The Whirlwind Whiplash Tour of Six Marin SLR "Innovative" Projects*



Restored bay beach, Aramburu Island 2012

Roger Leventhal, P.E. Senior Engineer Marin DPW Flood Control

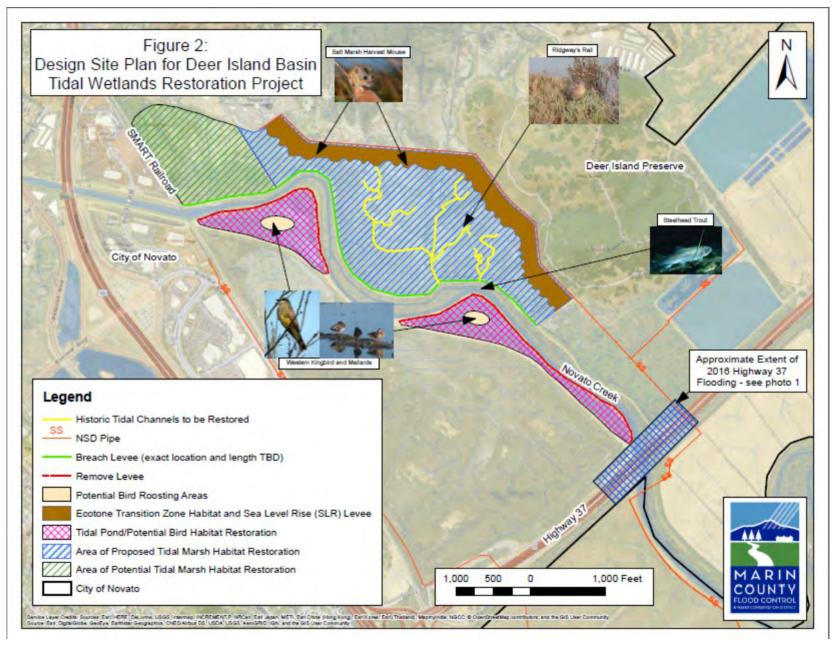
* ...in my opinion

Deer Island Tidal Wetlands Restoration Project in the Novato Baylands



Conceptual design developed through the watershed program (L. Lewis and L. Williams managing)

Design Concept



Deer Island Tidal Wetlands Restoration Project

- 2018 Awarded a \$690,000 Measure AA grant for final design and permitting - construction not funded
- Includes ecotone levees for habitat transgression under SLR conditions
- Demonstrate the ability of increased tidal flows (prism) to move sediment and widen and deepen the creek channel
 - Links to the "Geomorphic Dredge Design Project", CSA 6, south fork, Gallinas Creek

