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December 12, 2005

Mr. Pat O'Brien
General Manager
East Bay Regional Park District
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Re: Support for West County Wastewater District Segment of San Francisco Bay Trail

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

I strongly support the East Bay Regional Park District's (EBRPD) grant application to the Association of Bay Area Government's (ABAG) San Francisco Bay Trail Project for its development through the West County Wastewater facility in the City of Richmond. The East Bay Regional Parks provide both healthy recreation areas for community members and needed green space for our ecosystems.

This project would develop the San Francisco Bay Trail by connecting the segment from Wildcat Creek Trail to San Pablo Creek. This stretch of land runs from Richmond Parkway to the West County Landfill entrance and down through the West County Wastewater facility to the existing EBRPD Wildcat Creek staging area. The project includes a 60 ft. pedestrian bridge that provides a direct link to the trail at the West County Landfill and a buffer of native riparian plants along San Pablo Creek.

I consider the completion of the Bay Trail an incredible opportunity to enhance the quality of life for my constituents in West Contra Costa County and throughout the Bay Area.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,


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Loni Hancock ASSEMBLYWOMAN, FOURTEENTH DISTRICT

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December 19, 2005

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General Manager
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**Re: Support for West County Wastewater District Segment of San Francisco
Bay Trail**

Dear Mr. O' Brien:

I am writing in support of the East Bay Regional Park District's (EBRPD) \$200,000 grant application to the Association of Bay Area Government's (ABAG) San Francisco Bay Trail Project for the development of almost 1-mile of San Francisco Bay Trail through the West County Wastewater facility in the City of Richmond.

The project will run along San Pablo Creek from Richmond Parkway to the West County Landfill entrance and down through the West County Wastewater facility to the existing EBRPD Wildcat Creek staging area, connecting Wildcat Creek Trail to San Pablo Creek near Pt. Pinole Regional Shoreline. The project includes a 60 ft. pedestrian bridge to provide a direct link to the trail at the West County Landfill and a buffer of native riparian plants along San Pablo Creek.

I urge ABAG to give serious consideration to the EBRPD's application for funding of the development of this Bay Trail segment through the West County Wastewater District property in Richmond. Completion of additional segments of the Bay Trail results in more access to this wonderful part of the Bay Area.

Thank you for your efforts on this project and feel free to contact my office if I can be of any other assistance.

Sincerely,

Loni Hancock

LONI HANCOCK
Assemblywoman

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December 9, 2005

Pat O'Brien
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Re: Support for West County Waste Water Segment of San Francisco Bay Trail

Dear Mr. O' Brien:

I strongly support the application of the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) under the Association of Bay Area Governments San Francisco Bay Trail Grant Program for the development of one mile of San Francisco Bay Trail through the West County Waste Water facility in the City of Richmond.

The project will run along San Pablo Creek from the Richmond Parkway to the West County Landfill entrance and down through the West County Waste Water facility to the existing EBRPD Wildcat Creek Trail staging area. A 60 ft. pedestrian bridge is included to provide a direct link to the West County Landfill Bay Trail. The project will have ten-foot wide paved surface with two-foot wide base rock shoulders. The project includes fences and gates with the planting of a native riparian buffer along San Pablo Creek.

We join other public and private agencies and organizations and individuals to urge you to support the application for funding of the development of the San Francisco Bay Trail through the West County Waste Water facility in Richmond. This effort represents an impressive collaboration between state, regional and local governments with wide community support.

Sincerely,

John Gioia
Supervisor, District One



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December 9, 2005

Pat O'Brien
General Manager
East Bay Regional Park District
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Oakland, CA 94601-0381

Re: Support for West County Waste Water Segment of San Francisco Bay Trail

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

The Contra Costa Transportation Authority enthusiastically supports the application of the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) under the Association of Bay Area Governments San Francisco Bay Trail Grant Program for the development of 1-mile of San Francisco Bay Trail through the West County Waste Water facility in the City of Richmond.

The project will run along San Pablo Creek from Richmond Parkway to the West County Landfill entrance and down through the West County Waste Water facility to the existing EBRPD Wildcat Creek Trail staging area. A 60 ft. pedestrian bridge is included to provide a direct link to the West County Landfill Bay Trail. The project will have ten-foot wide paved surface with two-foot wide base rock shoulders. The project includes fences and gates with the planting of a native riparian buffer along San Pablo Creek.

