

**DATE:** April 27, 2018  
**TO:** Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Council  
**FROM:** James Raives, Senior Open Space Planner  
**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item: # 6: Bolinas Lagoon Project Update

**DISCUSSION:**

***Agency Partnership Meetings***

Marin County Parks, Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, and National Park Service have met twice (on January 18 and April 5, 2018) to discuss Phase 2 of the North End Project and the renderings that were in the Conceptual Design Report, which staff will use in communication documents for fundraising and promoting the project. The partners also discussed finding funds to make improvements to Wilkins Ranch that relate to public access and rehabilitating structures.

***North End Project***

Marin County Parks has received verbal notification that it will receive two grants for Phase 1 of the North End Project. One grant in the amount of \$285,000 for construction design development, with a match of \$305,000 from Measure A for environmental review. Marin County Parks also received an \$814,590 grant from the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Act for construction of the project.

***Kent Island Restoration Project***

Marin County Parks and the Greater Farallones Association have resumed their partnership to manage the restoration of the island and have begun volunteer activities for this year. This is the last season for vegetation management funded by the Corps of Engineers grant. Staff will present its five-year findings at the next Advisory Council meeting in the fall. Staff is also developing a long-term monitoring strategy for the project.

***Green Crab Removal Project***

The Green Crab Project is planning another round of green crab removal at Seadrift in 2018. The project will begin in late June and will include four weeks of removal through mid-August.

***Invasive Spartina***

Last fall, Marin County Parks and the Invasive Spartina Project monitored the lagoon and identified one small area infested with invasive spartina. Staff treated that area and will continue to monitor the site for any re-infestations. All other known invasive Spartina locations within the lagoon are not showing any signs of this weed.

***Eucalyptus Trees***

The Coastal Commission has indicated that the permit application to remove eucalyptus trees is incomplete. Staff working on gathering the additional information to complete the permit application.

***Letter Property***

In the fall, Marin County Parks staff will begin developing conceptual plans for the Letter property, which will likely include removing existing structures, providing a path for the public, and minor landscape features (i.e. benches and informational signage).