

**DATE:** October 16, 2020  
**TO:** Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Council  
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**SUBJECT:** Bolinas Lagoon Restoration Project Update

## **DISCUSSION**

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

Agency partners have met on January 28, 2020, April 29, 2020 (remote), and July 29, 2020 (remote). The purpose of these meeting is to communicate and coordinate efforts, and update agency staff on projects that relate to the management of Bolinas Lagoon. Discussion items included: Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and Community Development Agency's interest in forming a West Marin Advisory Group; Stinson Beach Dune Feasibility Study (CDA); Stinson Beach GGNRA parking lot improvement design (NPS); and Marin County Park (MCP) interest in partnering with the United States Agricultural Department to test the use of a biocontrol (Cape-ivy gall fly) for the non-native Cape-ivy.

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

MCP has halted all volunteer vegetation management events on Kent Island due to COVID. Greater Farallones Association is funded by Measure A to continue working with staff to identify areas of increased invasive species cover that will need to be removed by staff, or by volunteers in the future if restrictions are eased.

### ***Eucalyptus Trees***

The Coastal Commission reviewed and approved MCP's 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. In January, five trees were removed. After removal of the trees, MCP was contacted by locals that were concerned about the visual impacts from future tree removal. MCP plans to identify trees at high risk for falling into the lagoon this fall and will continue discussions with concerned community members prior to removal.

### ***Kent Island Pine Trees***

MCP has removed two down pine trees that fell across the lagoon near Kent Island. These trees were impeding channel access to the lagoon.