



# BAY AREA BARNS AND TRAILS

**BAY AREA BARNS AND TRAILS - EDUCATION, PRESERVATION & STEWARDSHIP**  
**'Helping preserve and grow stables, trails, pastures, staging areas, and horse camps in the San Francisco Bay Area.'**

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## ALAMEDA/CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES

**2007 Six-Day 100-Mile East Bay Hills ride. Wednesday, August 29 - Monday, September 3, 2007.**

Great Ride!! Great Fundraiser for Trails! Tilden Wildcat Horsemen [www.twha.org](http://www.twha.org) and Metropolitan Horsemen are preparing for 2007 Six-Day 100-Mile East Bay Hills ride. Wednesday, August 29 - Monday, September 3, 2007. Ride and Camp all or part of the Memorial Weekend. Funds raised support East Bay Parks trails and the Bay Area Ridge Trail. Bay Area Barns and Trails will match the first \$5,000 raised.

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## ALAMEDA COUNTY

**Oakland City Stables: 'Citizen Outcry Protects Beloved Public Stables from Redevelopment into \$17.5 million Passive Park: City Stables Rises to a City-Wide Project'**

'OAKLAND, Calif. (July 11, 2007)- City Hall was packed Tuesday night with citizens asking for the complete reopening of Oakland's only public stable, standing united against a proposal for a \$17.5 million general use park and plans to deviate the site from a full service stables and equestrian center. Not one member of the public spoke in favor of the plan as described in the Park Prioritization List.

"The public is being jerked around. Promises are made to the public and continuously broken. This Committee (LEC) said that there would be children's programs offered at the stables in this spring and summer. No programs came into existence and summer programs have been canceled."- Lila Warhoftig, City Stables neighbor, who served on the City Stables Advisory Committee during its entire tenure.

Council member Kernighan said she wanted the stable transferred to the City-wide prioritization list as it is a "one of a kind City asset". She did not think it should be listed as a district asset alone.

"The City of Oakland purchased the ranch to make a place where children in the community could learn about horses, ranching and farming. The inner city kids with all their personal issues benefited greatly learning about caring from and for a horse. That was a wonderful use of Public Funds, Taxpayer dollars. . . If Oakland is to continue to offer as many diverse qualities of life as its own population, then the ranch must be saved for equestrian use. . . Just because the City of Oakland is in such financial difficulties, please don't squeeze out the last little bit of its old country hills charm. My grandmother remembered fondly trail rides from Rancho San Antonio all the way to Lafayette where they would stop to water the horses at all the natural springs everywhere. Let us all remember this property with respect for its history."-Laura Sciacqua Guluzzy, writer and second generation Oakland native

In response to Kernighan's motion, the onslaught of the public's emails and phone calls as well as the speakers protesting the redevelopment of City Stables on "The Parks Project Prioritization List" (PPPL), Council voted 3 to 1 to name City Stables as a city-wide project. Council also acted again to uphold the existing Master Plan for the stables honoring the public's mandate for a full service equestrian center with boarding, training, teaching, expanded outreach programs for the public, including programs for inner city youth, families, groups, day and summer camps.

"We have a practical plan. For \$2 million, which we are willing to raise privately, MEPS will deliver a fully renovated stable, that when properly managed and run, will be financially self sustainable, offering wonderful outreach programs. Our plan is consistent with the City's Master Plan and there is massive public support for this Plan. If the City had chosen MEPS, as a concessionaire, we would have opened for business last month. It's time for Oakland to keep its promises and return this facility to full use"- Speaker Anne Woodell, MEPS treasurer Anne Novak (415) 531.8454; [annenovak@yahoo.com](mailto:annenovak@yahoo.com); Lise Stampfli (415) 457.1940; [lstampfli@earthlink.net](mailto:lstampfli@earthlink.net)



## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

### Action Alert: Call for a Good Future for the Concord Naval Weapons Station

The City of Concord is hosting a community workshop to discuss alternatives for the future of the Naval Weapons Station.

When: Saturday, August 4, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

This meeting is the final opportunity for the public to weigh in before the City Council decides on the alternatives it will study in the Environmental Impact Report, starting in September. City planners and Councilmembers need to hear your strong support for a good alternative for the base. **At least one of the alternatives should include a regional park, equestrian opportunities/trails, endangered species protection, and creek restoration, and should create a walkable community around the BART station with new homes and job opportunities.** Please speak up for a good plan for the base!

When: Saturday, August 4, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm | Where: Concord Senior Center, 2727 Parkside Circle

## MARIN COUNTY

### Marin Headlands' Rodeo Valley Trail proposed for Road Bicycles: Marin Headlands and Fort Baker Transportation Infrastructure and Management Plan: Alternative 3

The Rodeo Valley Trail is the ONLY bicycle-free trail in the southern section of the Marin Headlands. The trail is enjoyed by hikers and equestrians and is the designated equestrian segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

In an effort to alleviate traffic problems encountered by road bicycles on the nearby (paved) Bunker Road, GGNRA planners are considering 'adding 'road oyl' or some other 'dirt' hardening material which would enable road bicycles to ride the Rodeo Valley Trail east/west toward the Beach or GGBridge. No longer will equestrians enjoy a 'traffic-free' country-like trail. Your letters opposing this proposal urgently needed.

