

**DATE:** October 29, 2021  
**TO:** Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Council  
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**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item #5: Bolinas Lagoon Restoration Project Update

## **DISCUSSION**

### ***Agency Partnership Meetings***

Agency partners met on April 29, 2021 (remote) and July 28, 2021 (remote) to communicate and coordinate efforts and provide updates on projects that relate to land use planning, and current and future land management activities around Bolinas Lagoon. The meeting agendas primarily related to updates from the following agencies: Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, Marin Community Development agency, National Park Service, Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary; and Marin County Parks.

### ***Kent Island Restoration Project***

This summer marked the 8<sup>th</sup> season of plant removal on Kent Island. Although the project started in 2013, the project stalled in 2020 due to COVID. This year, the Kent Island Restoration Project has conducted 9 volunteer events, totaling 64 volunteers. Volunteers helped remove thousands of invasive plants on the island including; iceplant, European beach grass, lupine, and acacia to name a few. Kent Island also hosted a recent Coastal Cleanup event on September 18<sup>th</sup>, removing roughly 40lbs of garbage from the island. Today is the last volunteer workday for the 2021 season.

### ***Bolinas Lagoon North End Project***

Marin County Parks continues to work with the WRA design team to develop project plans. On August 13, 2021, Parks received a Coastal Permit for subsurface investigative work that is needed for a geoarchaeological investigation, geotechnical exploration, and ground water monitoring. The geoarchaeological investigation was on September 13 and 14. Geotechnical work is to occur during the dates of October 4-8<sup>th</sup>. The design team is also working on an Intersection Control Evaluation that was requested by Caltrans on September 20, 2021. The ICE will allow for Caltrans to determine whether the proposed intersection and improvements to State Route 1 are acceptable based on current and past traffic volumes.

### ***Letter Property***

At this time no further design work on the Letter Conceptual Designs has occurred due to limited staff capacity and budget constraints.

### ***Eucalyptus Trees***

Per the Coastal Commission approved application to remove a total of 18 eucalyptus over the course of the next five years, taking up to five trees a year along Olema-Bolinas Road on the edge of the lagoon. A total of 10 trees have been removed and this fall/winter staff will determine whether additional trees need to be prioritized for removal in 2022.