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MEMORANDUM

LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TO: Supervisor Myrna Melgar, Chair

Land Use and Transportation Committee

FROM: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk

DATE: June 3, 2025

SUBJECT COMMITTEE REPORT, BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

The following file should be presented as COMMITTEE REPORT during the Board meeting on Tuesday, June 3, 2025. This resolution was acted upon during the Land Use and Transportation Committee meeting on Monday, June 2, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., by the votes indicated.

BOS Item No. 27 File No. 250526

[Apply to Amend San Francisco's Priority Conservation Areas Designations] Resolution authorizing the Planning Department to apply, on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, to confirm existing and create new and revised designations of Priority Conservation Areas by the Association of Bay Area Governments and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT

Vote: Supervisor Myrna Melgar – Aye Supervisor Chyanne Chen – Aye Supervisor Bilal Mahmood – Aye

Cc: Board of Supervisors
Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy
Brad Russi, Deputy City Attorney

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AMENDED IN COMMITTEE 6/2/2025 RESOLUTION NO.

FILE NO. 250526

1	[Apply to Amend San Francisco's Priority Conservation Areas Designations]
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3	Resolution authorizing the Planning Department to apply, on behalf of the City and
4	County of San Francisco, to confirm existing and create new and revised designations
5	of Priority Conservation Areas by the Association of Bay Area Governments and the
6	Metropolitan Transportation Commission.
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8	WHEREAS, The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Metropolitan
9	Transportation Commission (collectively, "the regional agencies") are undertaking a long-
10	range regional planning initiative called Plan Bay Area; and
11	WHEREAS, Plan Bay Area is the Bay Area's regional transportation plan and
12	Sustainable Communities Strategy ("SCS") that meets the requirements of the California
13	Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008 (SB 375) to integrate land use
14	and housing growth policies with transportation investments and strategies in order to meet
15	state- mandated greenhouse gas reduction targets; and
16	WHEREAS, The regional agencies sought local government partners to voluntarily
17	participate in creation of a growth framework for the SCS that identifies priority areas that (1)
18	accommodate growth in housing and jobs (Priority Development Areas or "PDAs"), (2) protect
19	or invest in agricultural, recreational, or environmental resources (Priority Conservation Areas
20	or "PCAs") while not precluding development, and (3) promote middle-wage jobs and support
21	the region's economy through its industrial sector (Priority Production Areas or "PPAs"); and
22	WHEREAS, The Board recognizes that the City has an ongoing need to improve and
23	expand its open space and recreation system citywide to serve a growing population and
24	further resiliency, sustainability, and equitable access; and
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I	WHEREAS, The Recreation and Open Space Element of the General Plan directs the
2	City to "establish a coordinated management approach for designation and protection of
3	natural areas and watershed lands, and
4	WHEREAS, Several existing and proposed open spaces and trails of citywide and
5	regional significance deserve recognition and attention as PCAs, especially those that require
6	significant investment to complete or address resiliency, access, and renewal; and
7	WHEREAS, In 2017, the Commission on the Environment adopted the San Francisco
8	Biodiversity Policy, which included five Citywide goals (1) Biologically Rich Ecosystems, (2)
9	Equitable Access, Awareness and Experience of Nature, (3) Community and Ecological
10	Stewardship, (4) Ecological Planning and Design, (5) Resilience in a Living City; and
11	WHEREAS, Environmental Justice Communities are disproportionately burdened by
12	flood hazards, lack of access to parks, recreation centers, and other community facilities,
13	exposure to dangerous heat waves, and air pollution, and these hazards are anticipated to
14	increase as the climate continues to warm; and
15	WHEREAS, In 2022, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Safety and Resilience
16	Element of the San Francisco General Plan, which includes a comprehensive set of policies
17	for minimizing San Francisco's contribution to climate change and ensuring local resilience to
18	multiple hazards, natural and human-made, and identified Environmental Justice
19	Communities as areas in San Francisco disproportionately experiencing environmental
20	burdens; and
21	WHEREAS, The 2024 San Francisco Waterfront Flood Study - Draft Plan, prepared by
22	the Army Corps of Engineers and Port of San Francisco, identified opportunities to use
23	"nature-based features such as creek enhancements" to reduce coastal flood risk and the
24	effects of sea level rise in communities along the City's eastern waterfront; and
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1	WHEREAS, Green infrastructure, which utilizes the natural processes of soils and
2	plants to slow down and filter stormwater, can reduce flood hazards, beautify neighborhoods,
3	improve Bay and Ocean water quality, improve air quality, cool neighborhoods on hot days,
4	and create or reclaim open space for community use; and
5	WHEREAS, Trail networks provide opportunities for recreation, enhance sustainable
6	mobility options, beautify neighborhoods, and connect communities to natural areas and the
7	City's waterfronts, and land and easements acquired for trails can also serve as wildlife
8	corridors connecting natural areas; and
9	WHEREAS, San Francisco Recreation and Open Space Element of the General Plan
10	support the development of "signature public open spaces along the shoreline," which aligns
11	with the Bay Trail's goal of creating a continuous shoreline trail; and
12	WHEREAS, In 2024, ABAG adopted a revised framework for the PCA program,
13	including five types (Natural Land, Working Land, Urban Greening, Recreation, and Climate
14	Adaptation), new program objectives, and revised indicators, resulting in a need to amend
15	designated PCAs to conform to align with the updated framework; and
16	WHEREAS, Locally-nominated PCAs can complement or overlap with Regionally-
17	Identified PCAs to ensure greater regional cohesion and connectivity in critical areas; and
18	WHEREAS, The designation of a Priority Conservation Area does not alter existing
19	land use designations, zoning, or the local jurisdiction's land use authority; and
20	WHEREAS, The PCA designation provides opportunities for grant funding to support
21	conservation, restoration, and recreational projects, helping to achieve both local and regiona
22	conservation goals; and
23	WHEREAS, The updated PCA criteria adopted by ABAG in 2024 aim to ensure
24	alignment with regional sustainability and conservation priorities; and

