



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION Supporting the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail as a Priority Conservation Area

WHEREAS, in August 2014 the Association of Bay Area Governments requested nominations from local governments and special districts for Priority Conservation Areas pursuant to the Plan Bay Area multi-agency regional planning initiative; and

WHEREAS, Priority Conservation Areas are areas of regional significance that contain important agricultural land, urban greening, natural landscape and resource, watershed, historic, scenic, cultural, recreational, and/or ecological values and ecosystem functions deserving of conservation funding; and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature enacted the Water Trail Act (AB 1296) in 2005 establishing the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail, a growing network of launching and landing sites that allows non-motorized small watercraft users to better enjoy the historic, scenic, cultural, and environmental richness of San Francisco Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Water Trail benefits the region by improving and increasing recreational access for non-motorized watercraft use by persons of all abilities, fosters stewardship of the Bay and reduces impacts to sensitive wildlife and habitat through education and provides economic benefits to waterfront and water-oriented businesses by promoting opportunities for single and multi-day excursions on the Bay; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Leandro supports the designation of the regionally-significant Water Trail as a Priority Conservation Area for the San Leandro Marina/ Shoreline site, which would make it eligible for crucial funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of San Leandro does RESOLVE as follows:

1. The City Council is familiar with the contents thereof; and
2. The City Manager recommends the approval of said designation; and
3. The City Council supports the designation of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail as a Priority Conservation Area, as shown in the map attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "B."