

Exhibit 4: Project Letters



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December 11, 2014

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
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Re: Support for Adoption of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Accessibility Plan

Dear Mr. Bosco:

Environmental Traveling Companions (ETC) has been providing outdoor adventure opportunities to people of all abilities and backgrounds since 1972. We believe that everyone, regardless of physical or financial limitations, should have the opportunity to experience the challenge and beauty of the wilderness, including the open waters of San Francisco Bay.

To this end, we offer guided day and overnight kayaking trips in San Francisco and Tomales Bays for persons with a variety of disabilities, whether visual, cognitive, or mobility related. We are also pleased to be a member of the Accessibility Sub-Committee to the Advisory Committee for the Water Trail implementation process, where we can share our experiences.

We recognize that existing landing and launching sites around the San Francisco Bay Area are often not fully accessible. If they were more accessible facilities, more people with disabilities – including some of our guides and participants – would be able to make their own itineraries and go boating with friends, gaining an increased sense of independence and capability. The Water Trail Accessibility Plan provides an overview of the facilities and features at existing and potential Water Trail sites. This alone is helpful to boaters with disabilities. The resources and guidance on improvements that need to be made and can be made around the region are a very practical step toward making the entire program more accessible, and will be very helpful to owners and managers.

We fully support the Conservancy's efforts to make non-motorized small boat access to the Bay more accessible to all people. Increased access is at the core of our mission and we see, first-hand, the thrill and value of each and every personal adventure experienced out on the Bay.

Sincerely,

Oren Frey
Sea Kayak Program Manager
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December 18, 2014

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chair
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SUBJECT: Support for Adoption of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Accessibility Plan

Dear Mr. Bosco:

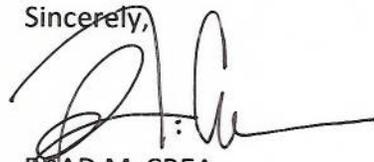
The San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail (Water Trail) has been a high priority project for the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) since 2005. In that year, the "Water Trail Act" was signed into law and the Water Trail was integrated into the McAteer-Petris Act. BCDC staff subsequently worked with others to develop the Water Trail Plan, the primary guidance document for implementation of the Water Trail.

The San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Accessibility Plan (Accessibility Plan) is exactly what is needed now, and we appreciate the efforts of Conservancy staff to lead its development. While it is clear that many of the existing landing and launching sites around the Bay need facility upgrades, what is less understood by many is how to specifically improve the accessibility of these sites for persons with disabilities who wish to launch or land non-motorized small boats in not obvious. The Accessibility Plan is a resource for site owners and managers and a document that provides guidance for the Water Trail site designation process.

As a member of the four-agency Project Management Team for the Water Trail site designation process, BCDC staff has seen first-hand the hesitancy of site owners to undertake accessibility upgrades for fear that they will either fall short of legal requirements or not actually help persons with disabilities. At the same time, we are keenly aware of the need for designating Water Trail sites that currently have impediments to water access. The Accessibility Plan addresses these concerns, with information resources, examples of what others have done, recommendations for potential Water Trail sites within 14 geo-regions of the Bay, and a process for encouraging improvements where they are feasible and most needed, and as funding allows.

BCDC staff strongly encourages your adoption of the Accessibility Plan.

Sincerely,



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December 23, 2014

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
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RE: Adoption of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Accessibility Plan

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The East Bay Regional Park District owns or manages two conditionally designated and 11 potential Water Trail sites along the shoreline of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. We have actively participated in the planning of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail since 2005 and have been on the Advisory Committee to the Project Management Team of the Water Trail since the fall of 2011.

The spirit, intent, and recommendations summarized in the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Accessibility Plan are consistent with our interest in making our park properties as accessible as possible to persons with disabilities. We are proud to own and manage the first conditionally designated Water Trail site, Tidewater Boating Center – often held as a model of accessibility. We are also pleased to have received a Water Trail grant that filled a gap in the funding we needed to begin installation of an accessible, concrete beach access route across the beach at Ferry Point in Richmond.

We appreciate and find value in the resources and recommendations provided by the Accessibility Plan, which is written specifically for our Bay Area region and its existing and planned launching and landing sites. It sets a positive tone and provides practical guidance for the achievement of programmatic accessibility while also providing site-specific enhancement ideas.

Thank you for your consideration of this unique and much-needed Water Trail Accessibility Plan.

Sincerely,

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