

City of Brisbane

Agenda Report

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Karen Kinser, Deputy Public Works Director

Via: Randy Breault, Director of Public Works/City Engineer via City Manager

Subject: Selection of Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs) for application to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)

Date: March 19, 2015

City Council Goals:

The recommended action is consistent with the community's value of being environmentally progressive.

Purpose:

The proposed PCA area map is a follow up to the Council action on July 17, 2014 adopting Resolution No. 2014-32 and approving the application for PCA status for San Bruno Mountain and corresponding areas.

Recommendation: Consider approval of the attached map of proposed Priority Conservation Areas for the referenced properties.

Background:

The PCA program is a collaborative initiative between ABAG, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for the nine bay area counties identifying key regional spaces in the Bay Area for environmental conservation, protection, and/or use as urban green space or for regional recreation. This second round of applications incorporates a program update addressing the Open Space and Farmland implementation areas and introduces four categories to recognize the role of different kinds of PCAs in supporting the vitality of the region's natural systems, rural economy and human health. PCA status does not preclude or protect a property from development or designation as a Planned Development Area. In fact, the two programs are intended to be complementary and are both a part of the Plan Bay Area.

Since adoption of the resolution and approval of the application process by Council, an ad hoc committee consisting of staff, two members of the Open Space and Ecology Committee and members of San Bruno Mountain Watch has met and reviewed potential properties and areas for inclusion in the San Bruno Mountain PCA application. Since those initial brainstorming sessions, staff has presented the proposed areas and properties for inclusion in the application with the OSEC Council liaisons Liu and Miller. Staff's communicate with JoAnna Bullock, Senior Regional Planner for ABAG and lead Priority Conservation Area Application to ABAG

for the program, helped refine the application areas. The ad hoc selection committee and the Council liaisons have all reviewed the areas proposed in this report.

Discussion:

Areas determined and agreed to be included in the application by all parties consisted of properties adjacent to or related to San Bruno Mountain in that they had similar PCA designations and benefits. They are will be designated in the application as “Natural Landscapes” having critical endangered butterfly habitat area and either watershed lands needing protection or wetlands targeted for protection. There is a potential co-benefit of recreation in that these lands are next to or provide connectivity to the San Bruno Mountain State and County Park. Areas to be included in the application per the map included Upper Brisbane Acres, portions of the Levinson and Peking Handicraft properties as identified in the 2001 Open Space Plan as having critical habitat and other aspect deemed worth preserving, the McKesson Lands containing Dairy Ravine, and Devils Arroyo, the Quarry, the Lagoon, Callippe Hill, Crocker Trail, and the Central Drainage Channel and Icehouse Hill on the Baylands.

The Lower Brisbane Acres are included on the map as a “Citizen Committee additional recommended area”, because this area was identified by the ad hoc citizen committee as important to be included. The Council liaisons did not recommend inclusion of the Lower Brisbane Acres in the PCA application. The area, while studied as part of the City of Brisbane Open Space Plan of 2001, was not determined to be a priority in terms of restoration or acquisition because of its proximity to existing development. The ad hoc citizen committee requested review of inclusion of this area by the Council before a final determination is made.

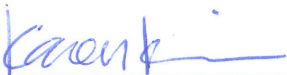
San Mateo County’s Parks Division is planning to combine maps and supporting information from Daly City, South San Francisco, Brisbane and their own data into one San Bruno Mountain PCA application. The County of San Mateo Parks Department has asked for the surrounding agencies’ maps and supporting information, including Brisbane’s, as soon as possible, in order to combine the materials and obtain approval from the Board of Supervisors for submission of one complete application in advance of the May 30, 2015 deadline.

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact to the City as a result of this action, other than the benefit of completing a step to qualify for upcoming One Bay Area Grant opportunities.

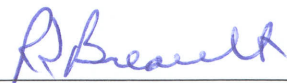
Measure of Success: The City of Brisbane will participate in designation of environmentally significant regional areas and their addition to the Priority Conservation Area program.

Attachments:

- Staff report (minus Attachments) for the July 17, 2014 City Council meeting.
- Proposed San Bruno Mountain PCA map



Deputy Director of Public Works



Director of Public Works/City Engineer



City Manager

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To: City Council via City Manager

From: Fanny Yang via Clay Holstine, City Manager

Subject: Priority Conservation Area Application

Date: July 17, 2014

Purpose:

Present the Resolution and Priority Conservation Area application packet to the Council.