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1	WHEREAS, The updated PCA criteria adopted by ABAG in 2024 aim to ensure
2	alignment with regional sustainability and conservation priorities; and
3	WHEREAS, In February 2025 ABAG invited local governments to amend or revise
4	existing PDAs and nominate new PCAs; now, therefore, be it
5	RESOLVED, That the Board authorizes the San Francisco Planning Department to
6	apply on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco to confirm and revise San
7	Francisco's Priority Conservation Area (PCA) designations of the following areas, as indicated
8	on the maps on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 250526, as follows:
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10	 Existing PCAs (No changes): Treasure Island Yerba Buena Island Open Space
11	Outer Mission Park Connections
	Lake Merced
12	Ocean Beach
13	Northern Waterfront
14	Palou Phelps Natural Area
14	Mclaren Park
15	Crosstown Trail
16	San Francisco Bay Trail
	Bay Area Ridge Trail
17	California Coastal Trail
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19	 Existing PCAs and Proposed Expansions: India Basin Waterfront Open Space - Expanding to include Pier 94 Wetland Area
	Bayview Hill - Expanding to include adjacent parcels on southern and eastern edges
20	Central Waterfront - Expanding to include more of Warm Water Cove Park waterfront
21	Twin Peaks/Glen Canyon Bioregion – Expanding to encompass habitat throughout the
22	bioregion
23	Proposed Areas for PCA Designation:
24	SF Core
24	Embarcadero Waterfront
25	Buena Vista Park/Corona Heights

1	Bernal Hill Caldan Cata Bark
2	Golden Gate ParkMission Creek and Mission Green Zone Area
3	 Islais Creek Area
	 Yosemite Creek and Candlestick Area
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MTC+ABAG PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREAS

