



## San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Grant Program

### Introduction

The San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail (Water Trail) is a growing network of launching and landing sites that allow people in non-motorized small boats (NMSBs) to safely enjoy the natural, historic, cultural, and scenic richness of San Francisco Bay through single and multiple-day trips on the Bay. This regional trail has the potential to enhance Bay Area communities' connections to the Bay and create new linkages to existing shoreline open spaces and other regional trails.

The Water Trail was created by the California legislature with the passage of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Act (AB 1296, Hancock) in 2005 based upon the vision of the non-profit Bay Access, Inc. The San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), in coordination with other agencies and organizations, prepared the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Plan in 2007. The California State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) and adopted the Enhanced Water Trail Plan in 2011.

The Water Trail Act designated the Coastal Conservancy as the lead for implementation of the Water Trail. The governance structure for the Water Trail Plan is a collaborative partnership between the Conservancy, Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), BCDC, and California Department of Boating and Waterways (Cal Boating). These four organizations make up the Project Management Team (PMT) and have decision-making authority. The Advisory Committee (AC) represents different stakeholder interests and provides guidance and expertise to the PMT on trail designation and other implementation issues.

### Objective and Goals of the Grant Program

The Water Trail grant program is designed to support recreational access to San Francisco Bay by awarding grants to help improve facilities at existing boat launch sites, help develop new launch sites as appropriate, improve access for persons with disabilities, and improve or develop overnight accommodations for NMSB users.

### Important Dates

Initial review deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Applications will be accepted continuously and reviewed after the initial deadline if funding remains or additional funding is made available.

## **Proposal Submittal**

Submit five (5) hard copies of grant application form and attachments (including photos and maps), and one (1) CD of the same materials to:

San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail  
C/O Association of Bay Area Governments  
Attn: Galli Basson, Water Trail Planner  
P.O. Box 2050  
Oakland, California 94604

For questions about the grant program please contact Galli Basson, Water Trail Planner, at Association of Bay Area Governments at [Gallib@abag.ca.gov](mailto:Gallib@abag.ca.gov) or (510) 464-7936.

For questions about the Water Trail program please contact either Galli Basson, or Ann Buell, Project Manager, State Coastal Conservancy at [Abuell@scc.ca.gov](mailto:Abuell@scc.ca.gov) or (510) 286-0752.

## **Proposal Review**

Applicants may be contacted with follow-up questions and/or to schedule a site visit with Water Trail staff. Decisions will be made by ABAG staff with the Project Management Team as part of a public Water Trail meeting.

## **Grant Amount**

There is approximately \$500,000 available for funding during this grant cycle. There are no established minimum or maximum grant amounts. The size of the award will be based on project needs, benefits, and competing demands for existing funding.

## **Project Completion**

Projects must be completed and all invoices submitted in correct format with any needed supporting documents by March 15, 2016.

## **Eligible Sites**

Sites that are, or are proposed to become, a part of the Water Trail network are eligible to apply for grant funds. Sites become a part of the Water Trail network through a designation process. Sites must be designated or conditionally designated (designated with conditions agreed upon by both the site owner/manager and the Water Trail Project Management Team) in order to receive funds. Applicants who are interested in their site joining the Water Trail may also apply for grant funds, but must be designated or conditionally designated prior to a grant award decision. Site designation does not equal a grant award – these are two separate processes. The basic eligibility criteria to become a Water Trail site are:

- Water Trail-related facilities must be open to the public
- No major management or health issue such as poor water quality or wildlife disturbances

- Installation of a Water Trail sign (includes Water Trail logo and website address) identifying site as part of the Water Trail
- Include Water Trail educational messaging on sign at site (either owner's sign or Water Trail sign)

There may be other conditions based on the location of the site. All sites become designated through a public process with input from Advisory Committee members. For more detailed information about site designation please see Exhibit A.