Recommendation:

Request adoption of Resolution No. 2014-32 approving the application of San Bruno Mountain and corresponding areas as PCAs

Background:

Established in 2007, the Priority Conservation Area (PCA) Program is a collaborative initiative between the Association for Bay Area Governments (ABAG), the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) identifying key, regional, spaces in the Bay Area for environmental conservation and protection.

The PCA program encourages collaboration between public agencies, local governments, and nonprofit organizations. More than 100 PCAs were nominated and on July 17, 2008, the first set of priority conservation areas was designated. Nominations are reviewed by ABAG staff, local governments, and regional committees.

Discussion:

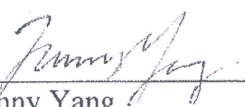
Designating San Bruno Mountain and corresponding areas as a priority conservation area is an environmentally, responsible move preserving one of the Bay Area's natural landmarks. The mountain offers not only recreational activities for local residents, but also provides ecologically, critical habitats for the region's wildlife.

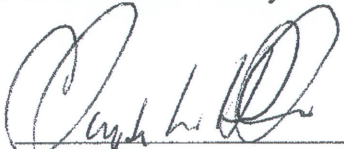
Fiscal Impact:

There are grant opportunities such as the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) that specifically allocates funds for conservation and preservation efforts in designated PCAs.

Measure of Success:

The City of Brisbane will join other participating Bay Area cities in designating environmentally, significant, regional areas, adding to the total of eight PCAs in San Mateo County.


Fanny Yang
Administrative Intern


Clay Holstine
City Manager

RESOLUTION 2014-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRISBANE SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF SAN BRUNO MOUNTAIN AND CORRESPONDING AREAS AS A PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREA

WHEREAS, in 2007 the Association for Bay Area Governments (ABAG) in partnership with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) formed the Focusing Our Vision or "FOCUS" program to strengthen environmental protection and conservation of natural lands in the San Francisco Bay Area;

WHEREAS, Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs) are areas of regional significance providing communities and inhabiting natural wildlife with essential natural resources in addition to scenic, recreational, and ecological values for the area;

WHEREAS, San Bruno Mountain stands as an open-space island surrounded by urban development and its 2,326 acres of mountainous landscape contains natural environments critical to the ecosystems of wildlife and plants;

WHEREAS, San Bruno Mountain is the repository of three endangered butterflies, rare amphibians and snakes, and numerous local, regional, and national rare plants;

WHEREAS, San Bruno Mountain offers recreational trails, waterways, bike paths, and state parks to surrounding communities;

WHEREAS, access to and across the mountain is presently limited;

WHEREAS, there is potential for the expansion of trails and wildlife corridors connecting San Bruno Mountain to San Francisco Bay as well as to other parks, greenways, and open areas from all sides of the mountain;

WHEREAS, the proposed San Bruno Mountain PCA includes San Bruno Mountain and other adjacent properties including but not limited to Crocker Park trails and portions of the Brisbane Baylands & Lagoon providing opportunities for enhanced public access, wildlife corridors, and connectivity to San Francisco Bay;

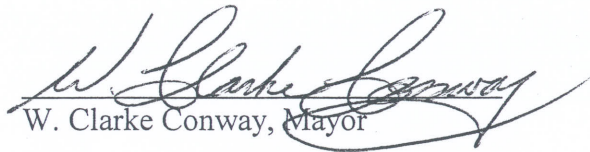
WHEREAS, increased connectivity between different regions of San Bruno Mountain and surrounding communities will promote recreational and restoration efforts for the included areas;

WHEREAS, the FOCUS program currently designates a total of seven PCAs in the County of San Mateo;

WHEREAS, adoption of a PCA does not change the zoning, general plan, or other land use designations of the geographic area encompassed by the PCA with local jurisdictions retaining full land use control;

WHEREAS, designation of San Bruno Mountain as a regional priority conservation area will open grant funding opportunities for future conservation, restoration, and recreational projects dedicated to the preservation of the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Brisbane that the Council supports the application of San Bruno Mountain and corresponding areas as a regional priority conservation area.



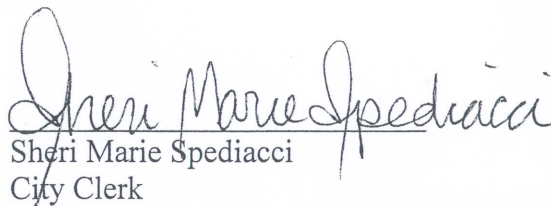
W. Clarke Conway, Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution 2014-32 was duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Brisbane City Council on July 17, 2014 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember Liu, O'Connell, and Mayor Conway

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers Lentz and Miller



Sheri Marie Spediacci
City Clerk

San Bruno Mountain Priority Conservation Areas for City of Brisbane

