PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
WHY PROVIDE ACCESS?

Approximately 20% of the population has a disability
Major increase in the aging “baby-boomer population
Avoid costly institutionalization
Provide equal opportunity to participate in the community
Benefits all users – children, adults, seniors and people with both temporary and permanent disabilities, mothers and fathers using strollers, even delivery personnel

AND BECAUSE IT’S A CIVIL RIGHT
AND THE LAW!
Accessibility Requirements Under California Building Code, Title 24 And Regulations

• New buildings and facilities – *must be completely accessible*
• Altered (remodeled) buildings…
  – Access within the area of alteration, structural repair or addition.
  – Path of travel to altered area including: accessible parking, path-of-travel, restrooms, drinking fountains and telephones that serve the area of alteration.
Accessibility Requirements Under the AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

- New facilities in compliance with the ADAAG Standards.
- Alterations to areas containing a “primary function”, making “goods and services” accessible to the public
- “Path of Travel” items...
  - Entrances
  - Restrooms
  - Sales Counters
  - Exterior facilities – parks, boat harbors, etc.

Drinking Fountains, Telephones, Etc.

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TITLE II
“PROGRAM” ACCESSIBILITY

A Title II government (public) agency may not refuse to allow a person with a disability to participate in a service, program, or activity simply because the person has a disability. For example, a city may not refuse to allow a person with epilepsy to use parks and recreational facilities. Public entities must provide programs and services in an integrated setting, unless separate or different measures are necessary to ensure equal opportunity.
Hyde Street Pier
An Accessible Facility
PIER 52 BOAT LAUNCH
ACCESSIBLE SIGNAGE?

Pier 52
Boat Launch

constructed by the
Port of San Francisco
to provide recreational
boating access to
San Francisco Bay.
Completed 2008.

The Bay Trail, when
completed, will be a
continuous 800-mile
network of trails that
connects the shoreline
of all nine Bay Area
counties.

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PIER 52 BOAT RAMP AND GANGWAY
DO THESE FACILITIES AND THE YACHT CLUB NEXT DOOR PROVIDE PUBLIC ACCESS?
ACCESSIBLE GANGWAY
DO GANGWAY FEATURES (handrails, guard rails, etc.) MEET STATE AND FEDERAL ACCESS CODES/REGULATIONS?
MAINTENANCE OF ACCESSIBLE FEATURES
Required by State Building Code and Federal Access Guidelines
SITE FEATURES MUST BE ACCESSIBLE
INACCESSIBLE BENCH
AND PATH-OF-TRAVEL TO SITE FEATURES
ACCESSIBLE FEATURES
PICNIC TABLE
WITH NO ACCESSIBLE PATH-OF-TRAVEL TO IT
FACILITY INFORMATION SIGNS
Size and Contrast of Lettering – Accessible Alternatives for Blind and Low-Visioned Users
Include Tactile Type and Braille or Accessible Alternative
INFORMATION SIGNAGE
Tidal and Access Information
Should Be Included

PIER 1 ACCESS INFORMATION
ACCESSIBLE FEATURES
Must Meet State Access Building Codes and Federal Access Guidelines
AN 80 FOOT GANGWAY
Is This Design Accessible?
MARIN COUNTY - CORTE MADERA CREEK
MARIN ROWING CLUB
AND
THE CITY OF LARKSPUR PUBLIC DOCK

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SIGNAGE

DO THESE SIGN SYSTEMS PROVIDE HISTORIC OR OTHER SITE INFORMATION IN AN ACCESSIBLE FORMAT?
SITE ACCESSIBILITY
PIER 7
PUBLIC ACCESS OPEN SPACE

INACCESSIBLE SURFACE MATERIAL

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St. Clair County, Michigan
Accessible Canoe and Kayak Launch Facility
Using an Accessible Canoe and Kayak Launch Facility

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Suggested BCDC Actions

• Hire new or appoint existing staff as Commission ADA Coordinator w/design and regulatory expertise in state and federal access codes and regulations and provide on-going training

• All project applications to have detailed access plan and site review by ADA Coordinator or consultant

• Each project applicant charged fees to cover cost of special detailed access plan/site reviews

• Review of the McAteer-Petris Act - Possible Legislative modifications/additions – Bring Act into compliance with state and federal access code and regulatory requirements

• Adopt guidelines that will assure the design of accessible boat docks and other BCDC regulated facilities

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