### **Eligible Applicants**

- Government agencies (federal, state, local, and special districts)
- Nonprofit organizations existing under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and having purposes that are consistent with the Conservancy's enabling legislation (Public Resources Code, Division 21, commencing at Section 31000)

### **Eligible Activities**

Projects shall be consistent with the Enhanced Water Trail Plan goals and strategies (see Exhibit B). The following is a general list of project types that may be funded and is intended to provide general guidance:

- Creation of new launch facilities or improvements/repairs to existing launch facilities
- Creation of new parking and/or restrooms or improvements/repairs to existing parking and restrooms
- Improved access and usability for persons with disabilities
- Creation of on-site boat storage (short term or long term storage)
- Creation of other boater amenities such as showers, boat wash, drinking fountain
- Creation of new camping facilities or improvements to existing camping facilities for boaters
- Creation of boater access to historic ships

CEQA and permitting costs are not eligible. Planning activities are not eligible for funding at this time, but may be eligible during future funding cycles. However, Water Trail staff are available to assist and provide technical assistance for project development.

### **REQUIRED CRITERIA:**

- Designated, conditionally designated, or under active consideration for designation Water Trail site
- Consistent with the strategies of the Enhanced Water Trail Plan goals and strategies (see Exhibit B)
- Consistent with local policies, plans, and priorities
- Funded improvements meet state and federal disability laws
- Community support

- Consideration of sea level rise and climate change vulnerability
- Project readiness
- CEQA complete or nearly complete

#### ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

- Matching funds and/or in-kind services
- Project meets local and regional boating needs
- Serves disadvantaged community
- Minimization of greenhouse gas emissions
- Sustainable design or materials

#### Exhibits

- A. Program Description Summary (explains Water Trail Designation)
- B. Enhanced San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Plan Goals and Strategies (the entire Water Trail Plan can be downloaded from [http://scc.ca.gov/webmaster/project\\_sites/watertrail/enhanced-water-trail-plan-final.pdf](http://scc.ca.gov/webmaster/project_sites/watertrail/enhanced-water-trail-plan-final.pdf))
- C. [Sea Level Rise Task Force Interim Guidance Document](#)
- D. [Climate Change Guidance](#)



## Exhibit A

### San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail

#### Program Description Summary for Potential Site Owners and Managers January 2013

#### Program Description

The San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail (Water Trail) is a voluntary, planned network of access sites, or “trailheads,” that will make it easier for people using non-motorized small boats (NMSBs) or boards (such as kayaks, sailboards, dragon boats, and stand up paddleboards) to safely enjoy the historic, scenic, cultural, and environmental richness of San Francisco Bay through single and multiple-day trips.

This regional, nine-county program is being implemented under the leadership of the Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) in close collaboration with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), and the Department of Boating and Waterways (Cal Boating), (together comprising the Project Management Team), plus an advisory committee representing a broad range of interests and expertise. It is a voluntary program created by legislation (2005, Hancock, AB 1296), and based upon the vision of the non-profit Bay Access, Inc. and a plan developed by BCDC<sup>1</sup>.

The process of site designation has just begun, with more than 100 potential trailheads being considered for inclusion into the network. Designed to benefit trail users, site owners, and the Bay environment alike, the Water Trail program will provide a website, maps, and brochures with information about facilities at designated trailheads, safe and environmentally sound boating practices, and Bay wildlife and habitat. There is also a limited amount of grant funding for improvements to designated trailheads.

#### Program Purpose

The competing pressures of increased NMSB use and increased development in the Bay Area point to the benefits that a planned and coordinated approach to NMSB access and use around the Bay could provide. Natural deterioration and a lack of funding to pay for repairs could lead to the loss of existing NMSB access locations over time. Without an overarching program, such as the Water Trail, to help find funding to replace or improve deteriorating sites, additional access sites may be lost.

