



San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Staff Memo

Proposal to Add an Equity and Environmental Justice Advisory Committee Member

Staff is proposing to amend the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail (Water Trail) Implementation Charter to add an Equity and Environmental Justice expert seat to the existing Advisory Committee (AC) and to clarify the process for future AC membership changes.

Staff included the linked [proposed amendments to the Water Trail Implementation Charter](#) on the [agenda](#) to be reviewed, discussed, and voted on at the December 10, 2021 Implementation Meeting.

Since the Water Trail Charter and makeup of the Advisory Committee was established (August 2011), Project Management Team (PMT) agencies have adopted equity policies and strategies (*links to MTC, BCDC, and SCC's adopted equity documents below*). In addition, current Prop 68 Water Trail grant funding requires that projects be constructed within or serving a Severely Disadvantaged Community (SDAC)*. Staff proposes the addition of an Equity and Environmental Justice AC member to help advise the Water Trail Program on the integration and implementation of these goals and policies.

The exact requirements for the Equity and Environmental Justice's expertise have not been determined by staff and will be part of the conversation at the upcoming meeting.

The proposed Implementation Charter amendment (**if approved**) would make it possible for staff and the AC and PMT to recruit and nominate a candidate who would be a good fit for this role. A potential new AC member's nomination would then be brought back to the AC for discussion and the PMT for a vote at a future meeting.

PMT Equity Documents:

- Metropolitan Transportation Commission – Equity Platform (June 2020)
 - <https://mtc.ca.gov/about-mtc/what-mtc/equity-platform>
- State Coastal Conservancy – Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Guidelines (Sept. 2020)
 - https://scc.ca.gov/files/2020/09/JEDI_Guidelines_FINAL.pdf
- Bay Conservation and Development Commission – Environmental Justice and Social Equity Bay Plan Amendment (October 2019)
 - <https://bcdc.ca.gov/ejwg/BPAEJSE.html>

** An SDAC is defined as a community with a median household income less than 60% of the statewide average. The exact percentage that must be spent to serve SDACs varies by Chapter of Prop 68 (Public Resource Code, Division 45 Section 80008).*