Next...Dredge Sediment Reuse Natural Analogues for Thin-Lift Dredge

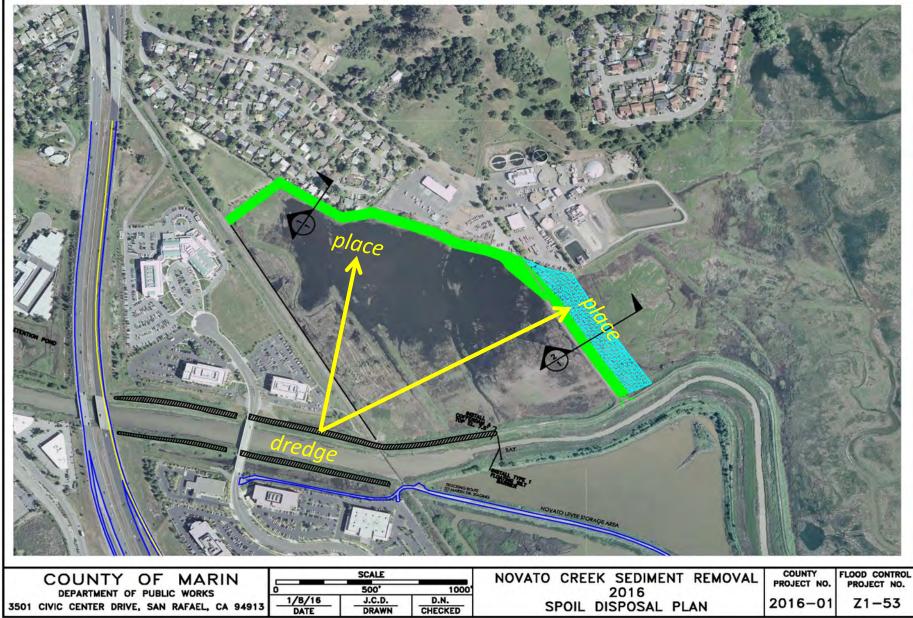


Sonoma Baylands 2006



Sonoma Baylands 2012





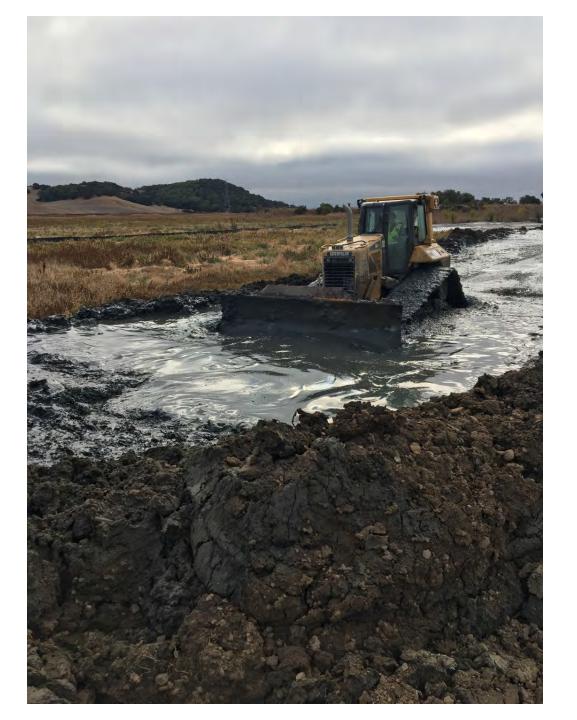


Novato Creek Dredged Sediment Beneficial Reuse Project

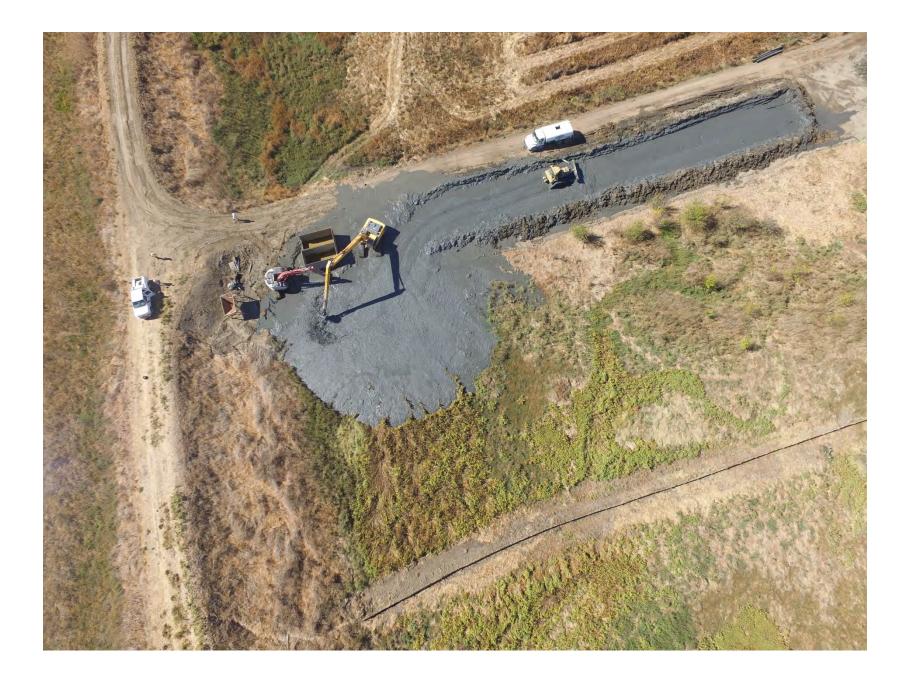
A demonstration project for the reuse of dredged sediments from Novato Creek for phased construction of ecotone levees for adaptation to sea level rise

Briefing Presentation for RWQCB Project Consideration

Marin County Flood Control District R. Leventhal And Thanks to Christina Toms! January 29, 2016







Bothin Thin-Lift Pilot Feasibly Study

Study submitted 1/30/17 NBWA Grant (thanks Harry, Judy and Chris!) - \$25k

Prepared by myself and Peter Baye





Coyote Creek to <u>Bothin</u> Marsh Dredge Sediment Beneficial Reuse Feasibility Study January 30, 2017 Next...MCF Bay Beach "Living Shorelines" Design Grant

- 2018 DPW awarded a \$200,000 MCF grant to prepare preliminary level designs at three sites in Southern Marin
- Designs further highlight Marin County Eastern Shoreline as a "living shorelines" laboratory (w/ Oyster project)
- Each site showcases a different design challenge
- Goal to bring design ready for final design and implementation funding at one or more sites

#1 Blackie's Pasture Beach Site – Full Beach Profile



Opportunity for full beach profile restoration with habitat and significant public access.

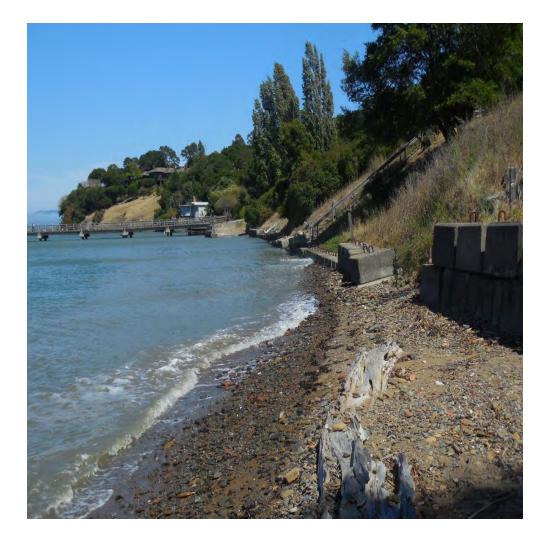
Address shoreline erosion and non-engineered rip-rap



#2 Paradise Beach Site

Demonstration Site of a "hybrid living shoreline" approach with a beach potentially fronting a geotech retaining wall

Higher wave energies and ferry wakes



Paradise Beach at high tide, July 25, 2015. There is no high tide beach access from the park to the gravel and sand beach. Slope is failing and design likely needs to integrate with "hard" engineering structure to protect the slope

#3 Seminary Road Site

Demonstration project in a higher wave environment with limited space to protect a roadway

Adjacent to rip-rap allows for easy comparison of approaches



Eroded Seminary Drive shoreline east of the rock slope protection, with collapsed access structures. June 21, 2012

Wave Movies



Hayward Frank's Dump West – New Year's Eve 2005 8.9 ft tides; 40mph westerly winds

Next Goal is a "Bay Beach Design Manual"

- Collect data to allow for updating/refinement of Lorang and other wave runup equations
- Wave sensors and runup measurements
- RFID rocks to track movement
- Wave modeling

 Without data and proof of concept; liability will keep this living shorelines design approach from being adopted Updated Marin Specific Hydrology for Climate Change

- Need to update and standardize Marin hydrology for coming climate changes
- Project 1 down this road- Develop Flood
 Triggers for Activating DOC (the *"Formula for Flooding"*)
- o DOC is costly to open and staff
- DPW Currently using Contra Costa County trigger formula and doesn't work well for Marin



CONDITIONS TO LOOK FOR

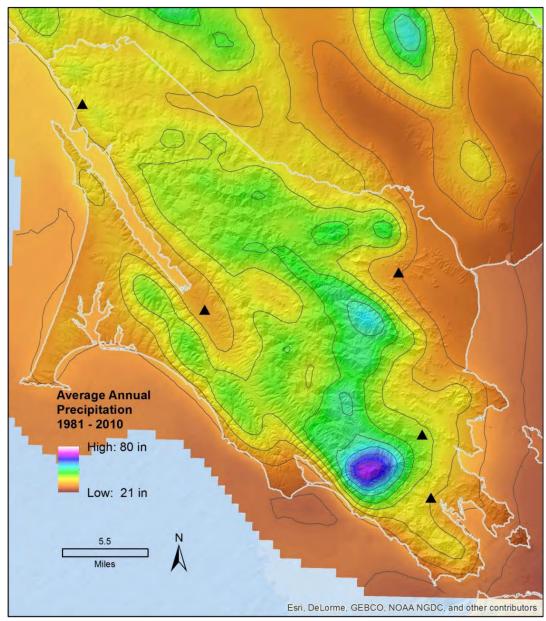
- 1. Compare the rainfall for the year and 24-hour forecast with the following criteria.
 - a. **7**" of rain for the season starting on July 1 (year).
 - b. **5**" of rain in the last 30 days (month).

