

MEMO

Date: June 18, 2013

To: Water Trail Project Management Team and Advisory Committee

From: Galli Basson, Water Trail Planner

Subject: Consideration of \$20,000 Grant Request from the San Mateo County Harbor District to install kayak racks and signage at Oyster Point Marina in South San Francisco

Project Description

Install storage racks for kayaks and paddle boards at Oyster Point Marina/Park. The total project cost is \$26,000. The San Mateo County Harbor District is requesting \$20,000 for the cost of the storage unit and signs.

The applicant will provide in-kind services for sign and storage installation.

During a site visit on May 24, 2013, the Harbor District requested additional time to decide where to put the storage unit and determine if any plans and/or permits are necessary. The Harbor District has recently re-submitted a plan to add three storage racks, holding ten kayaks each, around the Marina/Park. Staff need additional time to review their proposed changes.

Site Description

Oyster Point Marina/Park is owned by the City of South San Francisco and operated by the San Mateo County Harbor District. The Marina/Park has three locations where a Water Trail user can launch without needing a key. There is a set of stairs and ramp located on the southeast side of the Marina/Park that is primarily used by windsurfers. There are two boat ramps (with a boarding pier in the center) located on the northwest side of the Marina/Park. There is also a small beach located on the west side of the Marina/Park. The Inn at Oyster Point is located adjacent to the Marina/Park with upscale accommodations and a restaurant. The site is the terminal for the WETA Ferry serving Oakland, Alameda, and San Francisco.

Support

Barry M. Nagel, City Manager for the City of South San Francisco and Kevin Mullin, Assemblymember for the 22nd District, have written letters of support for the project.

Timing and Review

The Harbor District recently re-submitted their project description. Water Trail staff will work with the Harbor District to evaluate the proposed changes. It is anticipated that Water Trail staff will present the revised project to the Water Trail Project Management Team (PMT), Advisory Committee (AC), and the public during a future implementation meeting. Water Trail staff will also return to the PMT and AC for the PMT's official site designation prior to awarding the grant.

The timeline for construction of the project is dependent on the revisions to the project description, which will inform CEQA and permit requirements.

Staff Findings

The project is consistent with the goals and strategies of the Enhanced Water Trail Plan to link access points and trails (*strategy 2*), provide storage areas and facilities for boats and equipment (*strategy 11*), and expand overnight opportunities (*strategy 13*). Boat and equipment storage is a feature the Water Trail is very interested in supporting and the Marina/Park appears to be a good candidate for both short and long-term storage due to the nearby presence of Genentech and other office parks connected by the Bay Trail, and the proximity of the hotel. Water Trail staff will continue to work with the Harbor District as they develop the project.