



CITY OF NOVATO
CALIFORNIA

HAMILTON LEVEE ACCESS

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING: MARCH 31, 2021

OVERVIEW

- Discuss public use of Bay Trail vs. levee maintenance road
- Review proposal to help guide pedestrians to the Bay Trail
- Questions and comments from neighbors
- Next steps



WHY ARE WE HERE?

- Residents complained about public use of maintenance access road rather than Bay Trail on bayward side of splashwall;
- In response, City staff reviewed documents regarding public access to the levee: Bay Trail Easement, CC&Rs, and Levee Maintenance Manual all support pedestrian restrictions on maintenance access road;
- City determined that fencing and signs to guide pedestrians to the Bay Trail was an appropriate response;
- Following notice to residents of proposed fencing, City received emails in strong opposition.



PUBLIC USE OF LEVEE

- Public Access Easement is recorded on bayward side of splashwall only;
- FEMA-certified Levee Maintenance Manual states, “...every effort must be made to prevent unauthorized encroachments, dumping of yard waste, the misuse of chemicals, or pedestrian/pet traffic.”
- Hamilton Field CC&Rs state, “...where rear yard fencing is located adjacent to the slope of a levee, there shall be no gate or access opening...”
- Existing signage prohibits pedestrian access on maintenance access road.



EXISTING CONDITIONS

Bay Trail Central Access Location – Hamilton Hangars



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Minor erosion due to unauthorized public access

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Levee South Access Location



Posted Signage

LEVEE PATHWAY
FOR MAINTENANCE
AND AUTHORIZED
PERSONS ONLY
USE BAY TRAIL →

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Levee North Access Location



PROPOSED FENCING & SIGN LOCATIONS

Additional signs facing Hangar parking lot:

LEVEE PATHWAY
FOR MAINTENANCE
AND AUTHORIZED
PERSONS ONLY
USE BAY TRAIL →

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Proposed fencing locations



PROPOSED FENCING TYPE



~4' Tall
Wire
Mesh

Metal Pole
Installation

PROPOSED NEW FENCE – NORTH ACCESS



PROPOSED NEW FENCE – CENTRAL ACCESS



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PROPOSED NEW FENCE – USCGC PROPERTY



PROPOSED NEW SIGNAGE



COST ESTIMATE & FUNDING

- Work will be performed by Public Works staff (2-3 person crew for 1 week)
- Materials costs are expected to be approximately \$5,000
- Funding will come from the Public Works operating budget—not the Hamilton Community Facilities District budget



QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?



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