

DATE: April 16, 2021
TO: Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Council
FROM: Veronica Pearson, Ecological Restoration Planner
SUBJECT: Agenda Item #7: Bolinas Lagoon Restoration Project Update

DISCUSSION

Agency Partnership Meetings

Agency partners met on October 28, 2020 (remote) and January 27, 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 discussion items and agency updates included: Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and Community Development Agency's West Marin Advisory Group; Stinson Beach Adaptation Resilience Collaborative (ARC), and Dune Feasibility Study by the Marin County Community Development Agency; Stinson Beach Golden Gate National Recreation Area parking lot improvement design by National Park Service; North-central Coast Sediment Coordination Committee by Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary; the Letter Property Conceptual Designs by Marin County Parks; and the Bolinas Lagoon Virtual Series by Greater Farallones Association.

Kent Island Restoration Project

Marin County Parks (MCP) has halted all volunteer vegetation management events on Kent Island due to COVID. Greater Farallones Association (GFA) 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. This fall Kate Bimrose (Project Coordinator, GFA), and Julian Geoghagan (vegetation specialist, MCP), took trips to Kent Island to monitor previous work areas from 2019 and assess vegetation communities and invasive plant presence on the island. During those trips Acacia and Monterey pine saplings were removed, as were two locations of *Limonium ramosissimum*, an invasive sea lavender. MCP and GFA staff will continue to monitor the island monthly and remove invasive plants in areas of highest concern/need until volunteer activities can resume.

Bolinas Lagoon North End Project

Marin County Parks continues to work with the WRA design team to incorporate comments from the 30% design and complete the 60% design. On December 16, 2020, MCP presented the 30% design to the Bolinas Community Public Utility Board. The Board and public expressed support for the project and requested cyclist safety be considered in the removal of the Crossover Road. On February 23, 2021 MCP presented the project to the Marin County Bicycle Coalition and discussed concerns with cyclist on State Route 1 near the intersections of Olema-Bolinas Road and Fairfax-Bolinas Road at State Route 1.

Recommendations to create a bike pull out on both north and south bound lanes was suggested and will be incorporated into the 60% designs. Caltrans has also reviewed the 30% designs and has requested an additional pull out to the north of Wilkins Ranch driveway to improve sight lines, which will also be incorporated into future designs. Staff is also awaiting a Coastal Permit for additional subsurface investigative work that is needed to complete the bridge design and for archeologic investigation. All future design work is now fully funded with an Ocean Protection Council grant, and final design and completion of environmental review is likely to be complete by the end of 2021, or early 2022.

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, in January 2021 five more trees were removed according to the prioritization list developed in 2019.