PROPOSED UPDATES 2025





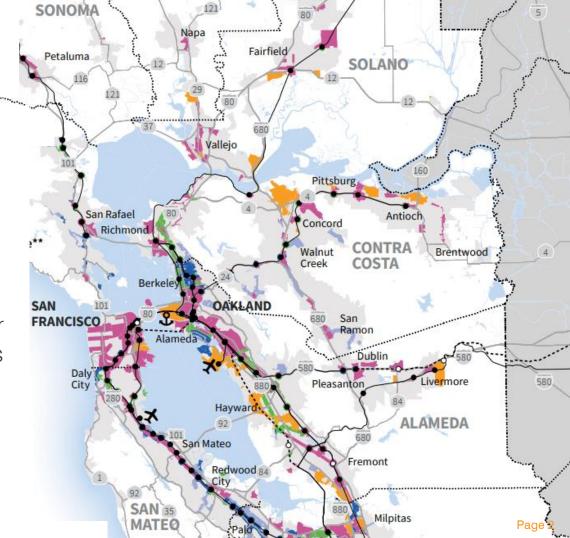
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PLAN BAY AREA FRAMEWORK

- Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs) started in 2007 along with Priority Development Areas (PDAs)
- Are nominated locally
- Eligible for PCA Grants
- Does not change land use or status, development controls



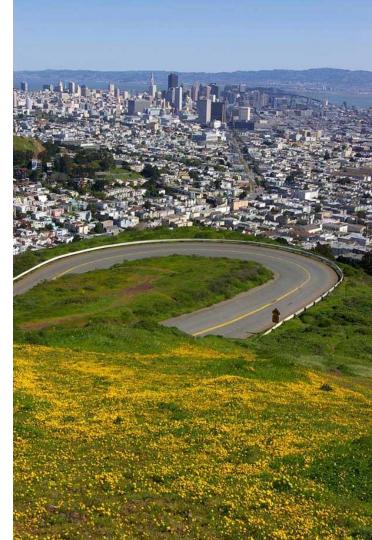
PCA HISTORY IN SAN FRANCISCO

- 2018 Grantees include:
 - Crane Cove Park Access
 - 900 Innes Park Planning
 - Twin Peaks Connectivity Conceptual Plan
- 2020 PCAs Updated, SF Grantees include:
 - Yerba Buena Island Multi-Use Pathway (Planning/Eng)
 - McLaren Park and Neighborhood Connections Plan
 - Twin Peaks Trail Improvement
- 2025 Grant for Visitacion Ave Bike/Ped Safety



PCA PROGRAM REFRESH (2024)

- Now more data-supported and structured
- Elevated equity, biodiversity & resilience
- Added enhancement, not only protection
- Added Climate adaptation as 5th type



PCA TYPES & ELIGIBILITY

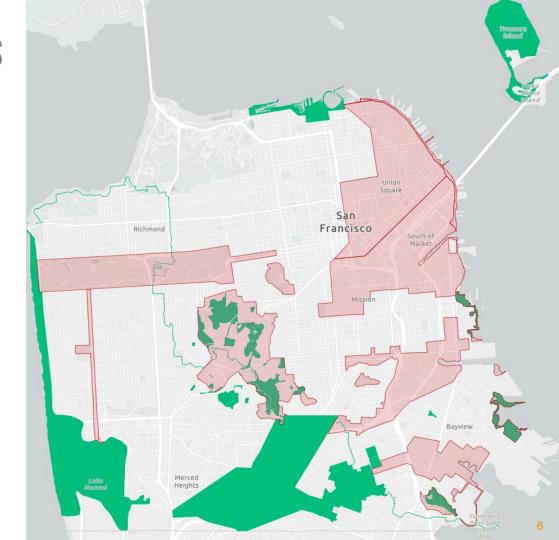
5 Types



- MTC/ABAG reviews nominations for eligibility
- PCA nominations are meant to prioritize limited funding

PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREAS

- Existing
- Proposed







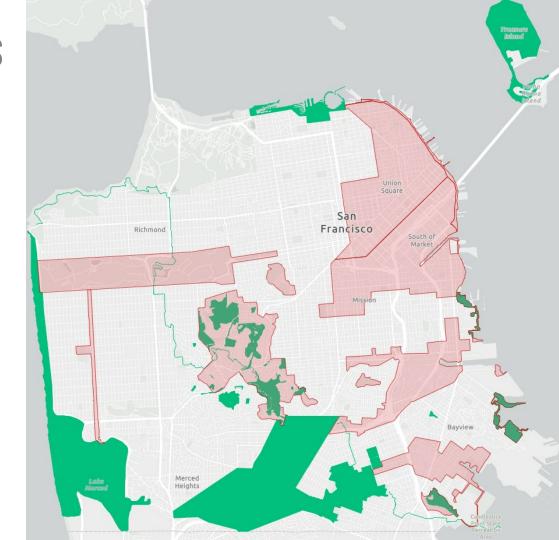
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PCA Nomination Considerations: Eligibility Criteria and Prioritizing Nominations

