RICHARDSON'S BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

Thursday, June 20, 2013
5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Sausalito City Council Chambers 420 Litho Street Sausalito, CA

PUBLIC COMMENT IS INVITED CONCERNING EACH AGENDIZED ITEM PURSUANT TO THE BROWN ACT. PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO THREE (3) MINUTES.

AGENDA

5:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

- 1. Minutes of May 28, 2013 Special Meeting
- 2. Review report of Harbor Administrator
- 3. Approval of prior expenditures for March June 2013
- 4. Election of Vice-Chair
- 5. Update on public access points in Richardson's Bay
- 6. Public comments invited concerning items <u>NOT</u> on this Agenda (3-minute limit)
- 7. Staff comments
- 8. Board member matters

NEXT MEETING: <u>Tentatively planned for August 15, 2013</u>. Board members please review your calendars and advise Staff as to your availability.

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RICHARDSON'S BAY REGIONAL AGENCY MEMORANDUM

June 14, 2013

TO: RBRA Board

FROM: Ben Berto, RBRA Clerk

SUBJECT: June meeting

Board members:

This meeting features what could be a fairly light agenda. The major item is a discussion of various types of access, as requested by your Board at the last regular meeting in March.

Due to having only a bare quorum at the last RBRA meeting, it was decided to postpone election of a Vice-Chair to this meeting. This is another area where RBRA laments the recent passing of recent Vice-Chair Dick Collins.

Your Board will recall that the regularly scheduled Board meeting for May had to be rescheduled as a special meeting due to being unable to achieve a quorum on the regular date, and the need to promptly revise the budget to reflect additional expenses and revenues. Staff thanks the Board members that were able to attend. The folks at the County who review RBRA's budget thank you as well.

As discussed at the May special RBRA hearing, vessel demolition is proceeding apace with the infusion of additional funding from the CalRecycle grant.

Jennifer Vuillermet tendered her resignation to follow her husband to the sunny South. Her replacement is Jenna Brady, who will introduce herself to your Board at this meeting. On behalf of the RBRA Board and all those who have benefited from her service, Staff thanks Jennifer and wishes her all the best in her new community.

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HARBOR ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

June 14, 2013

WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

- **Dept. of Boating and Waterways** Applied for \$20K Vessel Turn-In Program funds for FY 2013-14. Did not apply for AWAF funds this year due to increased competition for funding and the CalRecycle grant funds that we have secured. Cal Boating assured staff that they would award grants in the future to the RBRA due to our track record.
- Cal Recycle Processed and received reimbursement for the first dozen vessels disposed of under the terms of the grant. Staff is preparing an end of the year invoice for CalRecycle for an additional 11 vessels, with a total expenditures of approx.. \$60K since Jan. 2013.
- **Corps of Engineers** Ken Danielson retired from his position as head of operations, so Staff has been meeting with his replacement to ensure a smooth transition.
- **City of Sausalito** coordinated and accomplished the removal the remaining 200 lineal feet of dock from the Cass' Marina property. The crew still cleans the property on a monthly basis.
- **Sausalito Police Department** met with the SPD and the waterfront residents to discuss various topics.

DEBRIS REMOVAL

- Disposed of 17 vessels. 2 vessels are currently awaiting demolition.
- 4 boats are currently impounded.
- Beach clean-up efforts ongoing using Marin Co. Community Service volunteers.

RAPID RESPONSE

• Recovered 1 vessel from Belvedere shoreline. Although there have been some gale force windstorms recently, the anchorage has done a remarkable job staying hooked to the bottom.

WATER QUALITY

- Preparing a staff report on progress made toward the TMDL.
- Waldo Point Harbor is well into their dock reconfiguration / parking lot rebuild and it looks like the scheduled incorporation of Gates Coop into legal, conforming slips will be finished by 2014. This will positively affect water quality in that area.
- Inspected 4 marinas for the Clean Marina Program. Over 120 marinas statewide have become Clean Marinas, which takes some of the pressure off of them in regards to water quality issues.