The WT is expected to provide the following benefits or address the following needs:

- Create a coordinated set of NMSB access locations allowing for single point, multiple point, and multi-day excursions
- Improve existing boat launch facilities and develop more overnight facilities, including camping, along the shoreline for NMSB users
- Promote placement of enhanced facilities and any new access locations in areas where they would provide the greatest recreational benefit and avoid or minimize significant adverse impacts to wildlife and habitat and/or agricultural operations
- Plan for increased NMSB use associated with regional population growth and changes in population demographics
- Promote safe boating practices for non-motorized small boat users
- Reduce impacts to sensitive wildlife and habitat and other resources through education of boaters
- Distribute and make available high quality information regarding



<sup>1</sup> The Enhanced Water Trail Plan was adopted by the Conservancy in March 2011 and may be reviewed at [www.scc.ca.gov](http://www.scc.ca.gov) on the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail page. It is one of the principal guiding documents for the program and includes a preliminary list of sites to be considered for designation. Other sites will be considered as well, and not all sites in this plan will necessarily be designated. All sites must be open to the public, but may be privately owned.

NMSB access facilities through the development of educational and outreach materials, including a website, maps, brochures, and, in the future, a guidebook

- Foster stewardship of the Bay and of trailhead facilities
- Increase opportunities to recreate close to home and use public transportation rather than private vehicles (through the addition of boat storage facilities, for example)
- Streamline planning and implementation of high priority site enhancements through the programmatic Water Trail Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) developed under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- Expand the connections with other regional trail systems (Bay Trail, Ridge Trail) to include the waters of the Bay
- Reduce user conflicts among recreational users of launch sites through planning and facility design
- Develop design guidelines for NMSB facilities that address the shoreline topography of San Francisco Bay and serve NMSB users with physical disabilities
- Provide funding, publicity, and, indirectly, possible economic growth to site owners/managers through a variety of business opportunities related to water-oriented recreation (e.g., boat storage, rental concessions, nearby restaurants and hotels)



### **Inclusion in the Water Trail: How to Join and What it Means to be Designated**

**Joining.** Generally speaking, joining the Water Trail begins with interest from the site owner/manager. Water Trail staff then work with the owner/manager to create a Site Description to capture the conditions of the site. This information is taken to the Project Management Team (PMT) and

broad-based Advisory Committee (AC) at a public meeting where the PMT will make a decision about conditional designation. Once the conditions for designation have been met by the owner/manager, designation is complete and the site is included in the Water Trail website. The following points provide more detail on this process:

- Conditional designation begins with a Site Description that includes location, site facilities (including consistency with ADA), type of launch or landing provided, types of boats that usually use the site, a review of trailhead and nearby habitat and wildlife use under the existing Water Trail FEIR, current maintenance, and any needed improvements.
- All sites will have the condition to install a Water Trail sign (including logo and Water Trail website address) identifying the site as being part of the Water Trail.
- There may be other types of conditions as well, depending on the site. For example, if Water Trail staff, the PMT, or AC find that designation of the site may result in significant environmental effects under CEQA, appropriate mitigation measures from the Water Trail FEIR (or other CEQA documents for the site in question) will be identified before the site is conditionally designated.
- Once the sign has been installed, and other conditions have been met, designation is complete and the site is included in the Water Trail network.

**Designation.** The Water Trail program has conditionally designated three sites so far, at the November 30, 2011 March 6, 2012, and June 5, 2012 public implementation meetings. The following points regarding designation should help clarify what designation entails in the short and long-term.

- Most work related to site designation is carried out by Water Trail staff in order not to burden site owners or managers. Site owners will have the opportunity to review all information regarding the site prior to review by the PMT, AC, and before site information is posted on the website or included in other Water Trail media.

