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Public Notice: Golden Gate Park Stables Renovation Project

Tuesday, November 20, 2007 from 6 to 7:30 P.M.

The San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department in coordination with San Francisco Parks Trust invites you to participate in the final community meeting to review a conceptual renovation plan for the Golden Gate Park Stables facility. Your input is very important! Everyone is invited to attend! Pass the word around! The meeting is scheduled

as follows:

DATE: November 20 (Tuesday)

TIME: 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park
(intersection of Lincoln Way and 9th Avenue)

For more project information or to request translation services for the meeting, please call: Mary Hobson at (415) 581-2575, Recreation and Park Department

For information about future stable operations, please call: Tom Hart at (415) 831-2773, Recreation and Park Department

For information about the fundraising efforts for this project, please call: Cynthia Tirado at (415) 750-5229, San Francisco Parks Trust

San Francisco Voters approve Ordinance which enables the City to Establish Golden Gate Park Stables Fund #130510

The Ordinance may provide up to \$250,000 by matching one dollar of City funds for every 3 dollars donated to renovate the historic stables up to \$250,000.

-July 2007 Supervisor McGoldrick Introduces Legislation to Help Open the Golden Gate Park Horse Stables: In an effort help reopen the 70-year-old Golden Gate Park Horse Stables opened, Supervisor McGoldrick has introduced legislation that will set up a matching fund program between the City and private donations. For every three dollars in private donations, the City will match one dollar up to \$1 Million dollars. "San Francisco residents and Bay Area residents have been waiting for the Golden Gate Park Stables to re-open since 2001", said Supervisor Jake McGoldrick. "I was promised that they would be open within 18 months, that was 6 years ago. These stables have the potential to provide therapeutic equestrian programs, opportunities to children from all walks of life and a place for avid horse riders to practice their sport."

The Recreation and Park Department completed an EIR, which is available [here](#). The stables are scheduled to re-open in 2009.

Dig deep! BABTT plans to donate \$5,000 in 2008...Please encourage your organization to hold a fundraiser.

Kids and Ponies in Tilden Looking for Concessionaire

We have been following the Chronicle Watch as it describes the lonely, vacant Pony Ride Ring in Tilden Park...near the Steam Train. Isn't there anyone out there who wants to introduce children to their very first pony?

Kids and ponies need an angel (on horseback) to ride to the rescue.

Contact Pat O'Brien, pobrien@ebparks.org 510-544-2001

Report & Updates: Oakland City Stables - Tuesday, November 13, 2007- 6:00 p.m.

From Kip Walsh, Assistant to the Director City of Oakland - Office of Parks and Recreation
510-238-6495

"We will be returning to City Council with a report and some recommendations regarding City Stables later this month. The report will be heard by the Life Enrichment Committee on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 1 at Oakland City Hall. The report will then be discussed by City Council the following Tuesday." (11/20/07)

[MEETING AGENDA](#)

"Managing Horse Properties in Winter"

Saturday, December 8th, 2007. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Nationally known equine facility environmental educator and innovative composting experts come to the Bay Area: Alayne Bickle of Horse for Clean Water and Peter Moon of O2Compost to speak in Aromas.

Nationally known speaker Alayne Bickle and Aerated Static Pile Composting expert Peter Moon will discuss how to best manage horse properties in winter with topics including reducing mud and runoff, geotextiles fabrics and footing materials for paddocks and stalls, useful manure management tips, aerated static pile manure composting for small farms, and natural insect and dust control. Not only will you learn proven techniques for better management of horse facilities, but by implementing many of the practices, you will also be improving water quality in local creek and streams. Vendors with related products will also be on hand to answer questions.

-Alayne Renee Bickle, a lifelong equestrian, reining competitor and creator/director of Horses for Clean Water, is an environmental educator and media producer who has worked with horse and livestock owners for over 15 years. Horses for Clean Water, an award-winning program now in its 10th year, offers ways to care for horses that improves the property they live on as well as the environment. Alayne is well-known for her

enthusiastic, down-to-earth approaches to horsekeeping. She is also a contributing writer to local and national equestrian publications including John Lyons The Perfect Horse, Equus, Horse & Rider and Northwest Horse Source.

-Peter Moon is President and Principal Engineer of PME / O2Compost, and is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Washington. Peter has a Bachelor's Degree in Geology and a Masters of Science in Geotechnical Engineering from U.C. Berkeley. He has 25 years of consulting (i.e., problem solving) experience. During the past 15 years Peter has learned a great deal about composting and everything he knows he has learned by doing it. Having studied, tested and resolved nearly every mistake imaginable, he understands what works and more importantly what does not work. His hands-on experience has led to a career in training others the How-To's of on-farm composting.

