

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

D. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

3. LAND DIVISION

- a. Authorization to Execute a Donation Agreement with Chevron U.S.A. Inc. for a Trail Easement at Point San Pablo Peninsula and to Transfer Funds for Acquisition Costs: San Francisco Bay Trail (Wenninger/Doyle)

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the execution of a donation agreement with Chevron U.S.A. Inc., a Pennsylvania corporation (Chevron), for the donation of certain real property rights along the shoreline of the San Pablo peninsula necessary for the construction and operation of a segment of the San Francisco Bay Trail. The General Manager also recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the acceptance of said rights, as well as the transfer of funds for associated acquisition costs.

REVENUE/COST

According to the terms of the agreement, the East Bay Regional Park District (District) will be responsible for all costs associated with said recreational trail, including the cost to engineer the trail alignment, surveying and title costs. The acquisition costs are estimated to be \$100,000. This action transfers funds for associated acquisition expenses.

TRANSFER FROM:

Designated for Land Acquisition West Metro AA Interest (CIP 229900BAAI)	\$100,000
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TRANSFER TO:

S.F. Bay Trail/Point San Pablo (CIP# 218700) Staff, Survey, Engineering, Title	<u>\$100,000</u>
Total Amount Transferred	\$100,000

BACKGROUND

The District's 1997 Master Plan identifies the San Pablo peninsula as a location for a regional park at Point Molate, and the San Francisco Bay Trail Plan shows a Bay Trail spur running along the shoreline of the San Pablo peninsula. The 1988 Measure AA included funding for the acquisition of key parcels for a park and trail at this location. On November 6, 2007, the Board of Directors approved the Master Plan for the San Francisco Bay Trail, with a segment extending from the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge to Point San Pablo.

Staff has been working for several years to negotiate the acquisition of the former Richmond Beltline Railroad/Castro Point Railway corridor, located generally along the San Pablo peninsula shoreline, for the extension of the Bay Trail. This segment of the San Francisco Bay Trail crosses various ownerships, including property owned by the City of Richmond and Chevron. Staff has now successfully negotiated an agreement with Chevron for the donation of a 20-foot wide non-exclusive easement over portions of Chevron's property for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining a public multi-use recreational trail along the shoreline.

The District and Chevron both recognize that portions of the former railroad right-of-way may no longer be suitable for construction of the trail, with portions of the corridor having subsided over time. Chevron has agreed to cooperate with the District to develop a mutually acceptable realignment of the trail, as close to the original corridor alignment as physically possible, in order to provide safe use of the trail and to maximize the visual enjoyment for trail users. Prior to the actual conveyance, the District will complete a survey of the agreed-upon easement alignment. Considering the current physical condition of the former railroad right-of-way, the anticipated costs for engineering, survey and staff time could be substantial.

With the execution of this agreement and subsequent grant of the recreational trail easement by Chevron, the District will have secured approximately one-half of the real property rights necessary to provide a safe and scenic recreational trail experience along the San Pablo peninsula shoreline. The proposed easement donation by Chevron consists of two major segments: the southerly segment beginning at the foot of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge and running northerly to the former U.S. Naval Fuel Depot at Point Molate; and the northerly segment, which runs northerly of the former depot past Point Orient to a point just south of Point San Pablo.

The District wishes to acknowledge Chevron's cooperation and generosity in providing this trail easement at no cost to the public. Chevron's donation will offer opportunities for public access to the scenic San Pablo Bay shoreline with unobstructed views of the San Pablo Bay, the Brothers Islands, Red Rock Island, the Sisters Islands and vistas of Marin County including the Tiburon peninsula, Mt. Tamalpais, China Camp State Park, Angel Island State Park and portions of the San Francisco Bay.

ALTERNATIVES

No alternatives are recommended.



BAY TRAIL AT POINT SAN PABLO

Chevron Property Donation

- Proposed Bay Trail Alignment
- City of Richmond Properties
- Chevron Properties
- Miller/Knox Regional Park



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GIS Application
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