

DATE: October 19, 2018
TO: Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Council
FROM: Samantha Haimovitch, Superintendent
SUBJECT: Agenda Item # 9: Bolinas Lagoon Project Update

DISCUSSION:

North End Project

There are no new updates to this project. At this time Marin County Parks (MCP) is proceeding with design and environmental review for the approved restoration concept as outlined in the North End Project Conceptual Design Report.

Kent Island Restoration Project

Marin County Parks/Open Space District and the Greater Farallones Association are nearing completion of their 2018 volunteer season. The 2018 monitoring surveys were completed in June, and MCP hopes to have the results by December. Results of five-years of invasive species removal efforts will be presented at the next State of Bolinas Lagoon event.

Invasive Spartina

The Invasive Spartina Project conducted a complete survey of Bolinas Lagoon again this August. They did not find any invasive hybrids at previous sites or anywhere else in the lagoon. Last year there was still growth on one invasive clone, so that site will continue to be monitored closely for the next couple of years, in addition to the regular surveys.

Eucalyptus Trees

Staff is in the process of preparing documents for re-submittal of the Coastal Permit application to the California Coastal Commission for removal of eucalyptus trees along Olema-Bolinas Road that are at risk of falling into the lagoon. MCP met with the property manager of the Tompkins-Buell property and one owner of the Kent property to discuss removal of the pine trees that fell into Kent Lake. Based on that conversation, MCP solicited quotes for removal of the trees. The responsive quote of \$26,000 includes removal of all material from the two trees now in the lagoon except for the root structures, which would remain secured to the bank in their existing location to retain stability.

Letter Property

Tara McIntire, a landscape architect with MCP, will be developing the conceptual restoration designs for the Letter Property. The first step in this process is having the property surveyed. MCP is in the process of obtaining survey bids.

Caltrans Culvert Maintenance

Caltrans has begun vegetation clearing and removing debris from ditches and culverts. MCP has met with Caltrans and will be regularly visiting the site to ensure that they are following all permit requirements.

Caltrans anticipates completing all work by October 31, 2018. MCP and Caltrans have been discussing possibilities for funding a portion of the Bolinas Wye project to meet mitigation requirements for regulatory permits.