3" of rain in the last 7 days (week).

- c. **2**" of rainfall is forecast in the next 24 hours (day).
- 2. If these conditions are met, flooding may occur sometime in the next 24 hours. Warnings on TV and radio should be monitored. Your <u>Personal Evacuation Plan</u>

Appears to be based on 2 or 3 large events

Huge spatial variability in Marin rainfall



Smaller Rainfall Intensity Matters for Marin Storms

10-minute rainfall

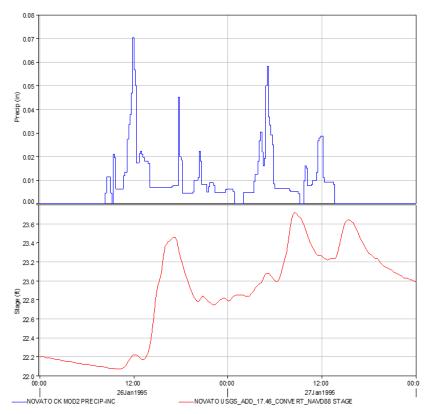


Figure 3: Event with multiple spikes - losing information only looking at one spike?

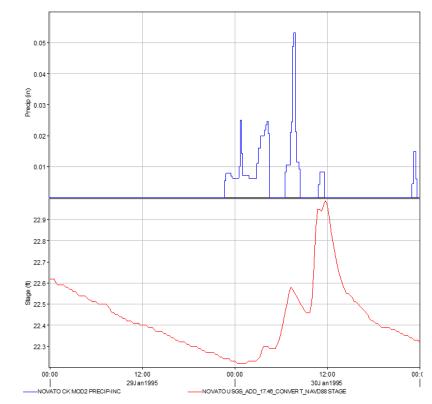
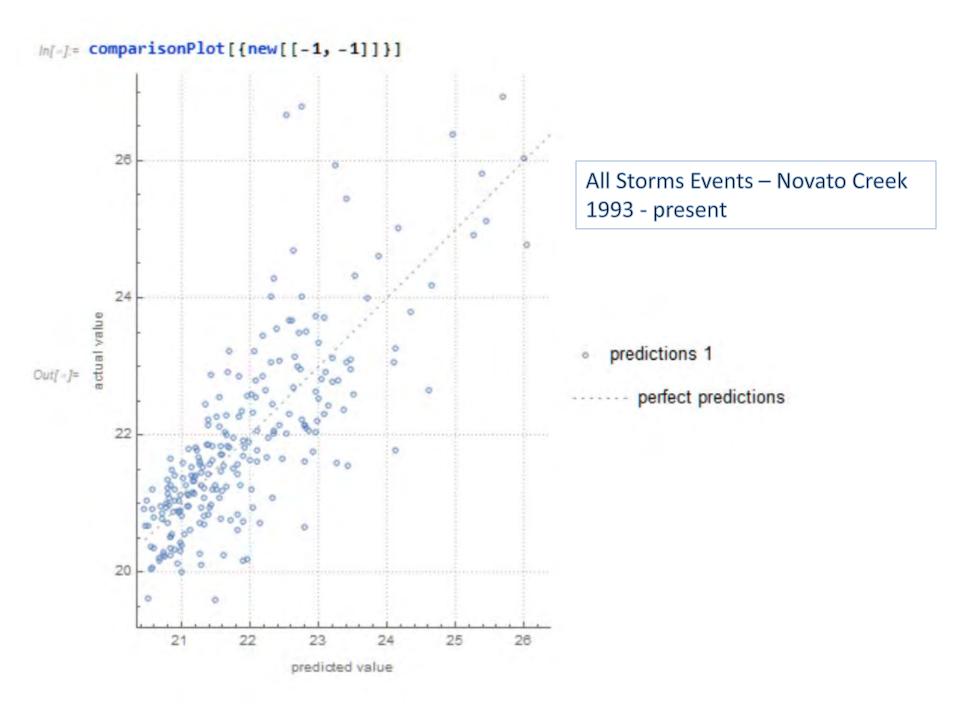


Figure 4: 10-minute peak intensity causes spike in stage. Does intensity matter more than antecedent rainfall?

Marin Specific Flood Triggers (the "formula for flooding")

- Innovative statistically based approach
- Divided the entire 25 year rainfall record into user defined "events" – 300 to 700 events
 - Calcs depth, duration, antecedent rainfall, max intensities, tides, wind speed and direction for each event (storm database)
- Statistical analysis of all events to determine best predictive regression model with uncertainty bars

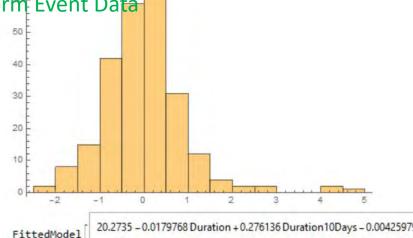


The Formula for Flooding in Novato?

48 hours N: 242 R²: 0.754839 Adjusted R²: 0.74086

		Estimate	Standard Error	t-Statistic	P-Value
An	tecedent Rai	nfall	0.151439	133.873	1.04271 × 10 ⁻²¹⁸
- [TotalStormDepth	0.719549	0.0889394	8.09034	3.52402 × 10-14
- F	Duration30Days	0.0416591	0.039921	1.04354	0.297804
	Duration20Days	-0.00425979	0.0592081	-0.071946	0.942708
	Duration10Days	0.276136	0.0770099	3.58572	0.000411184
	Duration5Days	0.00822838	0.1215	0.067723	0.946065
	Duration3Days	0.244058	0.246345	0.990717	0.322874
- T	Ten	-0.044429	2.67811	-0.0165896	0.986778
- 1	Thirty	0.635959	2.76663	0.229868	0.818401
	Sixty	-1.22964	2.33503	-0.526603	0.598982
	OneHundredTwenty	2.81487	1.40244	2.00712	0.0459176
- 1	TwoHundredForty	-0.695829	1.24541	-0.558715	0.576904
	ThreeHundredSixty	-0.472137	0.78319	-0.602839	0.547215
	Duration	-0.0179768	0.0482394	-0.372657	0.70975

