

1 [Supporting State Legislation.]

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3 **Resolution expressing support for AB 1296, the San Francisco Bay Water Trail Act, and**
4 **urging the California State Legislature and Governor to support this measure.**

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6 WHEREAS, the public has an interest in the estuarine environment of the San
7 Francisco and San Pablo Bays as one of the most valuable natural resources of the State of
8 California, a resource that gives special character to the city and County of San Francisco
9 and the San Francisco Bay Area; and,

10 WHEREAS, San Francisco Bay is the central feature in an interconnected open-space
11 system of watersheds, natural habitats, scenic areas, agricultural lands, and regional trails
12 and recreational vehicles; and,

13 WHEREAS, water-oriented recreational uses of the San Francisco and San Pablo
14 Bays, including kayaking, canoeing, sail boarding, sculling, rowing, car-top sailing, and the
15 like, contribute to the public welfare and enjoyment of the citizens of the City and County of
16 San Francisco; and,

17 WHEREAS, water trails have been designated through out the United States and have
18 proven to be an important vehicle for promoting water-oriented recreation for citizens of all
19 social and economic means; and,

20 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail, will promote access to the Bay
21 by people using human-powered beachable craft; and,

22 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail, will promote the education of trail
23 users in the safe and secure use of the Bay and in care and respect for Bay wildlife
24 environment; and,

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1 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail, when linked with the San
2 Francisco Bay Trail and San Francisco Ridge Trail, will provide an important step in the
3 promotion of Bay Area multi-use, multi-day recreation destination; and,

4 WHEREAS, AB 1296, the San Francisco Bay Water Trail Act, was introduced in the
5 California State Assembly on February 22, 2005 and establishes the San Francisco Bay Area
6 Water Trail, incorporating the aforementioned ideals; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, that the County and Supervisors of the City and County of San
8 Francisco, State of the California, hereby supports AB 1296 – the San Francisco Bay Area
9 Water Trail Act – and its efforts of Bay Access, Inc. and its partners to bring about the
10 establishment of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail in a timely manner.

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