- The Water Trail map and the Water Trail website will show the designation status of the site. A general Water Trail brochure is being developed and copies will be given to the site owner/manager.
- The Water Trail sign may need to include other information, depending on the location of the site in relation to sensitive wildlife/habitat, boating hazards, or other circumstances particular to an individual site. Water Trail staff is still developing the parameters of the sign program, and will work with site owners/managers on sign development and placement. The program has funding to offset the cost of sign production. Site owners will need to work with BCDC to get or amend a permit for the sign. Water Trail staff will assist site owners to obtain permit and to offset permit costs.
- The site will become eligible for potential public funding grants from the program for Water Trail-related site improvements. The grant agreement will require that those improvements be maintained for a minimum of 20 years and remain available to the public, even if a site becomes “undesigned.”
- If there are substantial changes to the site over time, Water Trail staff would like to be informed. To be sure that Water Trail staff are aware of any significant changes that may, for example, alter the availability of the site to the public, Water Trail staff will assess the site for any changes on an annual basis.
- A site owner may choose to leave the program at any time after designation, and the Water Trail program may “undesignate” a site if problems arise and cannot be resolved.
- The Water Trail program, when viewed in its entirety, must be accessible to persons with disabilities in compliance with federal, state, and local requirements. Not every site will be or can be fully accessible. A programmatic Water Trail Accessibility Plan is currently being developed; please refer to that plan for details when it is complete. Water Trail staff will discuss site conditions and this plan with site owners/managers at the time of completing a Site Description.

## 2013 Meetings

All Water Trail Implementation Meetings are open to the public. Agendas are posted at [www.scc.ca.gov](http://www.scc.ca.gov) at least 10 days in advance of each meeting. In 2013, meetings are expected to be at the Coastal Conservancy offices in Oakland, at 1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> floor conference room, on the following dates: March 22, June 28, September 27, and December 13.

### Website Address

[www.sfbaywatertrail.org](http://www.sfbaywatertrail.org)

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# San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail

A network of access sites for non-motorized small boats around San Francisco Bay



The San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Program (Water Trail) will support a planned network of access sites that allow people in non-motorized small boats to safely enjoy San Francisco Bay through single and multiple-day trips. Implementation of the Water Trail is guided by the Enhanced San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Plan. Most of the 112 sites identified in the Water Trail Plan already exist and site designation is voluntary. Both site owners and trail users will benefit through outreach materials that will focus on the facilities and opportunities offered by designated sites, personal and navigational boating safety, and appreciation of Bay resources.

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### Potential Water Trail Sites

(Sites identified in the Enhanced San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Plan and/or identified by Water Trail staff)

- Existing Launch
- Existing Destination
- Planned Launch
- Planned Destination

### Water Trail Sites

(Site designation is currently conditional while outreach materials are produced)

- Launch
- Destination

### Roads & Trails

- Existing Bay Trail
- - - Proposed Bay Trail
- Bridges
- Highways

### Land Use

- County Boundary
- Protected Lands
- Urban Areas



## **Exhibit B – Strategies from the Enhanced Water Trail Plan**

The strategies listed below are found in the Enhanced San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Plan (Water Trail Plan). The full Water Trail Plan can be found at [http://scc.ca.gov/webmaster/project\\_sites/watertrail/enhanced-water-trail-plan-final.pdf](http://scc.ca.gov/webmaster/project_sites/watertrail/enhanced-water-trail-plan-final.pdf). Not all strategies are applicable to all trail heads. Additionally, not all of the strategies are projects that can be funded through the Water Trail grant program. The strategies are provided as a reference for grant applicants to explain how their proposed project incorporates Water Trail Plan strategies.

### **1. Trail Head Location**

Seek opportunities to increase use capacity at existing launches, or create new access for human-powered boats and beachable sail craft. Prioritize these efforts at sites that are close to desirable non-motorized small boating conditions and trip destinations, and in areas where trail-related adverse impacts to wildlife and habitat or navigational safety are unlikely. In all cases, new and expanded access should be sited to avoid or minimize significant adverse impacts to wildlife and habitat.

### **2. Linking Access Points**

Seek opportunities to link trail heads to each other and with access to other regional trails (e.g. the Bay Trail) and create linkages that serve different trail users' needs and interests (e.g. different skill levels, viewing nature, learning about cultural or historic features of the Bay Area, etc.).

### **3. Improvements Consistent With Site Characteristics**

Match the type and design of trail-related improvements to the site conditions (e.g. shoreline morphology, habitats, predominant wind and wave conditions, other uses of the site, etc.) and likely trail user groups.