We join other public and private agencies and organizations and individuals to urge you to support the application for funding of the development of the San Francisco Bay Trail through the West County Waste Water facility in Richmond. This effort represents an impressive collaboration between state, regional and local governments with wide community support.

Sincerely,

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Subject: RE: West County Wastewater District Bay Trail

The following motion was approved unanimously at this morning's Wildcat-San Pablo Creeks Watershed Council meeting:

The Wildcat-San Pablo Creeks Watershed Council recommends that East Bay Regional Park District complete the CEQA process and construction documents, and move forward with construction of the West County Wastewater District Bay Trail link between Wildcat Creek Trail and the West County Landfill Bay Trail.>

This motion will be placed in the summary of today's meeting and sent to the Watershed Council mailing list. If you need anything else, let me know. -Tim

Tim Jensen
Associate Civil Engineer
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December 15, 2005

Pat O'Brien
General Manager
East Bay Regional Park District
P.O. Box 5381
Oakland, CA 94601-0381

Re: Support for West County Waste Water Segment of San Francisco Bay Trail

Dear Mr. O' Brien:

As Mayor of the City of Richmond, I enthusiastically support the application of the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) under the Association of Bay Area Governments San Francisco Bay Trail Grant Program for the development of 1-mile of San Francisco Bay Trail through the West County Waste Water facility in the City of Richmond.

This project is significant to the City of Richmond, in our effort to protect and enhance our shoreline for future generations. The project will run along San Pablo Creek from Richmond Parkway to the West County Landfill entrance and down through the West County Waste Water facility to the existing EBRPD Wildcat Creek Trail staging area. A 60 ft. pedestrian bridge is included to provide a direct link to the West County Landfill Bay Trail. The project will have ten-foot wide paved surface with two-foot wide base rock shoulders. The project includes fences and gates with the planting of a native riparian buffer along San Pablo Creek.

We join other public and private agencies and organizations and individuals to urge you to support the application for funding of the development of the San Francisco Bay Trail through the West County Waste Water facility in Richmond. This effort represents an impressive collaboration between state, regional and local governments with wide community support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Irma L. Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Irma L. Anderson
Mayor, City of Richmond

North Richmond Municipal Advisory Council

December 14, 2005

Pat O'Brien
General Manager
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Oakland, CA 94601-0381

Re: Support for West County Waste Water Segment of San Francisco Bay Trail

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

North Richmond Municipal Advisory Council enthusiastically supports the application of the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) under the Association of Bay Area Governments San Francisco Bay Trail Grant Program for the development of 1-mile of San Francisco Bay Trail through the West County Waste Water facility in the City of Richmond.

The project will run along San Pablo Creek from Richmond Parkway to the West County Landfill entrance and down through the West County Waste Water facility to the existing EBRPD Wildcat Creek Trail staging area. A 60 ft. pedestrian bridge is included to provide a direct link to the West County Landfill Bay Trail. The project will have ten-foot wide paved surface with two-foot wide base rock shoulders. The project includes fences and gates with the planting of a native riparian buffer along San Pablo Creek.

We join other public and private agencies and organizations and individuals to urge you to support the application for funding of the development of the San Francisco Bay Trail through the West County Waste Water facility in Richmond. This effort represents an impressive collaboration between state, regional and local governments with wide community support.

Sincerely,

Lee Jones
President of North Richmond Municipal Advisory Council



December 8, 2005

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Mr. Pat O'Brien
General Manager
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Re: West County Wastewater District Segment of San Francisco Bay Trail

Dear Pat,

TRAC, the Trails for Richmond Action Committee, strongly supports East Bay Regional Park District's application to ABAG for a grant to develop the planned one-mile of Bay Trail via the Wildcat Creek Marsh edge of West County Wastewater District (WCWD) property.

This trail will provide a scenic connection between Wildcat and San Pablo Creeks and link the Wildcat Creek Regional Trail with the West County Landfill Phase I Bay Trail, which will open soon. EBRPD has successfully negotiated a license to build and operate this trail with WCWD, and Questa Engineering completed for EBRPD the Feasibility/Preliminary Engineering Study for the Wildcat Creek to San Pablo Creek Bay Trail in June, 2003.

It is time to move ahead with this important Bay Trail project.