Richardson Bay Regional Agency

Vessel Disposal List April - June 2013

Date	Name	Туре	Amount
4/6/2013 4/13/2013 4/20/2013 5/4/2013 5/4/2013 5/4/2013 5/18/2013 5/18/2013	K III Windy Love Blue Sea Ray BlueFish 40' Wheeler Iceberg Summerwind Svendy Wildfire	38' wooden powerboat 30' F/G sailboat 24' F/G powerboat 26' F/G powerboat 40' wooden powerboat 28' F/G powerboat 27' F/G sailboat 21' F/G powerboat 27' F/G sailboat	3018.14 abandoned - CALRECYCLE 403.15 abandoned - CALRECYCLE 1516.14 abandoned - CALRECYCLE 420.00 abandoned - CALRECYCLE 5640.90 abandoned - CALRECYCLE 640.51 abandoned - CALRECYCLE 984.65 abandoned - CALRECYCLE 1200.00 abandoned - CALRECYCLE 908.75 abandoned - CALRECYCLE
6/1/2013	Julie Ann Café Racer	20' F/G sailboat*	570.00 abandoned - CALRECYCLE
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6/1/2013	Julie Ann	39' wooden powerboat	3471.75 abandoned - CALRECYCLE

12 vessels total 19273.99

^{*} indicates estimated invoices

RBRA-FY 2012/13 - March 10 - April 30, 2013 BALANCE SHEET

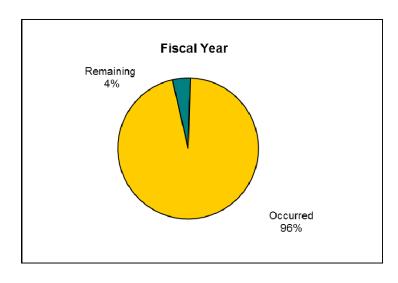
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Prof Svcs - Other	DIEGO TOWING - 2 BOATS		420.00
Rent - Equip Rental	COMPUTER LEASE - MARIN CO.		340.89
HazMat Clean Up	REDWOOD LANDFILL - 2 BOATS		615.43
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Prof Svcs - Other	MT HEAD - PUMPOUT SERV		375.00
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Prof Svcs - Legal	COUNTY COUNSEL SERVICES	_	256.25
Prof Svcs - Other	PARKER - SALVAGE LARGE VESSEL		3800.00
Prof Svcs - Other	DAY LABOR		100.00
Prof Svcs - Other	WEDLOCK - SURVEY		235.00
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Prof Svcs - Other	HMA - ASBESTOS INSPECTION		670.00
HazMat Clean Up	BAY CITIES REFUSE - DEBRIS HAULER		512.05
Rent - Equip Rental	HERTZ EQUIPMENT - BACKHOE		539.68
Prof Svcs - Other	DIEGO TOWING		472.50
Prof Svcs - Other	ALEXANDER - WEBSITE SERVICES		260.00
Prof Svcs - Other	MARIN CO. LABS - SAMPLES		3000.00
HazMat Clean Up	REDWOOD LANDFILL - 2 BOATS		659.56
Com Srvc - Broadband Trav - Parking	PARKING		121.40 17.50
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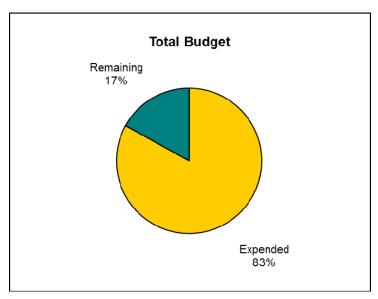
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Oil & Gas Outside	CIRCLE K GAS	31.45
Prof Svcs - Other	HMA - ASBESTOS INSPECTION	455.00
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Rent - Off Space	LIBERTY SHIP - DRY STORAGE	240.00
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Rent - Equip Rental	HERTZ EQUIPMENT - BACKHOE	502.66
Prof Svcs - Other	DAY LABOR	400.00
Trav-Meals	IN N OUT - CREW MEAL	26.84
Trav - Mileage	MILEAGE	148.03
Trav - Other	FAST TRACK	20.00
Prof Svcs - Other	MT HEAD - PUMPOUT SERV	375.00
Rent - Off Space	ICB - OFFICE RENT	420.00
Com Srvc - Cell Phon	AT&T - NEW PHONE + MONTHLY	515.71
HazMat Clean Up	A&S ENVIRONMENTAL -OIL DISP.	683.75
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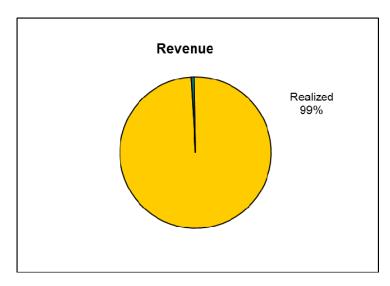
Percent of Budget and Percent of Year as of June 14, 2013