Storm Event Data



20.2735 - 0.0179768 Duration + 0.276136 Duration10Days - 0.00425979 Duration20Days + 0.0416591 Duration30Days + 0.244058 Duration3Days + «1» + «1» - «19» Sixty - 0.044429 Ten + 0.635959 Thirty - 0.472137 ThreeHundredSixty + 0.719549 TotalStormDepth - 0.695829 TwoHundredForty

The Marin Audubon Society



Wetland Restoration Design for Sea Level Rise

A Presentation for the Marin Sea Level Rise Adaptation Workshop March 21, 2019

Barbara Salzman www.marinaudubon.org 116

Petaluma Marsh Expansion Project

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Simmons Slough Parcels

Black Point 'Gridiron' Parcels Norton Pond Parcels

Bahia

Arroyo de San Jose Parcels

Murphy's Rock Parcel

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Corte Madera Ecological Reserve Expansion Project

Triangle Mars Arroyo de Corte Madera del Presidio Parcel



Tiscornia Marsh: Setting





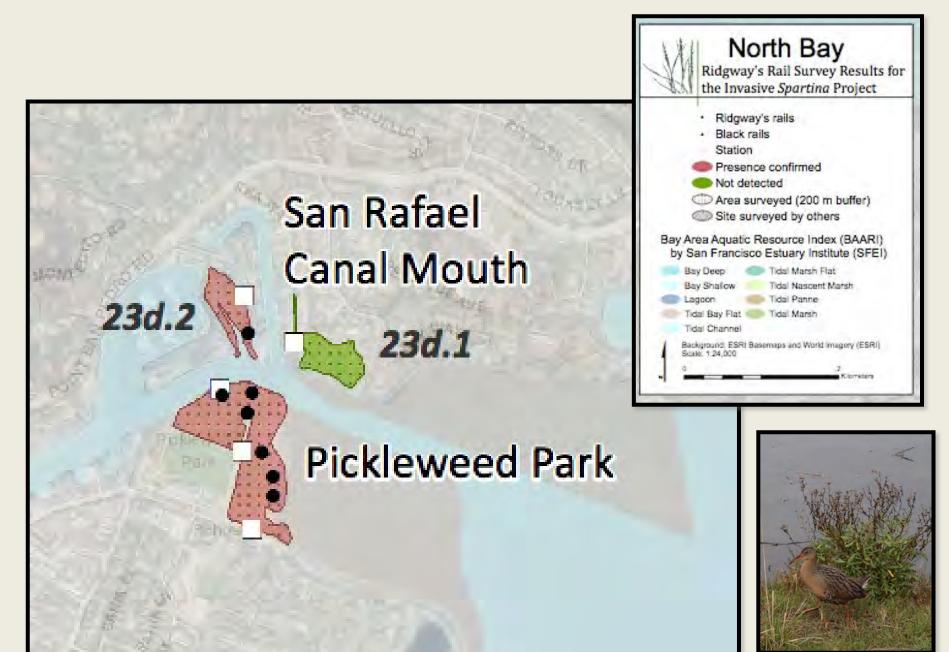
Marsh Design Concept #1B: Restore Eroded and Diked Marsh

Tiscornia Marsh Figure 3 Marsh Design Concept #1B: Restore Eroded and Diked Marsh

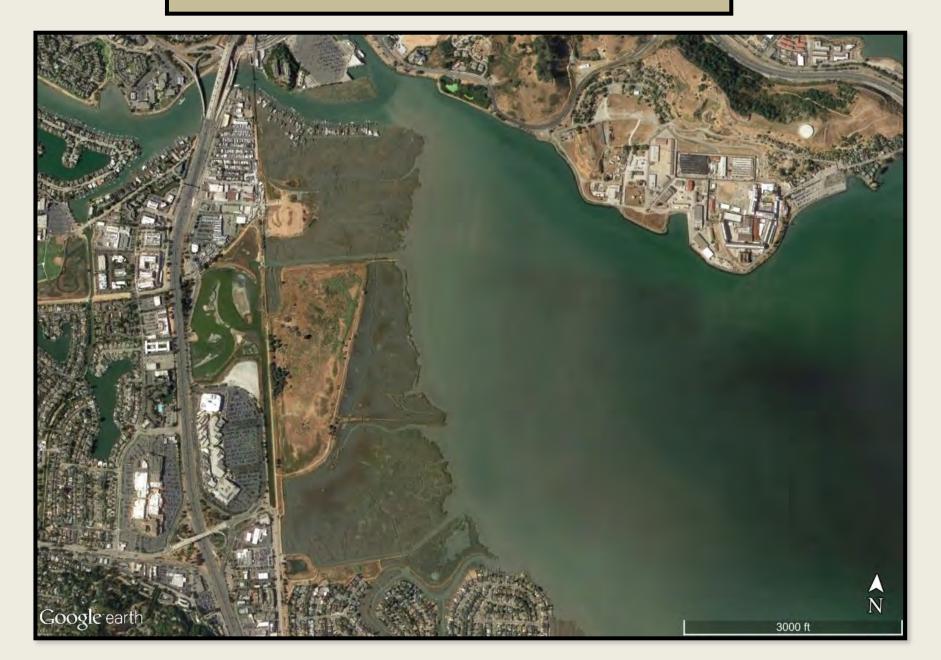








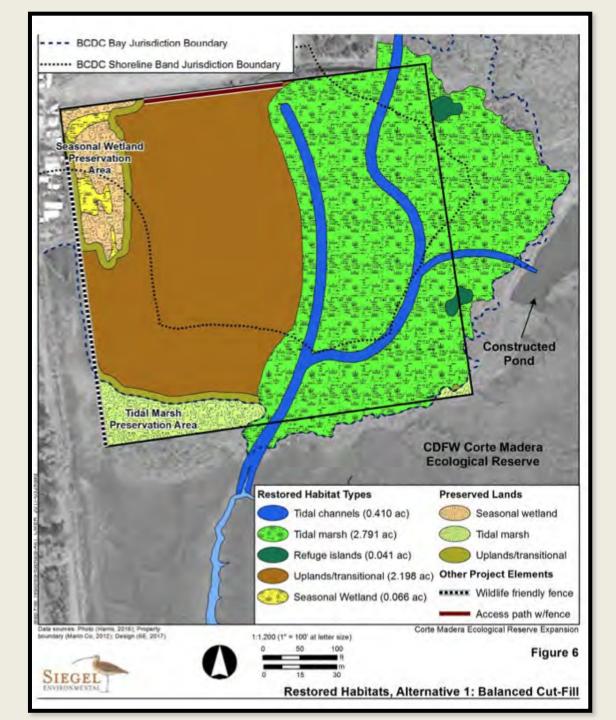
Corte Madera Ecological Reserve Expansion Project