Ensure that the level of use that a site accommodates is consistent with providing a high-quality recreational experience, protecting environmental resources at the site and in surrounding areas, and preserving the safety of water users.

### **4. Consistency With Policies, Plans and Priorities**

Coordinate plans for trail head development, management and use to be consistent with existing policies, plans and priorities of land and resources managers at and around trail heads.

Coordinate trail signage and access design guidelines, and education programs to be consistent with existing policies, plans, standards and programs.

### **5. Design Guidelines**

Develop and update, as needed, design guidelines for trail-oriented access improvements.

### **6. Management Resources**

Match the facility improvements and use to the management resources (including staff and funding) available for long-term maintenance of facilities and signage, and provision of other site-specific management needs such as, enforcement, monitoring, and education and outreach programs.

### **7. Maintenance and Operations**

Develop a plan for trail head facility maintenance and operation, and identify who will be responsible.

### **8. Parking**

Provide parking or drop-off zones as close as possible to launch points (e.g. ramp), and extend parking time limits to a minimum of four hours. Provide overnight parking where possible. When appropriate, restrict vehicle parking to limit the number of users to a level that is appropriate for the site consistent with Strategy 6. Locate parking to protect shoreline visual character. When site enhancements are being considered or actively planned, analyze need for changes to parking capacity as well.

### **9. Restrooms**

Provide restroom facilities where feasible and appropriate.

### **10. Accessibility**

Develop and improve launch facilities to be universally accessible.

### **11. On-Site Equipment Storage**

Where feasible and appropriate, provide storage areas and facilities for human-powered boating and beachable sail craft equipment (e.g. boat house, modified shipping container, fenced areas, or inside tie dockside storage at marinas).

### **12. Non-Profit Boating Clubs and On-Site Equipment Concessions**

Promote and encourage publicly-accessible non-profit boating clubs and/or on-site equipment concessions at appropriate trail heads. Boating clubs and concessionaires should provide outreach information and education to clients on site-specific safety and security, and wildlife and habitat issues. They should manage activities in a manner that is compatible with other site uses.

### **13. Overnight Accommodations**

Develop new campsites at or near trail heads where consistent with land managers' plans and resources. Coordinate with land managers, organizations and businesses to provide overnight accommodations on the trail in motels, hostels, historic ships, etc.

### **14. Site Review**

Conduct, coordinate or sponsor periodic reviews of trail heads to identify site-specific issues such as user conflicts, overuse of facilities or non-compliance with rules. Use information from these reviews to improve site management or facilities. Provide a web-based comment form for

users to document observations and conflicts. Include this website address in education and outreach materials when applicable.

#### **15. Habitat Restoration and Access**

Seek opportunities to coordinate trail head development, with habitat restoration, enhancement or creation.

#### **16. Monitoring Impacts**

Sponsor pilot projects to monitor trail impacts in different habitats to develop and test effective and consistent monitoring methods and learn about impacts and ways to avoid them. Monitor wildlife and habitat conditions prior to, during and after inclusion of the site as part of the trail.

#### **17. Outreach, Educational and Interpretive Signage**

Provide signage and other media at and near trail heads that are both consistent with other trail outreach and education materials, and specific to the sites in terms of their user groups, natural, cultural and historic resources, safety issues and rules. For example, a trail head could have a kiosk with multilingual, site specific tide/current information, and interpretive panels and brochures on wildlife and habitat in the area. Signage content should include information about sensitive bird species and appropriate measures and buffer distances to avoid or minimize disturbance, including to brown pelicans, nesting wading birds, western snowy plovers, burrowing owls, California clapper rails, and California black rails.

#### **18. Outreach and Coordination**

Coordinate with and conduct outreach to paddleboat and boardsailing teachers and guides, outfitters, other businesses and agencies and organizations involved in the trail to make them aware of boating practices that are consistent with the water trail ethic and other trail policies. Provide training materials to be used with these groups, to inform them about sensitive bird species and appropriate measures and buffer distances to avoid or minimize disturbance, including to brown pelicans, nesting wading birds, western snowy plovers, burrowing owls, California clapper rails, and California black rails.