Expenditures vs. Budgeted Expenditures

Expenditures \$376,552 Adopted Budget \$453,373



Realized Revenue vs. Budgeted Revenue

Realized Revenue \$469,811 Budgeted Revenue \$473,080

RICHARDSON'S BAY REGIONAL AGENCY REPORT

June 14, 2013

TO:

RBRA Board

FROM:

Ben Berto, RBRA Clerk

SUBJECT: Richardson's Bay Public Access, Views, and Vistas

Board members:

At the last regular RBRA meeting on March 21, your Board directed Staff to follow up with additional information on public access and related subjects for the next meeting. At the March meeting, Staff provided policy context as provided by the primary policy document under which the RBRA operates, the 1984 Richardson Bay Special Area Plan (RBSAP). An electronic copy of the RBSAP is posted on the RBRA website at: http://rbra.ca.gov/Special_Area_Plan.pdf,

Richardson Bay Special Area Plan: Public Access, Views, and Vistas

Part I of the RBSAP, entitled Findings and Policies, contains five sections on different topics concerning Richardson's Bay:

Aquatic and Wildlife Resources Water Quality Navigation Channels, Marinas, Anchorages, and Moorages Dredging and Spoils Disposal Residential Vessels and Floating Structures Public Access, Views, and Vistas Tidal Restoration and Marsh Enhancement

The introductory paragraph to Public Access, Views, and Vistas states:

Richardson Bay is the visual center of southern Marin County and its dominant and single most important natural resource. In few other areas of San Francisco Bay do so many people live either on or in such close proximity to the water. Richardson Bay is a prime Bay Area recreation resource offering activities ranging from sailing its protected waters and walking or bicycling its shoreline paths to dining in one of the many shoreline restaurants which offer magnificient views of the open Bay waters, passing boats, and distant wooded shoreline. Visual access to its waters and physical access to its shoreline enrich the experience of those living near or visiting Richardson Bay.

Staff reviewed the five-page section, consisting of the Introductory Paragraph and Findings and Policies (see attached). Salient points include:

- 1. Access includes visual access to (views of) Richardson's Bay, physical access along its shoreline, and access to/from water and land.
- 2. Although improvements had already taken place, additional public access to and along the shoreline was desired.
- 3. Access is deemed important as a requirement attendant on future shoreline or water area development.
- 4. Unified connections should be provided to and between shoreline access points, public parks, open space areas, and along public rights of way.
- 5. Special consideration of public access should be given in development of houseboat and liveaboard marinas.
- 6. Public amenities such as seating, lighting, trash receptacles, and restrooms should be provided.
- 7. Where feasible and desirable, facilities as small boat launching ramps and dinghy tie-ups should be provided for access to/from water and land.

Current public facilities

There are a variety of types of, and desires/needs for access, as highlighted in the RBSAP Section title "Public Access, Views, and Vistas" and the discussion following, Considerable efforts and progress has been made in providing all types in the 29-odd years since the RBSAP was written. It is tempting to focus on efforts that have taken place strictly with respect to small boat shore/water access, but actual provision of facilities is much broader than that, as the following chronicles.