PCA Eligibility Criteria

Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs) nominations and amendments must meet the location-based criteria outlined in the table below, which vary by PCA type. **Use the <u>PCA GIS Nomination Tool</u> to submit PCA boundaries and provide supporting details for review**. ABAG/MTC staff will assist throughout the nomination window, helping jurisdictions confirm compliance and offering guidance to address any gaps.

In addition to the criteria outlined in the table below, **PCA** nominations cannot overlap with existing **PCAs**. If there is a strong desire for a new PCA to cover an area with an existing PCA, the existing PCA must be amended so there is no overlap.

Please note that jurisdictions submitting **PCA nominations encompassing more than 50% of their total jurisdiction's area** are required to provide a written justification explaining the rationale for proposing such a large *Priority* Conservation Area.

Visit MTC'S GIS data catalog to review <u>city limits</u> and <u>urban growth boundaries</u> which are mapping layers that inform eligibility. For information on how eligibility maps were developed for each PCA type, visit the <u>PCA</u> Refresh GitHub methodology website.

Table 1: Geographic Requirements by PCA Type

PCA Type	Location Requirement	Coverage Requirement	Additional Notes
Natural Land	100% <u>outside</u> city limits or urban growth boundaries	75% coverage with eligibility map	Along the bay shoreline, some special habitats inside city limits are eligible if 100% coverage with the eligibility map is met.
Working Land	100% <u>outside</u> city limits or urban growth boundaries	75% coverage with eligibility map	
Urban Greening	100% <u>inside</u> city limits or urban growth boundaries	75% coverage with eligibility map	
Recreation	Can exist inside or outside city limits or urban growth boundaries	75% coverage with eligibility map	
Climate Adaptation	Can exist inside or outside city limits or urban growth boundaries	75% coverage with eligibility map	Must also be nominated as another PCA type; cannot exist alone.



Considerations for Prioritizing Nominations

Most of the Bay Area meets the eligibility criteria for PCA designation – this was a feature of the <u>PCA</u> <u>Refresh</u>, ensuring local flexibility to nominate most areas. This section offers suggested approaches for prioritizing PCA nominations. Relevant mapping layers are available on the <u>Online Map Viewer</u>.

1. Local Needs and Priorities

- Focus on Equity Priority Communities (EPCs): Prioritize new PCAs in or near EPCs to address social and environmental inequities. Remember to check PCA type and eligibility when nominating areas inside city limits or urban growth boundaries.
- Engage the Community: Leverage past or new community, stakeholder, or CBO engagement to identify areas that reflect community values and needs.
- Advance Local Plans: Review existing plans and policies to connect PCA nominations to local conservation and development objectives.

2. Highest-Value Conservation Areas

• Identify the Highest Value and Opportunity Locations: Broad eligibility criteria allow flexibility for local nominations, but nominating all eligible areas can defuse the focus of PCAs. Instead, use data or local knowledge to target areas with the highest conservation value or highest opportunity.

3. Regional Significance

• Review Regionally Identified Priorities. ABAG created Regionally Identified Priorities, or "Regionally Identified PCAs," during the PCA Refresh process to pinpoint lands with regional connectivity or significance for each PCA type. These areas serve the same planning and policy purposes as Locally Nominated PCAs but do not qualify for grant funding unless they are also locally nominated (learn more about Regionally Identified PCAs in the PCA Refresh Final Report, page 16). While Regionally Identified PCAs can help guide the nomination of new PCAs, their absence does not preclude an area from being nominated. View Regionally Identified PCAs in the Online Map Viewer to strategically align local nominations with regional goals. Jurisdictions are encouraged to nominate Regionally Identified PCAs when in agreement with local priorities.