The Livestock and Land Program is a partnership of Ecology Action and the Resource Conservation Districts of Santa Cruz, San Benito and Monterey Counties. For more information on the program visit www.livestockandland.org

Cost is \$10 and includes lunch and workshop materials. To RSVP contact Angie Stuart @ 831.464.2950 ext 22 OR livestockandland@rcdsantacruz.org

'V-O-CAL' Trail Work in Marin on the Heather Cut Trail:

Weekend of November 16-18. Mt. Tam in Marin: Maintenance along the Heather Cut Trail on Mt. Tamalpais - November 16-18, 2007. Register in advance for the Mt. Tam weekend. Come one day or spend the weekend.

Join V-O-Cal November 16-18 for a trail care project at beautiful Mt. Tam State Park in Marin, on the Pacific Ocean side, just up from Muir Beach. Volunteers will give the Heather Cutoff Trail some serious TLC; the switchbacks need recontouring and the trails need brushing and care.

Register in advance for the Mt. Tam weekend. Great food! Overnight camping! Volunteers for Outdoor California engages the community to build and maintain trails and restore natural habitat. V-O-Cal works in partnership with public agencies and other non-profit organizations and conducts large weekend stewardship projects all over Northern California. Questions? Email cmoyer@v-o-cal.org or call 650-298-9774.

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Pinole Watershed now open to public: 7.5 Miles of New Ridge Trail dedicated Nov. 3, 2007

200 people attended the opening ceremony for a long awaited trail, on a beautiful fall day, as the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council and the [East Bay Municipal Utility District](#) (EBMUD) dedicated a new section of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, Saturday November 3. The trail travels 7.5 miles through beautiful Pinole Watershed and has spectacular views of the East Bay hills and the Carquinez Strait. The trail through the Pinole Watershed connects to the Ridge Trail in Sobrante Ridge Regional Preserve (an East Bay Regional Parks District property), creating a nearly 10 mile continuous stretch of Ridge Trail. With this new addition, the Bay Area Ridge Trail now has 310 miles open to the public. The new trail is also a key link in a planned 50-mile loop trail around the Carquinez Strait. The Pinole Watershed, previously not open to the public, is accessible to hikers and equestrians . The trail can be accessed just west of the Alhambra Valley Road and Bear Creek Road intersection in Pinole. Trail use requires an EBMUD Trail Use Permit, available from [EBMUD](#) here. Download the [Pinole Watershed Map](#) for the location of the new trail.

Annual 100 Mile 6-Day Ride Earns \$20,600 for the Ridge Trail and East Bay Trails

Tilden-Wildcat Horsemen's Association and Metropolitan Horsemen's Association 6th annual ride in the East Bay hills - Aug. 29- Sept. 3, 2007 attracted 56 riders and 80+ volunteers! Bay Area Barns and Trails donated \$5,000 to the 'bank'. This ride has now earned \$85,000 for the Bay Area Ridge Trail and for equestrian improvements on East Bay trails.

For more information, contact Morris Older at 925-254-8943, ebhillsride@comcast.net, or Martha Mikesell at 925-833-9279, martha.mikesell@sbcglobal.net

CONCORD REUSE PLAN <http://www.concordreuseproject.org/>

Components Common to All Alternatives: Parks, Recreation, and Open Space

Key elements that form part of all of the alternative concepts include:

- Preservation of hillsides at 30% slope or greater
- A 300 foot wide riparian corridor along Mt. Diablo Creek
- New biking and hiking trails that connect to the existing regional network

However...there is NO MENTION OF EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITIES/TRAILS. Project manager stated (OVER THE PHONE) that equestrian activities are included. We must not take this for granted: Your comments are needed: the plan be SPECIFIC.

- A tournament quality youth and adult sports complex consisting of multiple sports fields and facilities

- Community golf course
- An environmental education and interpretive center
- Preservation of pre-historic cultural sites
- Wildlife habitat areas for a variety of plant and animal species
- Neighborhood parks
- Community parks
- Neighborhood buffers

Please JOIN Bay Area Barns & Trails!

Please renew your membership, or become a member! Your support at any level will help make possible the continuation of our efforts to protect and preserve our horse culture by supporting projects of Bay Area equestrian organizations, landowners, land trusts, and land managing agencies.

It is easy and secure to join online, just click on the below "Join Today!" button.



To help keep BABTT informed of acquisition, facility and trail maintenance opportunities and challenges in your area, please submit articles and photos to Bay Area Barns and Trails:

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