisbet	East Bay Regional Park District
Lena Velasco	City of Richmond

Staff

Laura Thompson	Bay Trail
Lee Huo	Bay Trail
Ben Botkin	Water Trail/Bay Trail

**1. Call to Order / Introductions / Confirm Quorum**

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

**2. Public Comment**

No public comments were made.

**3. Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes**

**ACTION:** Beyaert moved, Miller seconded adoption of the agenda and the 10/19/17 minutes. The agenda and minutes were approved unanimously.

*Yes Votes:*

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*No Votes: None*

*Abstentions: None*

#### **4. Announcements by Board Directors, Guests and Staff**

##### Board Announcements

- Weden Shared a map and memos from the Save San Francisco Bay Association dated 1965 showing only 65 feet of shoreline open to the public at Boat Ramp Street. Congratulated the City of Richmond, TRAC, EBRPD and BCDC and thanked them for their efforts in expanding shoreline access progress.
- Beyaert Announced that Caltrans awarded Richmond a \$276,000 sustainable communities grant to look at long-term bike-ped connections to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Announced that the Richmond ferry terminal will open this fall, along with some upgrades to connecting Bay Trail segments. Also announced that City Manager Bill Lindsay will step down this summer.
- Mata Offered assistance and letters of support from Congressman DeSaulnier's office for Bay Trail Projects in his district.
- Keene Informed the board that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors is considering a ballot measure for an upcoming park bond. In 2016 a countywide park bond failed by 1,200 votes. If passed, the measure would cover the entire county generating \$8 million per year for parks plus \$12 million to cities for capital improvements and maintenance. The measure will be put on the ballot in November.
- Buxton Shared the good news that Prop. 68 passed. The budgeting process is ongoing, so no information yet about funding and projects. Will inform the board and staff when she knows details about amounts and timing.

- Miller Informed the board of her concerns about impacts to a Bay Trail trailhead and parking area from a City of Sunnyvale water pollution control plant expansion. City’s proposal to move parking to parallel configuration along Caribbean Drive causes concerns about safety. She was involved in the original opening of this trailhead and trail segment years ago and will continue to work with the city and BCDC.
- Johnck Shared her involvement in several shoreline reconfiguration projects and informed the board that the Bay Trail Design Guidelines are extremely useful and are being used.

Staff Announcements

- Thompson Announced that two board members have stepped down, Ina Gerhard representing Caltrans and Karen Langdon representing Kaiser.
- Huo Informed the board that the Contra Costa County Transportation Authority completed their transportation plan update, highlighting a network of low-stress facilities. Participating on the Alameda County Transportation Commission bike/ped plan technical advisory committee. For the CEQA comment period for the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project Eden Landing Phase II, commented on connections to Coyote Hills, balancing flood control and sensitive habitats.
- Botkin Announced that the Water Trail program now has 40 designated water trail sites. Four new sites will be designated at the implementation meeting tomorrow; working on Water Trail design guidelines; updated shoreline and waterways maps will be installed all around the bay featuring bay trail and water trail; participating in ‘Vision of Wild Vallejo’ sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service; paddle at Montezuma’s landing, trails and greenways conference on the Petaluma River, Pt. San Pablo

**5. Update on Regional Measure 3**

Alix Bockelman announced that Regional Measure 3, the regional fare increase on state-owned toll bridges, had passed at 55%, authorizing \$150 million to fund Bay Trail and safe routes to transit projects through a competitive grant program. The funds will be collected beginning in January 2019.

**6. Introduction to the Point San Pablo Peninsula**

Bruce Beyaert, Bay Trail Board Director and Chair of the Trails for Richmond Action Committee (TRAC), covered the geography, history and future public access plans for the Point San Pablo Peninsula. The area has hosted a variety of interesting developments in the past, including an active Chinese fishing camp, the Point Orient

cannery, the California Wine Association which was briefly the largest winery in the world between 1908 and 1922, quarries, brickyards and an auto ferry. Today the East Brother light station bed and breakfast welcomes visitors offshore and most of the peninsula land is owned by Chevron with some city-owned properties. The East Bay Regional Park District has an easement about one mile long across Chevron land between the I-580 corridors and Point Molate Beach Park that will become the first public access to this shoreline.

Bill Long added that *Blood Alley*, a 1955 movie starring John Wayne and Lauren Bacall was filmed on site at the Point San Pablo Harbor.

## **7. Planning the Future of Point Molate**

Lena Velasco, a planner with the City of Richmond, provided an overview of the planning process underway for the Point San Pablo Peninsula. After a judgement from the Upstream development litigation, the city has embarked on a land use visioning process and CEQA has been completed for the Pt. Molate segments but funding has not been secured. Themes for public access include safety, biological resource protection and respecting private property relationships. A new master developer will be required to preserve 70% of the area for open space, with a minimum of 670 residential units. The historic Winehaven structure and employee cottages will be preserved for adaptive reuse. The development proposal needs to be approved by April 2020. Key upcoming steps include: three community workshops, site tours/visits, youth summit, pop-up events. Visit [richmondpointmolate.org](http://richmondpointmolate.org) for details about two upcoming events.

## **8. Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Trail Pilot Project and Approaches**

Chris Lillie, engineer with the Bay Area Toll Authority, shared information about the changes underway on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. A new peak period vehicle lane opened on the lower deck on April 20, the first change as part of a 4-year pilot. The bicycle-pedestrian pathway on the upper deck has several components: 1) In September 2018 trail will open from Tewksbury in Pt. Richmond to Stenmark Drive, 2) In March 2019 the 10-foot multi-use path on the bridge upper deck will open as a 4-year pilot with a moveable barrier separating the trail from traffic, 3) Marin County improvements will be needed along Francisco Blvd, where they are currently working through property issues to complete a 10-foot multi-use pathway to Grange Road. The Transportation Authority of Marin is looking at a barrier separated path for the Sir Francis Drake flyover. As a pilot, there will be criteria for the lower deck vehicle lane and the upper deck path including number of users, negative or positive impact on traffic conditions and accident pattern changes. BATA plans to publicize the path, in combination with transit connections, local businesses, etc. Regional Measure 3 money are earmarked for this section to make connectivity improvements, possibly between the Richmond Greenway and the Tewksbury connection. The bridge pathway will be a 24/7 facility with closure once a month for moveable barrier movement. 511.org website will be used to communicate closures.

## **9. Completing the Bay Trail from Point Molate to Crockett**

Bob Nisbet of the East Bay Regional Park District covered three gaps in Contra Costa County: 1) Pt. Molate Park, \$7.4 million project to complete 3.5 miles of Bay Trail, design will be complete in 2019, construction TBD, 2) Lone Tree Park, 0.5-mile section of Bay Trail costing \$3 million, CEQA and design are done, construction will begin fall 2018; 3) Pinole Shores to Bayfront Park, Union Pacific Railroad MOU from settlement made this project possible, \$12 million project with some construction delays, anticipate opening this year.

#### **10. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

#### **Richmond Bay Trail Walk**

Board members and Bay Trail staff walked along the future alignment of the Bay Trail in Point Molate Park.