As befitting a city with its significant marine history and orientation, Sausalito has an excellent and almost continuous public access along its shoreline. Its pathways and sidewalks connect the following water-proximate parks (starting in the southeast): Tiffany Park, Yee Tock Chee Park, Gabrielson Park (where the recent, successful Herring Festival took place), Dunphy Park, Marinship Park, and several privately owned but publically accessible pocket parks such as Shoreline Park. While many of these facilities (for example, Yee Tock Chee) are basically pocket parks, Sausalito's public Bay access facilities compare favorably to the developed portions of San Francisco's waterfront. Traversing the entirety of Sausalito's shoreline facilities and amenities on foot would take a good portion of a very enjoyable day.

Continuing further west, the Mill Valley-Sausalito bicycle and pedestrian path encompasses the Bothin Marsh Preserve and Bayfront Park in the County unincoporated and Mill Valley Bay frontages, and Hauke Park further east.

There is a decent shoulder/bike lane alongside Seminary Drive, with Brick Kiln Park on the water, and a nice public lawn at the end of Heron Drive in Strawberry.

Harbor Cove Way has a path and small boat dock.

Limited shoreside access is provided at the Richardson Bay Audubon Center and Wildlife Sanctuary, indicative of the habitat values present there.

The Tiburon bicycle and pedestrian path provides lengthy shore-proximate visual and physical access, including on the adjacent McKegney Green.

Belvedere shoreside and visual access is limited to a portion of San Rafael Avenue.

Sausalito facilities

As noted above, the RBSAP emphasizes a variety of types of public access, which have been successfully developed and are enjoyed daily by thousands of users. Sausalito is the epicenter for these facilities. RBRA Staff met with Jonathon Goldman, Sausalito Director of Public Works, to discuss Sausalito's facilities and programs. Staff came away impressed that Sausalito has been, and continues to, pursue and develop shoreside facilities and amenities of various types.

Providing new public facilities would require extensive financial resources and an intensive amount of staff time. For example, water-shore access can be tidally limited, unless allowed by happy bathymetric coincidence (rare) or human actions activities such as dredging (typical). Dredging involves permits from numerous State and Federal agencies (including a specific dredge management agency), and requires environmental analysis including hazmat assessments which if present entail major additional expenses. Sausalito has developed private-public partnerships that have enabled work such as the just-completed Sausalito Yacht Harbor Bulkhead reconstruction, who's multi-million dollar price tag would otherwise have been cost prohibitive.

All public facilities have to be code safe and fully handicapped accessible (including parking), which become major impediments to developing a facility such as the Edgewater docks.

Sausalito continues to explore development of facilities including showers. Provision of recreationally-oriented coldwater rinse-off showers in public view is an easier exercise than hot showers, which would come with heightened management concerns.

Shore-water access

One type that is particularly important to live-aboard anchorouts, is free public water-shore (and vice-versa) access suitable for small dingy users.

Sausalito currently has four free public access points (described further below):

Turney Street ramp and dock Galilee Harbor dock Schoonmaker public dock and beach Clipper fuel dock

Turney Street ramp and dock



- Free boat launch (trailer) & kayak
- Long-term boat tie-up
- No trailer parking

Galilee Harbor



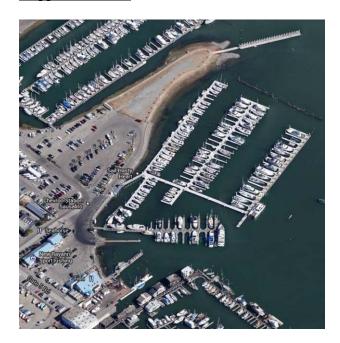
- Free boat launch (trailer) & kayak
- Long-term boat tie-up
- Limited parking

Schoonmaker dock and beach



- Free boat & kayak launch
- Long-term boat tie-up
- Very limited parking

Clipper fuel dock



- \$20. boat launch (trailer parking)
- No parking

Other popular shoreside facilities & amenities

Fishing

- New public dock at Trident (2014 completion date)
- Elephant Rock (Tiburon)
- Clipper Yacht Harbor (fee charter boats with parking)

Boat Launch (kayak, etc.)