Draft EIS Comments due by August 12, 2007 [www.nps.gov/goga/parkmgmt/current\\_plans.htm](http://www.nps.gov/goga/parkmgmt/current_plans.htm)  
Superintendent, Golden Gate National Recreation Area\Attn: MH\_FB TMP  
Fort Mason, Building 201, San Francisco, CA 94123

### Equestrian and other nonmotorized recreational use may be allowed on shared use paths and trails that use Federal-aid transportation funds:

Recreational Trails Program: [www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/rectrails/](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/rectrails/)

Transportation Enhancement Activities: [www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/te/](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/te/)

Federal requirements regarding equestrian and other nonmotorized use of projects funded under Section 217 of title 23 of the United States Code ([www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bikeped/sec217.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bikeped/sec217.htm)).

'The reauthorization proposals from the Administration and the Senate had proposed adding some language clarifying this issue: "Shared use paths may be used by pedestrians, bicyclists, skaters, equestrians, and other nonmotorized users." This language was not included in the final version of the SAFETEA-LU legislation. The fact that this new language was not adopted does not change current Federal policy.

'FHWA Position: Equestrian and other nonmotorized recreational use may be allowed on shared use paths and trails that use Federal-aid transportation funds. Federal transportation laws and regulations do not prohibit the use of shared use paths or trails by equestrians, in-line skaters, cross country skiers, snowshoe users, or other nonmotorized users. States may choose to prohibit such use; it is a State determination. Various design options may allow equestrian use, such as providing both a paved path and an unpaved path within the same right-of-way...!'

### 'Denim and Diamonds'...Marin Stables Fundraiser: Deer Park Villa /Fairfax: July 29, 2007

Friends of Marin Stables 2nd annual fundraiser will raise funds to restore Marin Stables so that we can continue to offer community service programs. Friends of Marin Stables (FOMS) is a 501 (3)(c) non profit corporation (Tax ID# 38-3703054) dedicated to the preservation and restoration of historic Marin Stables (established 1937) as a community asset. Our goal is not only to restore the facility but to steward it for the community, enhancing it as a gateway to the popular Marin watershed recreational activities. Our restoration will use the latest in green technology. In the past we have served the community through our sponsorship of outreach programs, including equine therapy to recovering cancer patients, adopt-a-family, school programs and much more.

Location: Deer Park Villa in Fairfax... gourmet hors'doeuvres, B.B.Q and desserts, western band, silent auction and games for children. R.S.V.P after 07/15/07: Kathy Risso @ 415-342-5193 or Caroline McFadden @ 307-9054.



**SAN MATEO COUNTY** (News Forwarded from San Francisco Horsemen's Association's Advocacy Committee. Thank you, SFHA, for this important and current information)

### **Coastal equestrian trails in San Mateo County: Meeting: July 31, 2007**

For those who ride or may yet ride in these areas, it is important that you attend this meeting to make sure that equestrian trails are not impacted with the "improvements" that the County will be presenting and discussing. This is your opportunity to let them know what you feel are essential conditions to ride the trails or access the trails safely. We are a minority among hikers and bicyclists for that reason your presence at such meeting is extremely important. Make a difference. Come after work and participate in the future of the equestrian trails.

When: Tuesday, July 31st 2007 7-9PM.

Where: Harbor House Conference Center - corner of Broadway and Princeton Avenue; 346 Princeton Avenue/107 Broadway Avenue) at the Pillar Point Harbor.

### **Thornwood Open Space: New equestrian trail**

A meeting will take place to amend the use/management plan for a new trail for hiking/equestrian use in Thornwood Open Space

When: Wed, July 25, 7:30PM at

Where: Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Board Room (MROSD), 300 Distell Circle, Los Altos 94022

This concerns plan for constructing a 3200 ft long trail and designate the lower 100 feet for Dennis Martin Road for hiking/equestrian use, to develop plans to cross Dennis Martin Creek. MROSD district staff will present this amendment to the full Board of Directors for their review and approval at the July 25th meeting.

Questions? Call Meredith Manning, MROSD planner at 650-691-1200 or email at [mmanning@openspace.org](mailto:mmanning@openspace.org)

### **Notice of Public Hearing Huddart/Wunderlich**

A draft program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has now been prepared for the Draft Master Plan of Huddart-Wunderlich Parks, for which there is a 45 day public review and comment period from July 16 to Aug 30th 2007. Public hearing to receive public comment on the Draft Program EIR will be held by the County Parks and Recreation Commission

When: Thursday, Aug 2nd 2007 2:30PM

Where: County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 400 County Center, Redwood City 94063.

Draft EIR can be viewed at County Parks website at [www.eparks.net](http://www.eparks.net) under Park Planning.

Huddart and Wunderlich parks are wonderful places to ride horses in Woodside, please make sure you attend the public hearing or review the draft EIR at the locations noted or the website. As always your input is most important and needed.

## **CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

### **Golden Gate Park Stables | June 22, 2007 - Supervisor McGoldrick Introduced Legislation Today to Help Open the Golden Gate Park Horse Stable**

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'In an effort help reopen the 70 year old Golden Gate Park Horse Stables opened, Supervisor McGoldrick has introduced legislation today 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 is conducting an EIR, which is anticipated this fall. The stables are scheduled to re-open in 2009. ' - [http://www.sfgov.org/site/bdsupvrs\\_page.asp?id=62887](http://www.sfgov.org/site/bdsupvrs_page.asp?id=62887)

Golden Gate Park Stables Advocates:

San Franciscosco Stables Foundation [www.sfstablesfoundation.org](http://www.sfstablesfoundation.org) | San Francisco Horsemen's Association [www.sfhorsemen.org](http://www.sfhorsemen.org)

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