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San Leandro Slough Bridge Named in Recognition of Treasurer Lockyer's Bay Trail Vision

Alameda County – California. On Friday, May 7, 2010 at 11:30 a.m., the City of San Leandro will hold a grand opening ceremony for the Bay Trail Slough Bridge at the Oyster Bay Regional Park. The bridge was named the "**Bill Lockyer Bay Trail Bridge**," in honor of Treasurer Lockyer's vision and perseverance in bringing the Bay Trail to the greater San Francisco Bay Area. This dedication will also commemorate completion of the 300th mile of the San Francisco Bay Trail, which is administered by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG).

"I'm humbled to have the Bay Trail Slough Bridge named in my honor," said Lockyer. "For more than 20 years the Bay Trail has served as a model of successful local government collaboration. It's been wonderful to watch the trail expand over the years and to see us move closer to our goal of circling the Bay."

With the opening of the 300-foot pedestrian/bicycle bridge, a major gap in the trail will be closed, enabling non-motorized, active transportation options from the Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline in Oakland, to the San Mateo-Hayward Bridge. The \$3,600,000 bridge project was a cooperative effort between the City and multiple agencies, including a \$1 million Bicycle/Pedestrian Grant from the Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA), which administers the County's half-cent transportation sales tax measure.

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"The City is tremendously proud to have been the lead agency on this project, primarily because it gave us the opportunity to help complete the 300th mile of the San Francisco Bay Trail and it brought even more bicycling and walking opportunities for our community to enjoy the beauty of the San Francisco Bay. However, we are equally proud of having participated in such a broad collaborative effort along with all of the agencies involved on this project. In these challenging times, there is much that can still be accomplished when we work together," comments San Leandro's Mayor Anthony Santos.

The event will be held on the northern trail of Oyster Bay Regional Park. The trail can be accessed via an open gate at the service entrance, on the west end of Davis Street, between the Davis Street Transfer Station and the San Leandro Rifle Range. Signs will be posted and staff will be available to direct attendees once they arrive at the end of Davis Street. There will be ample parking near the trail on the East Bay Regional Park District property, however, carpooling is encouraged. Those who plan to attend the grand opening are advised to R.S.V.P. with Community Relations Representative, Kathy Ornelas, at 510.577.3358 or kornelas@ci.san-leandro.ca.us, by Monday, May 3, 2010.

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