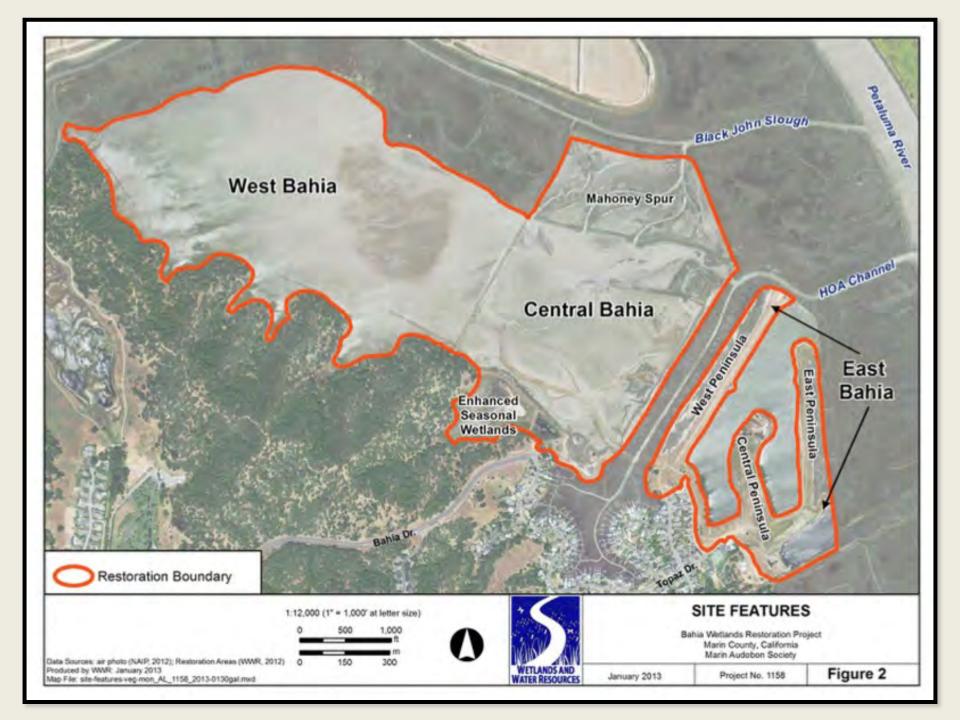


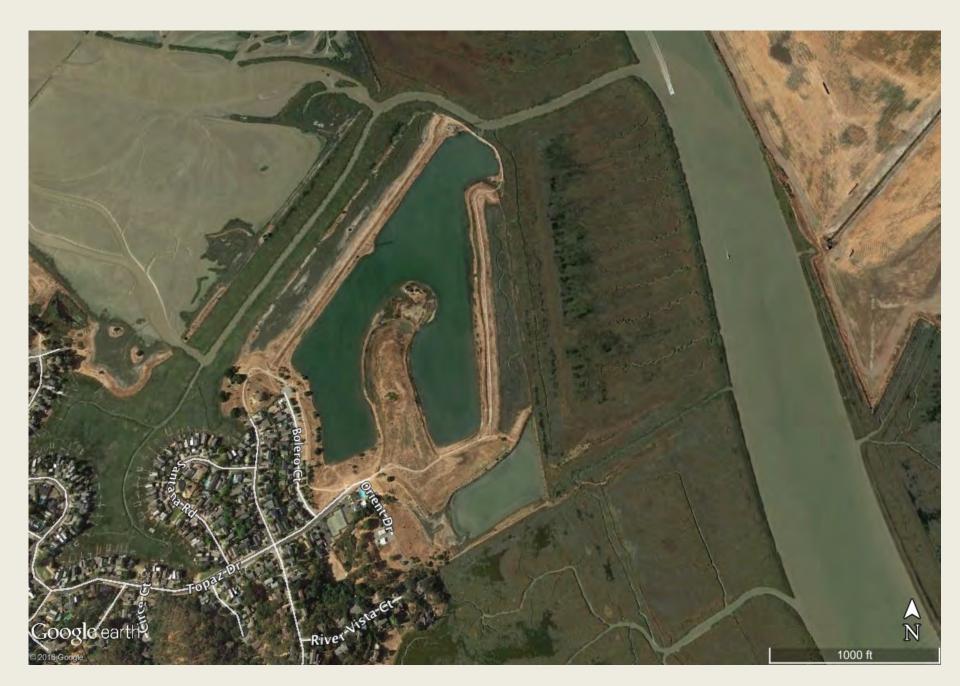




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Eastern Peninsula - 2015

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and a participation











Triangle Marsh

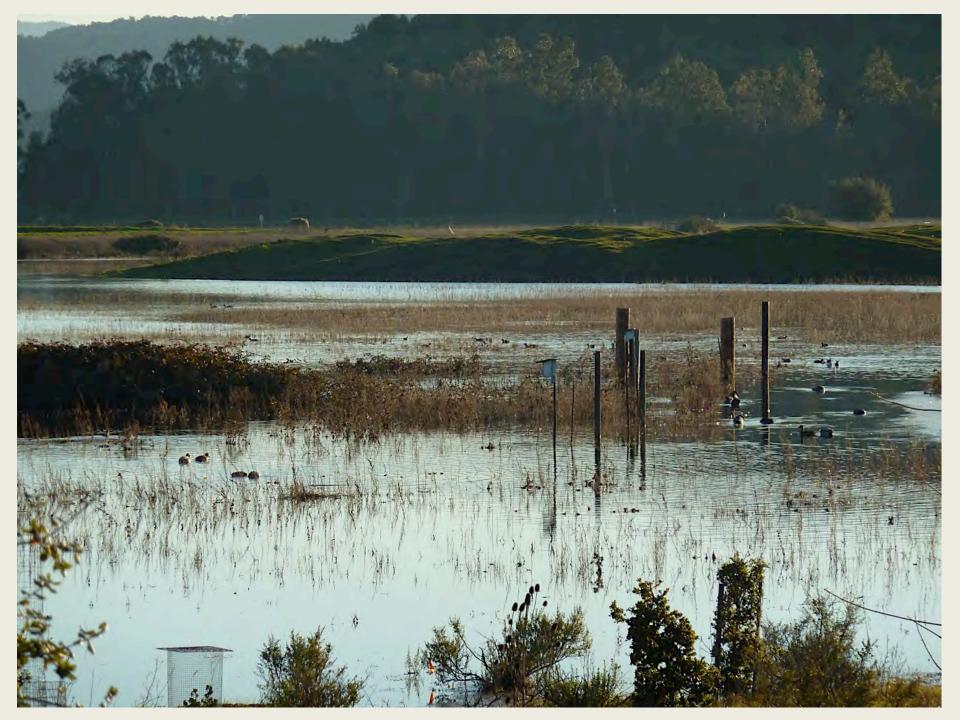




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Simmons Slough





Other Marin Audubon Properties



Black Point Parcels- Novato



Arroyo de San Jose - Novato



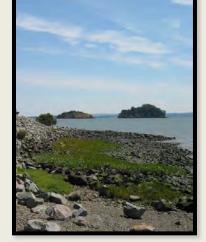
Arroyo de Corte Madera del Presidio Mill Valley



End of Channel – Corte Madera



Norton Pond - Novato



Murphy's Rock Tide Lot - San Rafael



Cal Park - San Rafael

Bahia Wildlife Habitat

Purchased by Marin Audubon Society

Marin Courty Super Space Book
 Marin Courty Supervisors
 California Coastal Conservators
