

*The Board of Supervisors of  
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

**Resolution No. 2015/111**

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

WHEREAS, in 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 which contain important agricultural, natural 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 boat users to better enjoy the historic, scenic, cultural, and environmental richness of San Francisco Bay; and

WHEREAS, the California Coastal Conservancy is the lead agency charged with planning and developing the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail in close collaboration with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), and the Department of Boating and Waterways (Cal Boating.) and

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

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County, which includes San Francisco Bay and Delta shoreline where the Water Trail is located, pledges its commitment to completing the regionally-significant San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail by supporting its designation as a Priority Conservancy Area with the Association of Bay Area Governments, making it eligible for crucial funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby support the designation of Priority Conservation Area for the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail and encourages collaborative efforts of preserving the ecological health of the San Francisco Bay waters, as well as developing the Water Trail as one way the public can enjoy this scenic and ecological treasure.

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**JOHN GIOIA**

Chair,  
District I Supervisor

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**CANDACE ANDERSEN**

District II Supervisor

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**MARY N. PIEPHO**

District III Supervisor

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**KAREN MITCHOFF**

District IV Supervisor

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**FEDERAL D. GLOVER**

District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: April 21, 2015

David J. Twa,

By: \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy