

**San Francisco Bay Trail
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
ABAG MetroCenter
July 17, 2014**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Attendance

Steering Committee

John Woodbury, Chair
Julie Bondurant
Leo DuBose
Betsy Wilson

Bay Trail Staff

Lee Huo
Maureen Gaffney
Laura Thompson

Guests

Corinne DeBra
Betty Moose

**ACTION: Adoption of 07/17/14 agenda and approval of 04/10/14 minutes.
Wilson moved, Bondurant seconded approval of the agenda and minutes.**

Yes Votes:

*Julie Bondurant
Leo DuBose
Betsy Wilson
John Woodbury*

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Announcements by Chair and Boardmembers

-Moose Announced that she has been working to maintain public access along the Bay Trail in San Leandro where homeowners have proposed to place a gate blocking access at the Heron Bay development. City Council is scheduled to hold a public hearing on the issue in September.

-Wilson Announced that the Coastal Conservancy board of directors approved authorization of a new block grant to the Bay Trail Project in the amount of \$1 million at their May 29 meeting in Sacramento.

Staff Announcements

-Thompson Informed the Committee that the Restoration Authority Board of Directors voted to not bring a regional ballot measure forward in 2014. (The Committee requested that staff bring this topic back for further discussion: how a future funding measure could be more diversified to include a broader definition of public access.) Informed the Committee that staff and the Chair have had shoreline promotion discussions with Bay Crossings and CBS and will continue to explore opportunities for this partnership.

-Huo Informed the Committee that the East Bay Regional Park District is focusing on the feasibility of an alignment along the Lone Tree Point (Rodeo) to Victoria-by-the-Bay section of the Bay Trail in Contra Costa County. Adjacent to this area, the Contra Costa County Public Works Department is planning to conduct an alignment study for the section between Lone Tree Point and Crockett, addressing a lengthy gap in the Bay Trail along San Pablo Avenue.

-Gaffney Provided an overview of the Bay Trail/Vine Trail Feasibility Study, currently underway for trail sections in American Canyon and Vallejo. The Solano Transportation Authority is the lead agency and has conducted a public workshop for community input. Announced a Bay Nature-sponsored hike along the Bay Trail at the Hamilton Wetland Restoration Area in Novato on Sunday, September 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Emeryville Bay Trail Spine Realignment

Huo introduced the proposal from the City of Emeryville to remove the existing Bay Trail alignment and relocate the Bay Trail to Christie Avenue as a Class I between Powell and Shellmound. Reconfiguration of Christie Avenue will allow for this improvement. The Committee discussed the confusing layout of the streets in this area and the need for improved directional signage, especially along this route to the popular Bay Bridge pathway. The Committee discussed possible consideration of Bay Trail logos embedded in the trail itself and agreed that carefully placed wayfinding and directional signs are needed.

ACTION: DuBose moved, Bondurant seconded approval of the Bay Trail realignment to Christie Avenue between Powell Street and Shellmound Street, and added the condition that more wayfinding signs be placed along the route.

Yes Votes:

*Julie Bondurant
Leo DuBose
Betsy Wilson
John Woodbury*

No Votes: None
Abstentions: None

2014 Priority Tasks Mid-Year Status Report

Thompson provided a mid-year update on the 10 priority tasks identified for the project by the Board of Directors.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.