 Withile Conservation Board
 CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Program
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Corte Madera Climate Adaptation Plan Overview



Marin Sea Level Rise Adaptation Workshop - March 21, 2019



Corte Madera, California



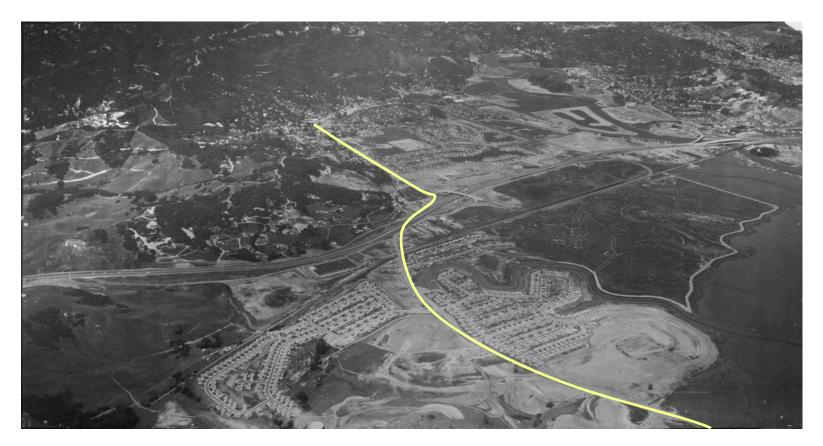
Climate Adaptation Plan

- Purpose: become a resilient community
- Scope: all sectors, Town-wide, long-range
- Likely outcomes: significant investment and change





Corte Madera Marsh 1926 Corte Madera Marsh 1960

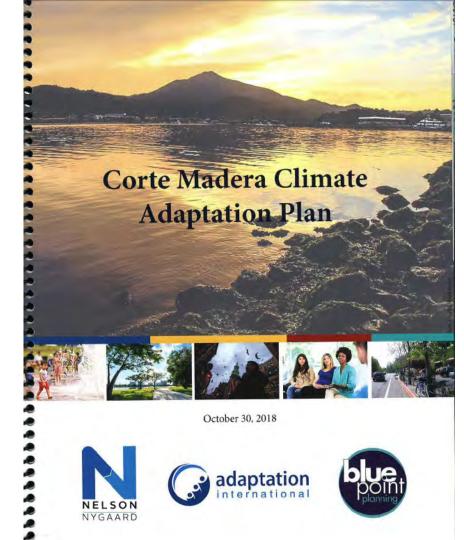


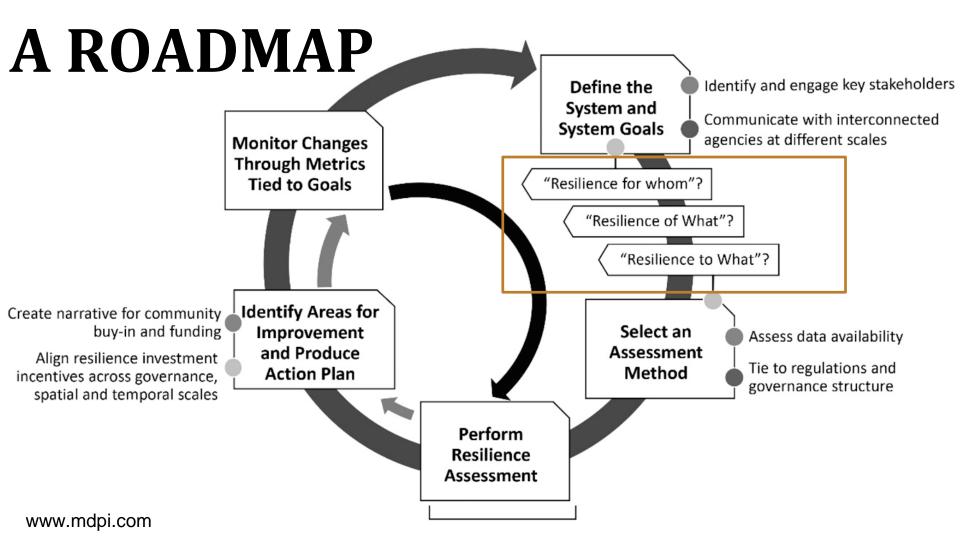
The Final Product....

A cutting-edge planning and guiding document

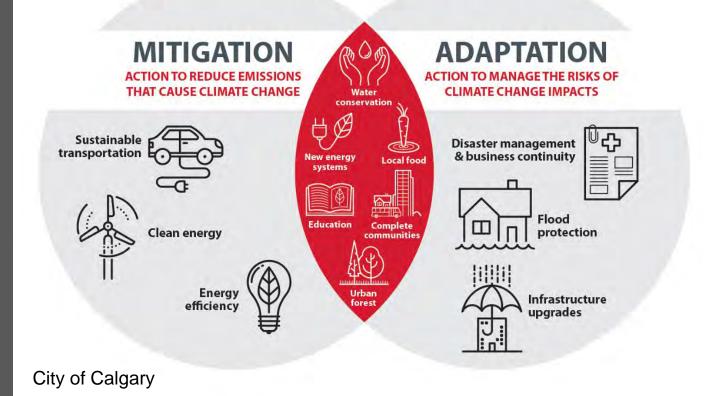
...that gives Town staff, elected officials and citizens a 30- to 50year road map for how to become a...

