



ATTACHMENT "B"

DATE: November 14, 2008

TO: Open Space Advisory Committee

FROM: Tom Robinson, Conservation Planner

SUBJECT: Upland Goals Habitat Project - Update

The San Francisco Bay Area Upland Habitat Goals Project is a science-based process that will use existing and new data supplemented by expert opinion to recommend the types, amounts and distribution of upland habitats, linkages, compatible uses and the ecological processes needed to sustain diverse and healthy communities of plant, fish and wildlife resources in the nine-county Bay Area. The project convened representatives from all or the majority of the agencies and organizations responsible for protecting, restoring and enhancing Bay Area upland habitats to recommend habitat goals. The project is funded by the California State Coastal Conservancy, the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, the California Coastal and Marine Initiative of the Resources Legacy Fund Foundation, the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund and the US Fish & Wildlife Service Coastal Program at San Francisco Bay. Public outreach assistance is provided by the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program.

The conservation goals established through this concerted process will foster communication and collaboration between local, regional, and state agencies, and serve to focus acquisitions and resources to high-priority areas. Staff will provide an overview of the project and update on its status. The presentation will also outline how the conservation goals and associated spatial information benefit the District by informing its acquisition decisions and identifying shared priorities with its partners.