

MEMO

Date: December 3, 2013

To: Water Trail Project Management Team and Advisory Committee

From: Galli Basson, Water Trail Planner

Subject: Consideration of \$5,600 Grant Request to install a Mobi-mat and sign post at McNears Beach Park in San Rafael

Project Description

Marin County Parks proposes to install a Mobi-mat (a temporary, stable, access pathway) at McNears Beach Park to improve beach access to the high tide line. They also propose installation of a sign post to accommodate the Water Trail educational sign.

The expected cost for the entire project is \$5,600.

Site Description

McNears Beach Park is a popular 55-acre park located on the San Rafael shoreline of San Pablo Bay. Owned and managed by Marin County Parks, it has a long sandy beach where non-motorized small boat users can launch, picnic areas, swimming pool, parking and restrooms. Please see the attached Site Description Form for more details on the existing site.

Support

The project is supported by Marin County Parks, Marin County Parks Commission, and Marin County Board of Supervisors. Marin County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution in support of the Water Trail, designation, and participation in the grant program on 11/12/13.

Timing and Review

The Water Trail Project Management Team (PMT), Advisory Committee (AC), and the public are being asked to provide input on the grant request at the December 13, 2013 Water Trail Implementation Meeting. After the discussion of the site and grant request, the PMT is expected to make a decision regarding designation. Installation is expected in February 2014.

Staff Findings

The project is consistent with goals and strategies of the Enhanced Water Trail Plan to make improvements consistent with site characteristics and policies, plans, and priorities (*strategy 3 and 4*), and develop and improve launch facilities to be universally accessible (*strategy 10*).

The improvements proposed will provide boating access to persons with disabilities. Staff is inclined to approve the grant request of \$5,600, pending approval of designation by the Project Management Team.