4. Multi-Benefit Opportunities

- Consider Areas that Advance Multiple Goals: Many locations meet criteria for multiple PCA types (e.g. a local stream may be a critical habitat, trail gap, park desert, and flood risk area). Prioritize areas that achieve multiple PCA conservation goals to maximize co-benefits like biodiversity, climate resilience, recreation, community health, and equity.
- **Enhance Connectivity:** Support nominations that link regionally significant habitat corridors and recreation networks.





MYRNA MELGAR

DATE: May 28, 2025

TO: Angela Calvillo

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Supervisor Myrna Melgar, Chair, Land Use and Transportation Committee

RE: Land Use and Transportation Committee

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pursuant to Board Rule 4.20, as Chair of the Land Use and Transportation Committee, I have deemed the following matters are of an urgent nature and request them be considered by the full Board on Tuesday, June 3, 2025:

File No. 250526 Apply to Amend San Francisco's Priority Conservation Areas

Designations

Sponsors: Melgar; Dorsey

File No. 250523 Resolution of Intention - Street Name Change - Pierce Street from

Fulton Street to Golden Gate Avenue - "Dr. Amos C. Brown Way"

Sponsors: Mahmood; Walton and Mandelman

File No. 250524 Commemorative Street Name Designation - Pierce Street from

Fulton Street to Golden Gate Avenue - "Dr. Amos C. Brown Way"

Sponsors: Mahmood; Walton and Mandelman

These matters will be heard in the Land Use and Transportation Committee at a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 2, 2025.

From: Carroll, John (BOS)
To: George Wooding

Cc: Melgar, Myrna (BOS); ChenStaff; MahmoodStaff; Low, Jen (BOS); Mahmood, Bilal (BOS); Cooper, Raynell (BOS);

Chen, Chyanne (BOS); Sciammas, Charlie (BOS)

Subject: RE: File number 250526 to apply to amend San Francisco"s Priority Conservation Areas designation

Date: Monday, June 2, 2025 10:51:00 AM

Attachments: <u>image001.png</u>

Thank you for your comment letter.

I am forwarding your comments to the members of the Land Use and Transportation committee, and I will include your comments in the file for this resolution matter.

I invite you to review the entire matter on our <u>Legislative Research Center</u> by following the link below:

Board of Supervisors File No. 250526

John Carroll Assistant Clerk

Board of Supervisors San Francisco City Hall, Room 244 San Francisco, CA 94102 (415)554-4445



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From: George Wooding <gswooding@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, June 1, 2025 10:14 PM

To: Carroll, John (BOS) <john.carroll@sfgov.org>; Melgar, Myrna (BOS) <myrna.melgar@sfgov.org>; ChenStaff <ChenStaff@sfgov.org>; MahmoodStaff <MahmoodStaff@sfgov.org>; George Wooding <gswooding@gmail.com>

Subject: File number 250526 to apply to amend San Francisco's Priority Conservation Areas designation

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Dear Mr Carrol

Please make sure that all committee members receive this testimony on item #2

Item 250526

application to amend San Francisco's priority conservation areas (PCA) designation

Resolution sponsors: Melgar, Dorsey

resolution authorizing the planning department to apply on behalf of the city and county of San Francisco to confirm existing and create new and revised designations of priority conservation areas (PCAs) by the association of Bay Area governments (ABAG) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)

QUESTION: when has the MTC or the Association of Bay Area Governments ever done a good job in planning? Could this be demonstrated? If not, why are we using these agencies as the lead agencies for planning? Perhaps, the land use and transportation agency can demonstrate these agencies successes at the June 2nd meeting as part of a larger more informative presentation.

San Francisco residents are tired of hearing that better transportation leads to better housing. Can this be demonstrated in San Francisco? The public grows weary of hearing this false dogma. In 2026, the SFMTA will exhibit a deficit of over \$330M and operational maintenance will be much worse.

Has this resolution ever been presented to the Planning Commission?

Has this resolution ever been presented to the public?

Why is land use in such a hurry to present this resolution to the Board of Supervisors? Does this resolution portend some type of legislation based on a doctored resolution report -- without public knowledge?