- Dunphy Park beach
- Clipper Yacht Harbor Basin #3 (paddleboard access)

Dockside access

- Trident Restaurant
- Sam's Restaurant (Tiburon)
- Strawberry Recreation District small dock
- Numerous other commercial properties in Sausalito

Groups are pursuing different types of facilities around Richardson's Bay, in particular in Sausalito's under the City's general umbrella. Staff recommends individuals that have an interest in furthering those facilities contact and get involved with those groups.

Conclusions/recommendations

- 1. Shoreside access and facilities around Richardson's Bay are generally good to excellent.
- 2. Comprehensive, convenient information about what is available is incomplete.
- 3. Providing additional access is highly resource intensive.
- 4. The City of Sausalito has been and will continue to be the logical focal point for future efforts concerning water/shoreside access.

Attachments:

- 1. Richardson Bay Special Area Plan Public Access, Views, and Vistas
- 2. Sausalito free public shoreside access points aerial image

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FINDINGS

- 1. Public access includes visual access from inland areas to Richardson Bay and its shoreline and from the water to the inland areas.
- 2. The shoreline of Richardson Bay contains many uses: residential, commercial, industrial, and public park and open space. Local governments with jurisdiction over Richardson Bay: Marin County and the cities of Sausalito, Mill Valley, Tiburon, and Belvedere, and the Bay Commission require that new developments provide public access to the shoreline of the Bay. The shoreline of Richardson Bay presents an opportunity for the development of a unified public access system linking public parks and accessways along the entire shoreline.
- 3. Although access to and along the shoreline has increased greatly over the last few years, there is still potential for development of new access, as sites are developed or redeveloped. Local governments and the Strawberry Recreation District have contributed to improved Bay access by providing a number of parks along the waterfront and acquiring the Northwestern Pacific Railroad right-of-way along much of the western shore of Richardson Bay and constructing the Marin County bike path on In addition, the local governments have proposed development of additional access and recreation facilities along the waterfront. However, other demands for limited public funds will reduce funds available for the provision of shoreline access by these agencies. Additional public access to Richardson Bay is needed and this can be provided in part by the private sector as part of shoreline development and through grants, gifts, and donations from a variety of public and private sources.
- In some areas the natural resources in Richardson Bay constrain public access. Examples include sensitive wildlife habitats, such as the harbor seal haul out area, bird rookeries, some marsh areas, and unsafe areas such as steep cliffs.

- 5. Sandy beaches, such as on the Schoonmaker property in Sausalito, are rare in southern Marin County, and are an important resource for public enjoyment.
- 6. At some sites, public access could conflict with existing uses or a proposed project. Some water-related industrial uses, such as boat construction and repair yards, might pose a hazard to members of the public unless the public area is adequately separated from the work area. If properly designed and of sufficient size, public access can usually be compatible with any use; however, the potential for conflict is greatest between the general public using access areas immediately adjacent to private residential uses. For this reason, special consideration should be given to the design of public access in residential areas.
- 7. Richardson Bay, Mount Tamalpais, and San Francisco serve as the major focal points of views and vistas in the Richardson Bay area. Richardson Bay is both a unifying element for the area and a physical divider of its parts. The surface of the Bay and the near, medium, and far vistas it affords offer relief from the urbanized areas and help to create a sense of psychological well-being.
- 8. Probably the most widely enjoyed "use" of the Bay is simply viewing it—from the shoreline, from the water, and from afar. Views of Richardson Bay also enhance property values. For example, a Bay view can add substantially to the value of a home, office, or apartment building. Also, the water is a major visitor attraction for the tourist industry.
- 9. Improperly sited buildings and plantings of dense vegetation often block major view corridors to the Bay.

POLICIES

- 1. A continuous unified public access system should be provided around the entire periphery of Richardson Bay.
- Aximum feasible public access to and along the Richardson Bay shoreline should be provided as part of each shoreline or water area development consistent with the project. Such areas would include continued development of the pedestrian promenade on the Bay side of existing buildings in downtown Tiburon. The access areas should be connected to existing adjacent public access areas, public park and open space facilities, and public rights-of-way; be related to the adjacent uses; and be designed, constructed, and maintained to indicate their public nature. If there is no public access on adjacent land, but could

reasonably be expected to be provided in the future as part of a development, the public access design should provide for connection to the future adjacent access area. In cases where public access at the project site would be inconsistent because of public safety considerations or significant use conflicts, access should be provided offsite, in nearby areas.