#### **19. Educational Media Guidebook**

Provide a comprehensive and up-to-date guide for using the water trail.

#### **Trail Website**

Provide a comprehensive and up-to-date website for the water trail. Post (or link to) current information on trail-related wildlife, habitat and water quality, boating safety and security conditions.

#### **Other Trail Media**

Provide brochures, maps, and other educational media. Training materials to be created and used to train staff at NMSB rental companies and other outfitters, as well as docents, park staff, and others should include information about sensitive bird species and appropriate measures and buffer distances to avoid or minimize disturbance, including to brown pelicans, nesting

wading birds, western snowy plovers, burrowing owls, California clapper rails, and California black rails.

## **20. Guided Trips**

Provide guided trips or tours led by docents or rangers.

## **21. Boater-to-Boater Education**

Coordinate with agencies and boating organizations to facilitate and enhance existing boater-to-boater outreach and education efforts, and incorporate trail-supported information and messages. Train volunteers and water trail staff as trail stewards to conduct boater-to-boater education and outreach at and near trail heads, especially during high-use times of year. Training materials should include information about sensitive bird species and appropriate measures and buffer distances to avoid or minimize disturbance, including to brown pelicans, nesting wading birds, western snowy plovers, burrowing owls, California clapper rails, and California black rails.

## **22. Trail Head Stewards**

Recruit and coordinate volunteers to be trail head stewards who help maintain trail heads by doing or organizing site clean-ups, and helping managers do site check-ins (Strategy 14).

## **23. Training for Enforcement**

Where feasible and appropriate, provide training to local law enforcement on wildlife and environmental regulations (e.g. Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Act) in order to identify or prevent violations of these regulations at trail heads.

## **24. Limitations on Trail Head Use**

### ***Limits on the Number of Users***

Establish limits on the number of trail users at a site to prevent identified problems such as significant impacts to wildlife and habitat, or damage to facilities. Use parking restrictions (e.g. limited number of parking spaces and/or time limits) as a means of limiting number of users at a site.

### ***Restrictions to Boating Activities***

Limit activities at a trail head or on the water to specific types of trail uses or establish site-specific rules for visitors using non-motorized small boats (e.g. a boating corridor) to prevent identified problems such as potentially significant impacts to wildlife and habitat, or damage to facilities.

### ***Closing Access***

To protect sensitive wildlife or habitat resources at trail heads or locations accessible from trail heads, establish periodic closures based on time of day, season or tidal regime.

## **25. Comprehensive Education Program**

Create an overall educational framework to support the various educational elements of the WT Program (signage, media, boater-to-boater education, stewardship, etc.).

**26. Navigational Safety**

Develop and implement comprehensive safety education guidelines, including minimum content standards for safety education, provide safety-oriented signage, and encourage improved dissemination of information on safety-related incidents.

**27. Boat Washing Facilities**

Provide boat washing facilities where feasible.

**28. GHG Best Management Practices for Construction, Trailhead Operation, and Water Trail Program**

Implement best management practices to minimize GHG emissions associated with construction of new trailhead facilities, operation of existing facilities, and implementation of the Water Trail program.

# GRANT APPLICATION FORM

## Part A. - Summary

### Applicant Information

Lead Organization Name:

Address:

Contact Name/Title:

Phone Number:

Fax Number:

Email:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Project Information

Project Title:

Project Location:

City:

County:

Latitude:

Longitude:

State Senate District:

State Assembly District:

Congressional District:

Proposed Start Date:

Proposed Completion Date:

Grant Request:

Total Project Cost:

## Part B. - Project Description

**Project Description:** Provide a clear, detailed description of the project purpose, including the project's goals, objectives, and recreational benefits to the public, including a listing of non-motorized small boat usage that would most clearly benefit from the project.

## Part C. - Additional Questions

1. **Project History:** Provide a history of the project, and any background information not provided in the one page project description.