Resolution timeline:

Committee request memo—Wednesday May 28, 2025

Prepared by John Carroll—Thursday, May 29, 2025

San Francisco Land Use and Transportation Committee—Monday, June 2, 2025

SF Board of Supervisors—Tuesday, June 3, 2025

San Francisco has significantly reduced its greenhouse gas emissions and is currently below the 2025 target set by its Environment Code. Greenhouse gas emissions have been reduced by over 40 percent since 2017. The authors of this

resolution should be aware of this information.

File number 250526 to apply to amend San Francisco's Priority Conservation Areas designation sponsored by Melgar and Dorsey: there should be no amendment(s) because City Planning should not be forced to work with the MTC or ABAG. This resolution is not an emergency and there is no need for these organizations to become involved in something that the Planning Department can do without them.

The real emergency is that the MTC, ABAG/RHNA and the State of California are dictating San Francisco's Planning.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

George Wooding 415 695 -1393 From: <u>Carroll, John (BOS)</u>
To: <u>Steven Chapman</u>

Cc: Melgar, Myrna (BOS); Low, Jen (BOS); Mahmood, Bilal (BOS); Cooper, Raynell (BOS); Chen, Chyanne (BOS);

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From: Steven Chapman <stevenchapman4272@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, May 30, 2025 10:11 PM

To: Carroll, John (BOS) <john.carroll@sfgov.org> **Subject:** Fwd: PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREAS

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Re: Designation of priority conservation areas

Dear Mr Carroll,

Please accept the attached (forwarded) comments to committee members. Comments have mainly to do with semantics but believe may be helpful to clarify why these corridor connections should be added to priority conservation areas list.

Very appreciative of the Supervisors' efforts in this regard,

Sincerely,

Steven Chapman

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Steven Chapman** < stevenchapman4272@gmail.com >

Date: Fri, May 30, 2025, 9:59 PM

Subject: PRIORITY CONSERVATION AREAS

To: Steven Chapman < stevenchapman4272@gmail.com>

Dear Supervisors,

I commend this effort to update the list of San Francisco's Priority Conservation Areas

In particular I commend efforts to add Buena Vista and Corona Heights to the list. Buena Vista Park contains the most intact Oak Woodlands in the city outside of Golden Gate Park and the Presidio. Corona Heights is among the most biodiverse patch of grasslands in the city, and has been a focus of convervation efforts by the Sierra Club and CNPS for the past 20 years.

I am also appreciative of designation of the Islais Creek watershed area as a priority focus. The upper watershed embraces both Twin Peaks (for which some planning efforts are currently underway) but and Mt Davdson and other areas which are important in terms of connectivity, as well as Islais creek in Glen Canyon. In addition focusing on the watershed connectivity, focus on the watershed as a whole allows linkages to the lower watershed with the potential for "daylighting" portions of the creek in currently underserved areas in the Southeast.

The same can be said for the Yosemite Creek/ Yosemite Slough connection.

Finally I think it would be helpful to explicitly mention and add to the list the newly established Sunset Dunes Park (rather than the generic "Ocean Beach" designation). This is also an important node of connection, with potential for linking up with recent retoration work at China Beach/ Ocean Beach and work in dune restoration being done In San Mateo County. There is aslo potential for enhancements to the Coastal Trail. Planning is currently underway with some funding from the Coastal Commission. Explicit designation of the Sunset Dunes Park could help promote those efforts and identify appropriate funding sources (bond monnies etc).

Thank you for your consideration,

Steven Chapman
110 El Camino del Mar
415-374-9374
(Here on behalf of the Fund for Ecology and Culture).

Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one): 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment) 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference) (Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only) Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee 3. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor 4. inquires..." 5. City Attorney Request Call File No. 6. from Committee. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion) 7. Substitute Legislation File No. 8. Reactivate File No. 9. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on 10. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes): ☐ Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission ☐ Ethics Commission ☐ Planning Commission ☐ Building Inspection Commission ☐ Human Resources Department General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53): □ No ☐ Yes (Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.) Sponsor(s): Supervisors Melgar; Dorsey Subject: Application to Amend San Francisco's Priority Conservation Areas Designations Long Title or text listed: Resolution authorizing the Planning Department to apply, on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, to confirm existing and create new and revised designations of Priority Conservation Areas by the Association of Bay Area Governments and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: /s/Myrna Melgar