Special consideration should be given in the design of public access areas in marinas where houseboats and live-aboards will be moored to assure that the private residential use does not interfere with the public access use of the marina shoreline.

- 3. Sandy beaches, such as that on the Schoonmaker property in Sausalito, should be protected for public access and use.
- Public access areas should be landscaped and appropriate amenities such as seating, lighting, trash containers, drinking fountains, and restrooms should be provided where appropriate. These facilities should be maintained as part of the project and clear and visible signing of the public access area should be provided. Adequate public parking and access facilities for the handicapped should be provided for public use of the access area.
- 5. Pedestrian and bicycle paths should be separated wherever possible.

 Access paths for pedestrian use only should be a minimum of six feet in width, and paths designed for bicycle use only should be a minimum of ten feet in width wherever such widths are feasible. Paths designed for joint pedestrian and bicycle use should be 13 feet in width wherever possible.
- 6. Public access to some natural areas should be provided to permit study and enjoyment of these areas (e.g. by boardwalks on piers in or adjacent to some sloughs or marshes). However, some wildlife habitats may be sensitive to human intrusion. For this reason access in such areas should be limited and design of the access should be carefully evaluated in consultation with appropriate agencies and organizations, such as the Department of Fish and Game and the Audubon Society, to determine the appropriate location and type of access to be provided.
- New parks and access areas should provide, where possible, for a variety of activities such as walking, bicycling, picnicking, fishing, boating, etc. Wherever possible, new projects should bring the public into contact with the water. Where feasible and desirable such facilities as small boat launching ramps and dinghy tie-ups should be provided for access from water to land.

- 8. New recreational boating marinas should provide facilities for guest boats and dinghy tie-ups to provide access from water to land for transient boaters. Existing marinas are encouraged to provide the same boating facilities.
- 9. All local, regional, and state agencies should work together to provide new public access and parks, especially to link the existing shoreline parks and public access areas to the extent feasible without additional filling in the Bay or adversely affecting natural resources.
- 10. In all shoreline development, the siting and height of all buildings and placement of landscaping should maintain views and vistas of Richardson Bay, Mount Tamalpais and San Francisco through the project from major roadways, vista points, and the shoreline. All development should be subject to design review processes.
- 11. The public should have a clear visual link between public thoroughfares and shoreline public access areas so that the public nature of shoreline access areas is clear.
- 12. New shoreline development should be built in clusters, leaving open space around or through the buildings to provide views of the Bay. Areas designated as view corridors within these projects should not be blocked by parked cars, high vegetation or other obstructions that restrict Bay views. Building colors and materials should complement the natural setting.
- 13. Publicly owned lands which provide views or vistas of the Bay, such as streets, walkways, and rights-of-way, should be designated as view corridors.
- Plant materials for shoreline landscaping should be selected and sited to dramatize and enhance views of the water for shoreline users. The plant materials used should have demonstrated capacity to thrive with minimum maintenance under high wind speed, high atmospheric salt content, a highly saline water table, and poor subsurface soil with varying drainage capabilities. Whenever possible, native plant materials should be used.
- 15. Educational signing should be provided in shoreline parks and access areas to identify shoreline features and significant flora and fauna.
- 16. Marin County and the cities abutting Richardson Bay participating in the implementation of the Richardson Bay Special Area Plan should, as part of their current and future planning procedures, indentify locations affording or potentially affording views of Richardson Bay and San

Francisco Bay and make provisions in their current and future planning and development processes to safeguard important existing and potential view corridors and vista points of the water from land and the land from the water, whenever such sites are proposed for development, redevelopment, alterations or additions. Planning departments of the County, cities, and BCDC should work jointly to identify short and long-range views and vista goals and a uniform implementation policy.

