



## **San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Implementation Meeting #38**

### **Summary Notes**

**September 10, 2021**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**VIRTUAL MEETING**

#### **Outcomes of Meeting:**

- Attendees informed of Water Trail-related activities, progress, and accomplishments.
- Attendees discuss Water Trail implementation priorities
- Attendees informed of water access planning for the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project
- Attendees informed of Great Delta Trail Master Plan and water trail opportunities

#### **Updates and Announcements from Water Trail Staff, Project Management Team, and Advisory Committee Members**

##### **PLANNING + PARTNERSHIPS**

- Aquatic Park Vision Study (NPS and GGNRA) – SLR and public access improvements – public engagement starting mid-January
- China Camp State Park – putting in mobi-mat
- Highway 37 Public Access Planning – considering holistic access throughout the area – Solano Transportation Authority looking at Vallejo and a few other access points.
- Hudeman Slough Boat Launch improvements construction '22 – kayak in campground plans on hold
- Suisun Marsh Protection Plan – BCDC led project – initiating community outreach will be an update at future Water Trail Meeting
- SCC removing piles at Terminal 4 (Point Molate/Point San Pablo) – foresee this area becoming an area more amenable to future paddling
- Point San Pablo Yacht Harbor working with BCDC including an accessible kayak launch

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- Berkeley Marina specific plan – almost 1,000 responses – emphasized non-motorized boating a critical use – focusing on HS Lordships launch for further windsurfing development
- Point Emery Shoreline Protection project approved by BCDC – removal of debris and board sailing safety sign
- Middle Harbor Shoreline Park – modernizing the park looking at updates including whether kayak and SUP access are appropriate here – mudflats at low tide – BASK recently met with Port of Oakland staff Port View Park with a gangway and a float dock will be an ideal new Water Trail site
- Doolittle Boat Launch Replacement Project – on track for construction in '22
- Dumbarton Quarry Campground – EBRPD – win as a near-bay campground and maybe future capacity to link to water trail
- Brisbane Sierra Point master Plan – important as there is no public access in the existing Marina – reviewing SE point of the marina for potential wind surf and kayak access – Water Trail staff have talked with City of Brisbane
- Burlingame Shoreline Park – BCDC Design Review board, CEQA ready for submittal, expect approvals + permits Summer 2023, Phased Construction '23-26, Kite and windsurfing launch ramp, floating access for kayaks – just closed first measure AA grant round – raised \$1.5M in public funds with Sphere Institute matching the same amount, submitted long term lease application, construction design process awaiting City of Burlingame Planning department review – hoping to link in FB Oculus division (adjacent property).
- Crane Cove Park – Port of SF moving forward for RFP for aquatic center building and adjacent – update to Port commission coming up September 18
- Pier 30-32 Planning – potential destination site on the Water Trail – considering accommodation for access and for folks pulling in from adjacent sites. – Considering public pool approach – discussing aquatic center / swimming center to provide swim lessons

## FACILITIES AND GRANTS

- Point Pinole Kayak access moving right along – shower at kayak-in campground
- LEJ Kayak Program Equipment Grants
- City of Petaluma – have purchased a fleet of kayaks, SUPs, pedal-kayaks, City of Petaluma doc replacement delayed, finding alternatives for transition ramp, power, and water to the Petaluma Small Craft Center – hoping to open in winter or early spring

- Sausalito Community Boating Center open house
- Continuing to look for SDAC appropriate grant programs

#### EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

- Washington Post Kayak how to multi-day travel
- CA Coastal Cleanup Sept 18 events around the Bay Area
- Bay Day / Month (October) – Lee is point person for Bay Trail for Bay Day Programming
- Day on the Bay in Alviso – October 16 10am-3pm Alviso Marina Park – free kayaks
- India Basin Oct 23 Day on the Bay – SF Parks and Rec
- Carquinez Straight Scenic Loop Trail Brochure recently published
- National Water Trail Designation Process – requires resolution of support identifying National Water Trail – <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationaltrailssystem/national-water-trails-system.htm>
- Updating Shorelines and Waterways Maps – Sustainability theme will feature both Water and Bay Trail
- Water Trail article in Bay Nature
- Environmental Traveling Companions – [Kayak with Michael Ellis video](#) is linked on the Water Trail's website.