Sincerely,

Bruce Beyaert, TRAC Chair

LETTER OF SUPPORT

December 13, 2005

Pat O'Brien
General Manager
East Bay Regional Park District
P.O. Box 5381
Oakland, CA 94601-0381

Re: Support for West County Waste Water Segment of San Francisco Bay Trail

Dear Mr. O' Brien:

As President of the Hayward Hiking Club I wish to add our enthusiastic support the application of the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) under the Association of Bay Area Governments San Francisco Bay Trail Grant Program for the development of 1-mile of San Francisco Bay Trail through the West County Waste Water facility in the City of Richmond.

The project will run along San Pablo Creek from Richmond Parkway to the West County Landfill entrance and down through the West County Waste Water facility to the existing EBRPD Wildcat Creek Trail staging area. A 60 ft. pedestrian bridge is included to provide a direct link to the West County Landfill Bay Trail. The project will have ten-foot wide paved surface with two-foot wide base rock shoulders. The project includes fences and gates with the planting of a native riparian buffer along San Pablo Creek.

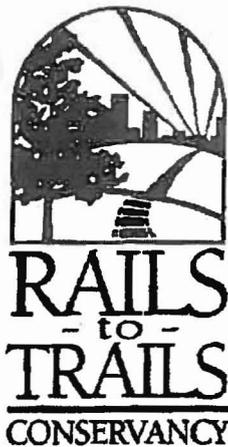
We join other public and private agencies and organizations and individuals to urge you to support the application for funding of the development of the San Francisco Bay Trail through the West County Waste Water facility in Richmond. This effort represents an impressive collaboration between state, regional and local governments with wide community support.

Sincerely,

Ali Shan
President
Hayward Hiking Club

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December 8, 2005

Pat O'Brien
General Manager
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Re: Support for West County Waste Water Segment of San Francisco Bay Trail

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy strongly supports the further development of the San Francisco Bay Trail through the West County Waste Water facility in the City of Richmond. This is a project of the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) applying to the Association of Bay Area Governments San Francisco Bay Trail Grant Program.

The mile-long portion of trail will run along San Pablo Creek from Richmond Parkway to the West County Landfill entrance, down through the West County Waste Water facility to the existing EBRPD Wildcat Creek Trail staging area. A direct link to the West County Landfill Bay Trail will be served by a 60-foot pedestrian bridge. The project will have ten-foot wide paved surface with two-foot wide base rock shoulders. The project includes fences and gates with the planting of a native riparian buffer along San Pablo Creek.

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) is a national 501(c)(3) non-profit organization of more than 100,000 members and supporters, working to create trail and greenway systems for recreation, transportation, public health and a cleaner environment. Our Western Regional Office, located in San Francisco, has worked with the Bay Trail program to help realize the vision of a trail system encircling the San Francisco Bay. We are delighted to join other public and private agencies, organizations and individuals in support of funding the development of the San Francisco Bay Trail in Richmond.

Sincerely,

Laura Cohen
Director, Western Region

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El Cerrito

Re: Support for West County Wastewater District Segment of the San Francisco Bay Trail

Hercules

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

Pinole

As you may know, the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC) is one of four regional transportation planning committees in Contra Costa County that were established after the transportation sales tax passed in 1988. WCCTAC's member agencies include the cities of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond, and San Pablo; Contra Costa County; and the transit agencies AC Transit, BART, and WestCAT. In the West County Action Plan from 2000, several of the goals address alternative modes of transportation, including bicycling and walking. One of the primary Action Plan Goals states: *Facilitate and encourage the use of mass transit and other alternative transportation choices such as ridesharing*; and one of the secondary goals states: *Emphasize pedestrian and bicycle design that includes appropriate scale, access, and safety*. These goals apply to the Bay Trail and funding the gaps in the trail in West County.

Richmond

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a letter of support for the Bay Trail section identified above through the East Bay Regional Park District's (EBRPD) grant under the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) San Francisco Bay Trail Grant Program. There are still several gaps in the Bay Trail in West Contra Costa County. Through this grant, one gap will be eliminated and provide a scenic connection between Wildcat Creek/San Pablo Creek and link the Wildcat Creek Trail with the West County Landfill Phase 1 Bay Trail which will open soon. In addition to the paved surface, the project includes fences and gates with the planting of a native riparian buffer along San Pablo Creek.

San Pablo

We look forward to assisting with the planning and implementation of this section of the Bay Trail and offer our enthusiastic support for the project.

AC Transit

Sincerely,

BART

Lisa Hammon, Managing Director

cc: WCCTAC Board

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WestCAT