2. **Consistency with Plans:** Describe how the project is supported by, consistent with, or in conflict with any applicable local or regional plans. Identify the pertinent plan(s) and the date adopted by the applicable local/regional entity.

3. **Support:** What public agencies, non-profit organizations, elected officials, and other entities and individuals support the project and why?

4. **Significance:** Describe the recreational significance of this project. Who will benefit from the project? Does your project serve a disadvantaged community? Is there potential for high use and tourism? Are there economic benefits to the surrounding community?

5. **Compliance with CEQA:** Indicate steps that you or anyone else has taken so far under CEQA, and your views as to which type of document would be required for the project, if any. Projects that are not covered by the Water Trail FEIR will need authorization by the State Coastal Conservancy, which will make findings on the project's CEQA documentation.

6. **Sea Level Rise Vulnerability:** Identify vulnerabilities of the site in relation to flooding, erosion, and sea level rise/storm surges. For reference, see the State of California’s [Sea Level Rise Task Force Interim Guidance Document](#) (Exhibit C). Describe any adaptive management approaches you have considered for addressing sea level rise. What is the expected lifespan or duration of the project?

7. **Greenhouse Gas Emissions/Climate Change:** If your project will result in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, how does it comply with the revised CEQA guidelines (effective March 18, 2010) pertaining to GHG? If the project will result in production of GHG emissions (including construction impacts and vehicle miles traveled as part of the public access component), and you have calculated the project's estimated contribution to GHG emissions, please provide this information. What measures does your project include to reduce, minimize or avoid GHG emissions through project design, implementation construction, or maintenance? For more information refer to [Climate Change Guidance](#) (Exhibit D).

8. **Sustainability:** Describe other aspects of the project (through design, materials, or construction) that are sustainable.

9. **Status of permits:** List the permits that will be needed, which have been applied for, and the status of the permits.

10. **Wildlife and Habitat:** Explain how the proposed improvements to the site and/or recreational use at the site avoids or minimizes significant adverse impacts to wildlife and habitat. Describe the sensitive habitat/species located near the site. Describe management steps (such as seasonal closures) and/or educational outreach materials (such as signage or brochures) that address protection of wildlife and habitat.

11. **Access for persons with disabilities.** Describe the accessibility of the site to persons with disabilities. Consider the parking (or other point of arrival), path of travel, launch-related amenities (restrooms, etc.) and launch facilities. Explain how the proposed project will improve access for persons with disabilities.

## **Part D. - Attachments**

**Project location map(s) and photo(s).** Attach one or more clear photos of the project site and one or more maps that show the project location at regional and site scales. Assist the reviewers of your application by including photos that show, for example, site deficiencies needing improvement, what the proposed improvements or enhancements would look like, and anything else that will help illustrate your request to reviewers who will not be as familiar with your site, your proposed ideas, or even your program as you are. These should be submitted as part of the application submitted to ABAG (both in hard copy and on the CD). Please note that any maps or photos submitted are subject to the unqualified and unconditional right of ABAG and the Conservancy to use, reproduce, publish, or display, free of charge. Please indicate if crediting is requested for the photos and/or maps.

## Part E. – Matching Funds

List all matching funds, including in-kind services or contributions, for the proposed project. In-kind services or contributions include volunteer time and materials and bargain sales. Clearly distinguish between in-kind service and cash contributions.

<b>\$ Amount</b>	<b>Source of funds (for example, your city, or another grant)</b>	<b>Matching Funds or In-kind</b>	<b>Commitment Date (estimate if still pending)</b>

<b>Total Project Cost</b>	
<b>Total Matching Funds (should match amount listed above)</b>	
<b>Funding Amount Requested from Water Trail Program</b>	



**Part G. - Schedule**

**Project schedule.** List significant and pertinent project milestones (such as California Environmental Quality Act compliance, obtaining permits, construction commencement, and project completion), expected dates for reaching those steps, and factors that could influence the timely implementation of the project.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	<b>Factors That Could Influence Timely Implementation</b>