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Plan to reshape Bay Point marina set to go before county board early next month

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BAY POINT — People strolling on a boardwalk, children frolicking on a new sports field and rows of new homes could be the future at Bay Point's waterfront.

Since 2002, the county's redevelopment agency has worked on plans to reshape 190 acres of marshland and existing marina into a place of regional interest.

Early next month, the county Board of Supervisors will consider changing the county's general plan and making other land line adjustments to allow for waterfront development.

Bay Point's waterfront could eventually include a reconfigured marina, sports fields, an environmental center and as many as 450 new medium-density homes, according to county redevelopment plans.

To set the stage for development, the planning blueprint and urban-limit line would have to be changed. Extensions also are proposed for Pacifica Road and Alves Lane to provide more waterfront access, said Maureen Toms, a county planner.

The McAvoy Yacht Harbor, owned by the Trost family, is a quaint marina with wooden docks and

gravel, 300 boat slips, storage, a launching ramp, a guest dock, boat clubs, a cafe and a fuel dock. PG&E property to the east includes the old Harris Yacht Club and an unused marina with docks and ramps. About 100 acres of marshland west of the Trost property, owned by the State Lands Commission and East Bay Regional Park District, would stay.

McAvoy Harbormaster Cheri Chavez, whose family has owned the land for 24 years, said her biggest concern is easing tenant fears they will lose their spots because they think the project is happening soon.

"For right now, we're just kind of going with the flow," she said, adding that issues such as ensuring fair market price if the county wants the family property are at least a decade away.

It could take at least seven to 14 years to secure development agreements, obtain permits for dredging the harbor and construct grade crossings at railroad tracks before housing can be built, according to a county staff report.

McAvoy will be able to continue operations and make property improvements if the board approves the zoning amendment, Toms said. Bay Point residents and other involved parties have worked to craft the plan. Longtime resident Gloria Magleby is delighted to see it progress.

"This is our chance to prove we're not a dot on the map," she said of enhancing a commodity "very few communities have."

The waterfront plan presumes the harbor would be reshaped with 568 boat slips, dry storage for boats, a new boat launch, fuel dock and a yacht club. Housing could include as many as 20 homes per acre.

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