RESLIENT AND CLIMATE-READY TOWN!





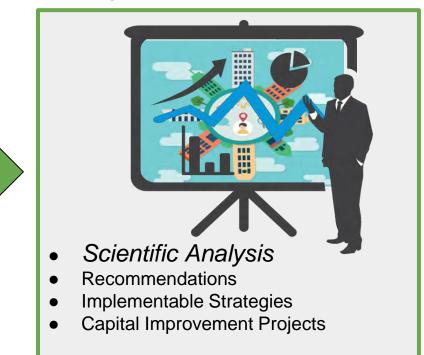
PURPOSE Building Climate Resilience



Climate Adaptation Planning Process



Caltrans Climate Adaptation Planning Grant \$200,000, plus about a 90 percent Town cash/staff time match.

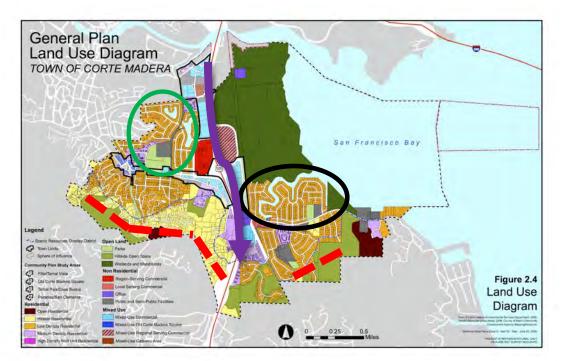


The Climate Adaptation Plan will provide... Analysis for the Town's transportation/flood control infrastructure, land uses, economic centers and natural habitats for retreat, retrofit or reinforcement - **using AGILITY and FLEXIBILITY**

Corte Madera Climate Adaptation Plan

Address Climate Change Vulnerabilities: SLR, drought, wildfire,

transport, economy



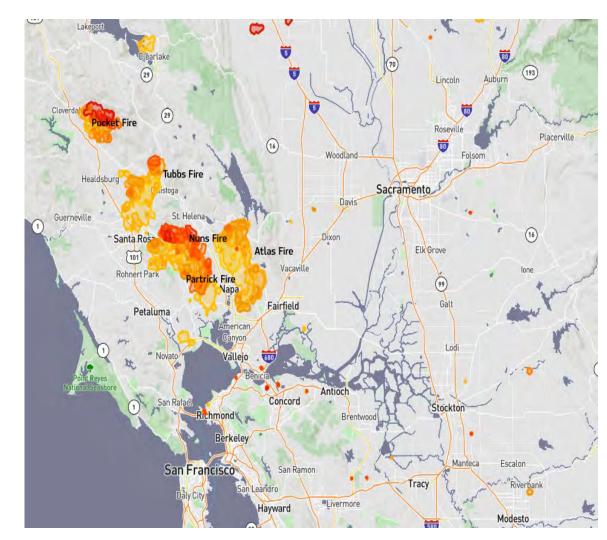
"CAP provides a framework for Town staff, Town's elected officials, and a diverse community of stakeholders to make critical decisions that address the Town's extensive range of climate change vulnerabilities."

- Peter Brown, PW Director

Wildfire Causes?

- Forest management
- Urban expanse into Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)
- and 150 years of fire suppression which increases fuel loads...

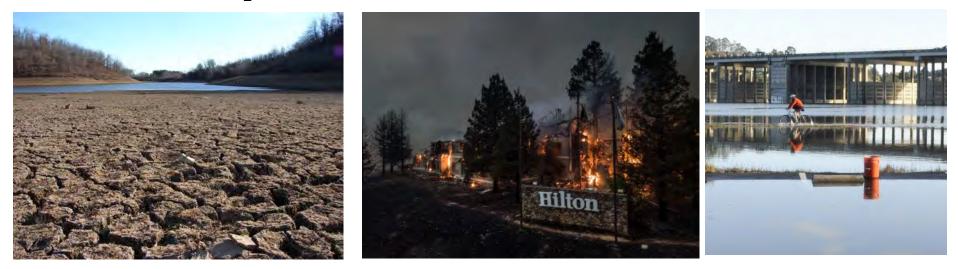
Have combined with drought and more extreme weather to increase wildfire frequency







Corte Madera CAP - Primary Focus: climate impacts of SEA LEVEL RISE and FLOODING



as well as DROUGHT, WILD FIRE READINESS, TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM, and ECONOMY

Sea level rise (SLR) infrastructure, increased precipitation, extreme weather events, King Tides, marsh restoration, water quality, ecological health, habitat restoration, and tidal flows. This project will evaluate the impacts of flooding and sea level rise scenarios, and wildfire/drought, to transportation infrastructure and access to transit, and changes in land uses and natural habitats.

Increase in Sea Level Rise Projections

California Coastal Commission

"Be prepared for the possibility that oceans will rise more than 10 feet by 2100"

Earlier Coastal commission guidance put top sea-level rise at 6 feet by 2100. But according to the new <u>report</u>, there's the "potential for rapid ice loss to result in an extreme scenario of 10.2 feet of sea level rise" by the end of the century.



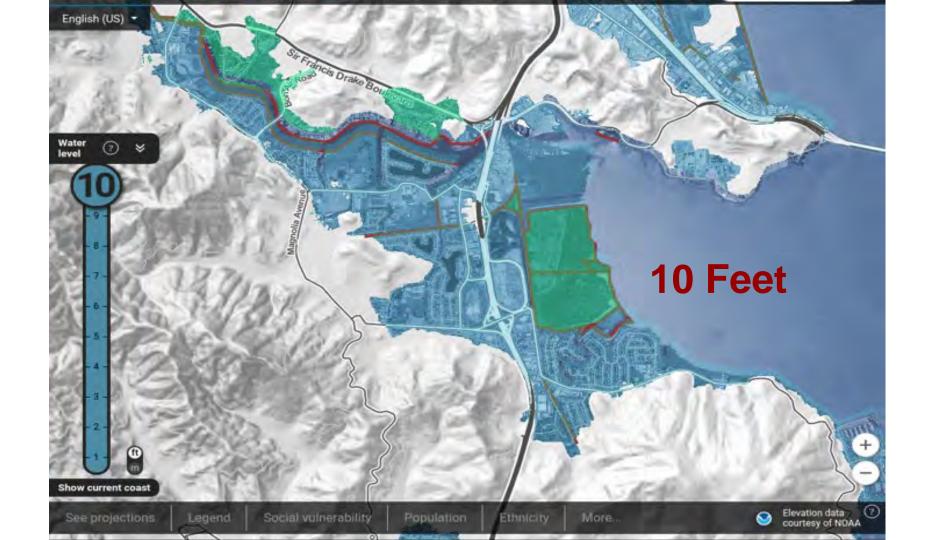
It is virtually certain that global mean sea level rise will