#### SAFETY UPDATES

USCG Responses – 1 June 2021 – 1 Sept 2021

- 43 NMSB incidences
- 28 kiteboard responses
- 5 kayakers in distress
- 4 windsurfers
- 3 paddleboard
- 3 kayak adrift responses (2 had contact info!)

Reminder to encourage others to always label gear with name and #

- Paddle Smart Identification Stickers
- Waterproof marker
- Encourage adding emergency contact information along with owner's name and number

## 2021/22 Water Trail Implementation Priorities

- Starting new block grant (SDAC) focus – how we can best engage PMT and AC in next phase of Water Trail – looking at network and connections between sites
- Low hanging fruit designations have mostly been achieved
- **Outreach and Edu**
  - building out multi-site trip itineraries - engage with BASK, Western Sea Kayakers, etc to think through routes and safety issues
  - update maps
  - signage updates – will include links to website and safety information
  - website maintenance
  - image library updates
- **Site Designation Priorities – continue to be part of planning processes around the bay to encourage public access to the water.**
  - Equity in non-motorized small boating
  - Larger multi-day trips – robust study to explore need for overnight sights around the bay include list of overnight hotels – link to storage and security (for kayakers and bikers) – link to low cost overnight accommodations but a bay-focused study - Penny volunteering to help with that one
  - San Pablo Baylands
  - Suisun Marsh
  - SLR – considering public access infrastructure how the Water Trail will adapted as sea levels rise, considering real-time water trail education opportunities
  - Overnight Opportunities
  - **Site Designations COPY SLIDES**
  - **Brickyard Cove – Carquinez Straight – near Eckly Pier and Martinez Marina**
- **Mitigation Monitoring**
  - Update data layers
  - Utilize Bay Area Green Print
  - Integrate into signage updates
- Process changes / changes t

**Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project Water Access Planning** – Drew Goetting and Anneke Swinehart – Restoration Design Group – providing contact information

- Lower Walnut Creek / Pacheco Marsh public access
- Wetland restoration project at the mouth of Walnut Creek (Contra Costa County Flood Control District)
- Public access to be managed by John Muir Land trust – public access as eyes on the project to reduce motocross impacts historically in the site
- Considering a loop launch – considering a floating dock in the channels, the channels might be inaccessible in low tide, also considering an additional designation site at the mouth of the creek.
- AC suggestions
  - Have kayak dollies as part of the environmental center
  - Other site rec?
  - Recommending looking at Bay Point Regional shoreline (EBRPD)
  - Final node as a stop off point is a critical resource / safety opportunity on the Water trail with basic facilities – some benches or a picnic table – as a destination spot – bathroom? (ADA portapotty?)
  - ADA access – or an ability to get special permission to drive in to end of the road?
  - Really looking at and trying to maximize ADA access grade challenges to get into the channels

**Great Delta Trail Master Plan and Water Access Update** – Sofia Zander Zander Design and Trail People – share contact info – happy to share draft – [sofia@sofiazander.com](mailto:sofia@sofiazander.com)

- Overview – Mandated by Senate Bill in 2006 mandating the development of a trail of SF Bay Trail to Sacramento River Trail – envisioned as a continuous corridor but locally managed and implemented
- Blueprint reports completed 2010 and 2019
- Primary and Secondary areas, Suisun Marsh, National Heritage Area
- 5 designated Delta Trail segments – Carquinez Loop Trail, Marsh Creek Connector Trail, and Sacramento River Trail
- Outreach – TAC/SAC, Public Survey, 100+ levee management districts – also looking at existing conditions and opportunities and constraints

- What is the Delta Trail continuous corridor through 5 delta counties – spine of the trail (land trail), increased connectivity across and through the delta, water launch sites
- Delta – largest estuary on the west coast, 5 major rivers, historic waterfront focused communities
- Western region – recommendation to co-designate SF Bay Water Trail site as Delta Trail, Northern region water access in “heritage” communities
- Should consider support from Delta ferry system also using trains to shuttle to cars – bringing gear on Ferry?
- Delta too big for a single trail – maybe approaching as a series of connected trails with website linking various information.
- Considering various multi-modal options and looking at concessionaires for folks who don’t have own boats,
- Considering kayaker safety vs. motorboat use at various launch sites
- Safety education as part of a future Delta Water Trail website
- Opportunities for overnighting as part of the larger Delta Trail

#### **Public Comments**

- ETC similar programming – are LEJ or other organizations interested in expanding serving folks with disabilities – looking into working with AC to follow up on developing