



July 8, 2014

Napa County Board of Supervisors
County Administration Building
1195 Third Street, Suite 310
Napa, CA 94559

Napa City Council
955 School Street
Napa, CA 94559

Subject: The San Francisco Bay Trail at the Napa Pipe Site

Dear Napa County Board of Supervisors and Napa City Council:

The Bay Trail Project is a nonprofit organization administered by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) that plans, promotes and advocates for the implementation of a continuous 500-mile bicycling and hiking path around San Francisco Bay. When complete, the trail will pass through 47 cities, all nine Bay Area counties, and cross seven toll bridges. To date, 338 miles of trail have been completed and are in use. Napa County is host to 30 miles of Bay Trail, 19 of which are complete.

I am writing today to urge you to require the construction of the co-aligned Bay Trail and Napa River Trail in the earliest phase of construction at the former Napa Pipe property. We appreciate that the Bay and River Trail has always been an integral part of the site design, however, it is important that this community and regional trail asset not be relegated to later phases of development. The Bay Trail serves an important function as a non-motorized transportation corridor in addition to its value as a recreational trail, and thus can be a creative tool in reducing vehicle miles traveled. With the potential introduction of a significant number of new trips associated with this project, the value of non-motorized access cannot be overstated.

It is important to note the great work that is currently underway to complete the Bay Trail in Napa County. Directly adjacent to the Napa Pipe site on the south, a new segment of trail (Soscol Ferry to Anselmo Court) is being constructed by Napa County Regional Parks and Open Space, funded in part by a grant from the Bay Trail Project. Once the approximately 1.5 mile Napa Pipe segment of trail is complete, and the nearly one mile Soscol Ferry to Anselmo segment is in place, nearly ten miles of continuous Bay Trail on the east and west sides of the Napa River will be in place for use by locals, commuters, tourists, walkers, cyclists, birdwatchers, etc.

Please see the attached map for an overview of the Bay Trail in Napa, and note the importance of the Napa Pipe segment in the overall context. It is our hope that whatever type of project

the Board of Supervisors and City Council determine is appropriate at this site, that public access in the form of the Bay and River Trail will be required in the first phase as a requirement of development.

If you have any questions about the Bay Trail Project, please do not hesitate to call me at (510) 464-7909 or contact me by e-mail at maureeng@abag.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Dorothy Roberts, City Clerk, City of Napa
John Woodbury, Director, Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District



- Existing
- Planned
- Napa Pipe Bay Trail
- 2014 NCRPOSD Bay Trail Segment
- Other Trail (Existing)

