



## **ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD RECOMMENDATION 20140604 005c REVISED**

Date: June 04, 2014

Subject: Urban Trails Master Plan

Motion By: Robert Deegan

Second by: Marisa Perales

### **RATIONALE:**

Whereas, Urban Trails are an important community resource that will provide Health, Transportation, Environmental Benefits and efforts to construct, this trail system should be well planned and coordinated.

And whereas, while there are many valid and critical concerns regarding construction of these trails in sensitive environmental areas or creeks where community impacts, we believe the majority of these concerns would be most appropriately addressed through development of detailed trail design criteria as well as on a project specific basis.

Therefore, the Environmental Board recommends adoption of the Urban Trails Master Plan with the following conditions:

#### **Board Conditions:**

1. The plan should include clear criteria that would indicate trail projects that must come before Board and Commissions for review, criteria may exceed those indicated in current code, such as:
  - Trail construction in the erosion hazard zone.
  - Trail construction in the 1/2 Critical Water Quality Zone
  - Trail construction in the 3/4 CRZ of Heritage Trees
  - Trail construction within a required Critical Environmental Feature setback
2. The plan should set a clear process, with target implementation dates, for creation or an Urban Trails Criteria Manual which would consider and integrate much of the more detailed Environmental concerns and criteria voiced during review of this plan.
3. The plan should clearly lay out a public input process for each trail project requiring a public meeting at the beginning of the preliminary engineering report to obtain public input that will inform that report and again toward the end of that process to report back findings and present potential alignments for public input.
4. Include independent certified wildlife biologist and Ecologist in the PER.
5. Include preservation and improvement of wildlife habitat as a goal of the plan and recommend inclusion of an independent ecologist/wildlife habitat specialist on the design team as a strategy for meeting this goal.

6. Staff should take into consideration recommendations of the Urban Forestry Board in finalization of the plan.

VOTE 6-0-0-1

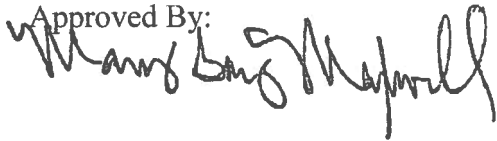
For: Deegan, Maxwell, Neely, Perales, Schissler and Smith

Against:

Abstain:

Absent: Walker

Approved By:

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Mary Gay Maxwell, Environmental Board Chair