

MEMO

Date: September 17, 2013

To: Water Trail Project Management Team and Advisory Committee

From: Galli Basson, Water Trail Planner

Subject: Consideration of \$102,700 Grant Request to install a 130-foot accessible concrete launch ramp and improvements to the existing parking lot at Ferry Point in Richmond

Project Description

The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) proposes to construct a 130-foot accessible concrete launch ramp from the Ferry Point Fishing Pier parking lot to the existing natural sand beach. The project also includes installation of an accessible restroom and outdoor shower, upgrades to the accessible parking, and an accessible drinking fountain.

The expected cost for the entire project is \$258,700. EBRPD is requesting \$102,700 for the construction of the concrete pathway and improvements to accessible parking. EBRPD has secured a grant from other sources to install a new restroom, outdoor shower, and drinking fountain.

Site Description

Ferry Point is a small beach located on the tip of the Point Richmond Peninsula in Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline, and is owned and managed by EBRPD. There are currently a parking lot and three restrooms on-site near the beach. Please see the attached Site Description for more details on the existing site.

Support

The project is consistent with EBRPD's 1995 Ferry Point Land Use Development Plan Amendment and is supported by the Bay Area Sea Kayakers.

Timing and Review

The Water Trail Project Management Team (PMT), Advisory Committee (AC), and the public are being asked to provide input on the grant request at the September 27, 2013 Water Trail Implementation Meeting. After the discussion of the site and grant request, the PMT is expected to make a decision regarding designation. Construction is expected during the fall of 2014.

Staff Findings

The project is consistent with goals and strategies of the Enhanced Water Trail Plan to make improvements consistent with site characteristics and policies, plans, and priorities (*strategy 3 and 4*), and develop and improve launch facilities to be universally accessible (*strategy 10*).

The improvements proposed will provide boating access to under-served communities in Richmond and to persons with disabilities. Staff is inclined to approve the grant request of \$102,700, pending approval of designation by the Project Management Team.