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See Petaluma From The Water  
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Ms. Polgar;

Re: DRAFT San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Plan

Members of the Petaluma Small Craft Center Coalition (PSC3), a group endeavoring to site and construct a multi-use boathouse for human-powered watercraft in Petaluma, are delighted with the San Francisco Bay Water Trails Plan. We hope you will include a proposed small craft center in the plan as a desirable future addition to the Water Trail.

If such a facility can be sited and built, we believe it would greatly enhance the Water Trail in the North Bay. We visualize it somewhere between the Petaluma Marina (Sn6) and the Turning Basin downtown (Sn7).

Interest in such a facility was identified in an internet survey conducted in March 2006. This boathouse is needed by the 300-500 (sic) outrigger, rowing, and kayak boaters regularly using the Petaluma River for fitness, environmental appreciation, and recreation. (The Petaluma Paddlers' newsgroup alone has 217 members; add to those approximately 100 members in each of two outrigger canoe clubs, plus users of rowboats and traditional small craft who would also enjoy the Trail.)

Our facility would greatly expand the offerings to area boaters, by providing access for various craft (as the report notes, different forms of access are needed), bathrooms and showers (limited in the area, as even the Marina's bathrooms about a mile downstream are locked during many prime hours of the day), boat storage, and watercraft safety and environmental education. Information about the Water Trail would be an important offering, and the

overnight storage and cleanup facilities would be especially valuable to travelers wishing to stay overnight, dine, and shop in Petaluma.

Please add to the plan notice of the desirability of a boathouse at this area.

*Participants in the PSC<sup>3</sup>, including:*

He'e Nalu Outrigger Canoe Club  
Lokahi Outrigger Canoe Club  
NorthBay Rowing Club  
Ohana Wa'a Outrigger Canoe Club  
Petaluma Paddlers  
Petaluma River Works  
Petaluma Yacht Club  
Sequoia Paddling Club  
Sonoma State University Crew  
Traditional Small Craft Association/Sacramento Chapter  
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Encl: 2006 Survey Highlights  
Excerpt, Petaluma River Access and Enhancement Plan  
"View From The River" brochure