Highway 37 Public Access Study: The Water Trail program staff has been actively involved in guiding a public access plan for the San Pablo Baylands along the waterways between the Petaluma River and the Napa River. This visioning document will help guide the conversation about how water access can be incorporated into this vast area and as restoration projects continue to turn farmlands back to tidal marsh. The document is anticipated for public release this summer.

Carquinez Strait Scenic Loop Vision Plan: The Water Trail has collaborated with the Bay Trail, the Bay Area Ridge Trail, the Delta Trail, and the National Park Service to document and advocate for a seamless network of trails to encircle the Strait between the Zampa Bridge and the Benicia-Martinez Bridge. The plan is anticipated to be released this summer.

Berkeley Marina ADA Gangway: The Water Trail grant funded ADA gangway was successfully installed last week, providing a new accessible launch in this highly popular area. The City of Berkeley also replaced two other deteriorated docks, significantly enhancing the quality of access for boaters at the South Sailing Cove.

Point Pinole Regional Shoreline: The Water Trail is working with the East Bay Regional Park District and other stakeholders to provide an ADA-compliant water access path that will allow Water Trail users to get on and off the water near the existing kayak-in campground. The District’s consultant is finalizing engineering plans and intends to move forward with project permitting this summer.

San Leandro Marina Redevelopment: The marina is in the planning process for a major redevelopment, which could offer significant opportunities for enhanced water access. The marina could become particularly important as it is anticipated to offer a sheltered interior basin that would be protected from the winds and thus more suitable to beginners and SUPs, as well as mud-free access to the open Bay for kayaks, larger craft, and board sailors. A future hotel could also make this a potential overnight destination on the Water Trail. The Water Trail has partnered with the Kaimanu Outrigger Canoe Club to provide guidance to city staff and stakeholders regarding the types of facilities that could meet the needs of the non-motorized small boat community.

Loch Lomond Marina: The Water Trail has continued to engage with BCDC and local stakeholders regarding provision of two public water access facilities as part of ongoing development of the marina. Progress is being made towards consensus on the facilities that will be developed to serve the non-motorized boating community at this important site.