Juan Bautista de Anza Exploration of the San Francisco Bay Area, March & April 1776

"All by today...I have been in doubt as to whether the island at the end of the estuary...is really an island or not, because...we were not able to see the water on this side of it." (Father Pedro Font, March 31, 1776)

Font was observing the profound changes set in motion by the Expedition on the future of the people and the land around us.

We invite you to retrace the travels of Anza and learn about the profound changes set in motion by the Expedition on the future of the people and the land around us.

The Juan Bautista de Anza Exploration of the San Francisco Bay Area, March & April 1776 is displayed in the fourteen interpretive panels throughout the East Bay produced in collaboration with the National Park Service.

The Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail is administered by the U.S. National Park Service.

| Mile 93.5 | 2.5 | Miles | 0.5 |

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George H. Cardinet, Jr.
April 8, 1909–January 19, 2007

George Cardinet has been called the Father of California Trails and the Grandfather of National Trails. A resident of Clayton and Concord, California he became a trail advocate in the early 1940s. His efforts significantly contributed to the passage of the California Hiking and Riding Trails Act of 1945 and the National Trails System Act of 1968, which established an extensive system of scenic and historic trails.

With his strong passion for history, Cardinet was drawn to the significance of the Juan Bautista de Anza Expedition of 1775–1776. In 1976 he organized a bicentennial reenactment of 1,800 miles from Mexico City to the San Francisco Bay, riding a major portion of that trail as Lt. Joaquin Moraga, Anza’s second in command. To his great delight, and as a result of his determined advocacy, the trail was designated a National Historic Trail in 1990.

Cardinet worked with the East Bay Regional Park District to annex Contra Costa County to the District in 1964. He established trails and trail links in and between East Bay Regional and Mount Diablo State Parks. In all, Cardinet is credited with having mapped and routed more than 200 miles of trails throughout the greater East Bay region.

George Cardinet’s accomplishments, visit www.pnts.org and the National Park Service Anza Trail site at www.nps.gov/juba.

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions about the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail in the East Bay, call or email a Park District naturalist at one of the Visitor Centers listed below.

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