continue for many centuries beyond 2100

April 2017 illustration showing wide swaths of southeastern San Francisco that could be flooded by 2100 if sea rise and storm surge reach 8 feet. New projections anticipate up to three times that during high tides. Illustration: Marcea Ennamorato and HyunJu Chappell // San Francisco Public Press. https://sfpublicpress.org/news/2018-03/state-looking-to-require-cities-to-plan-for-rising-seas



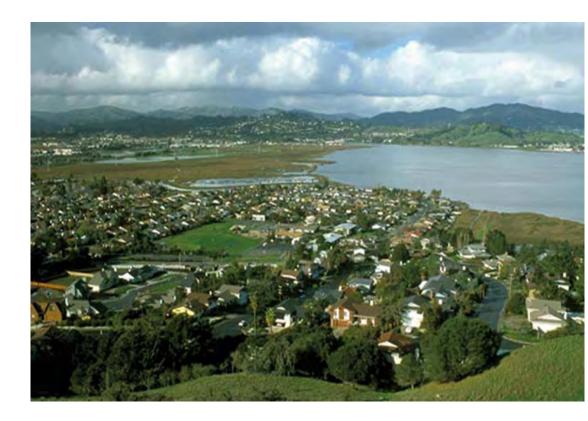




A Living Document for a Thriving Ecosystem

CAP should be updated every 5 years to ensure that the Town is keeping pace with current strategies, emerging technology and rates of climate change

Plan completion: Late 2020



Adaptation and resilience measures Outcomes

Data collection, research, monitoring, awareness raising

cosystem based adaptation

CAP-Specific Capital Improvement Program

- → Specific Project Recommendations
- → Specific Strategies, Policies, Zoning Code Adjustments?

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- → Capital Improvement Recommendations
- → Rough Cost Estimates

Stakeholder engagement, water stewardship Combination of green and grey measures

Changes in processes and procedures, developing emergency response plans

uilding adaptive capacity

Delivering adaptation actions

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CAP Cost Estimates will Include:

- → Cost Sharing Plans
- → Public Partnerships
 - Caltrans and Town share costs to protect US101 and key land uses
 - May identify opportunities to partner with other local agencies
- → Public-Private Partnerships
 - The Village / Town Center partner with Town/Caltrans
 - If residential areas that are heavily reliant on SLR protection systems are recommended for protection rather than restoration or retreat, those property owners may be required to contribute funding

Wetland Restoration, Corte Madera Marsh

- Wetlands = natural buffer against sea level rise
- Improve water quality
- Improve habitat quality and habitat connectivity
- Improve natural resilience of the baylands
- Wave attenuation
- Vegetation and root systems act as a trap for sediment accretion and reduce erosion
- Existing seawalls and other shoreline protective devices result in the loss of beaches, wetlands, and other habitats by preventing these areas from migrating inland.



Photo Credit: R.J. Suokko, Senior Civil Engineer, Town of Corte Madera, Public Works

CM's CAP will focus on creation of marshlands that can migrate upland as a buffer against sea level rise and King tides, and as protection of existing natural barriers – NBS.

Sensitive and Emotional Challenges

Nationally - complex systems are in play and combined with democracy difficult decisions around selecting and prioritizing infrastructure investments will ultimately determine which neighborhoods, towns, and cities will thrive or fail in the next 50-100 years, and at what cost.

Questions, comments?



R.J. Suokko, Senior Civil Engineer Peter Brown, Director of Public Works David Kunhardt, Council Member



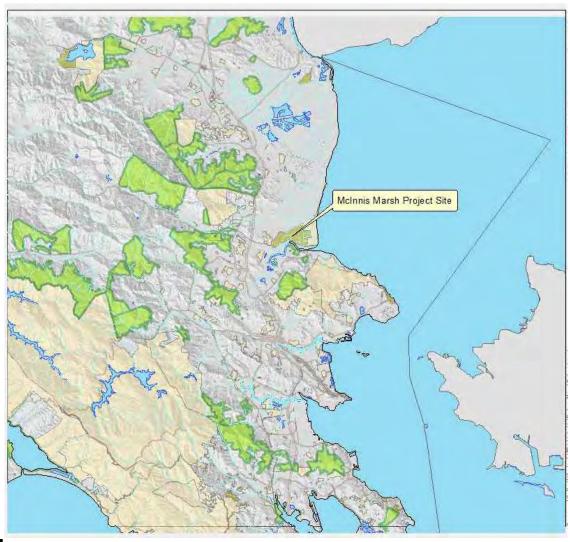


McInnis Marsh Restoration Project

MCINNIS MARSH



McInnis Marsh Location Map



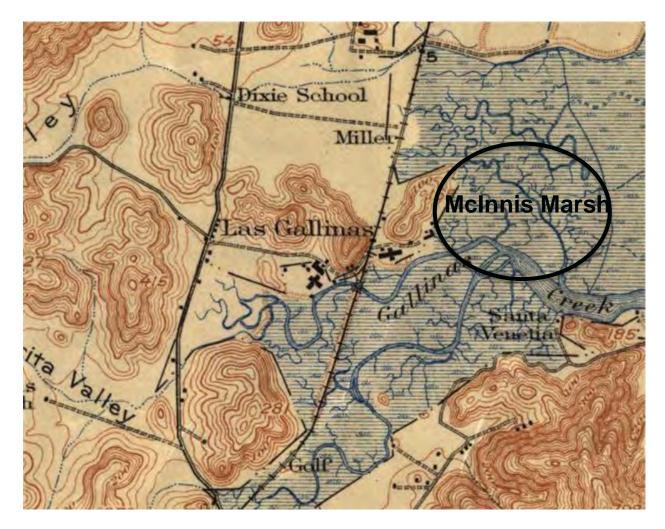


MCINNIS MARSH RESTORATION PROJECT





MCINNIS MARSH HISTORIC BAYLANDS (1914)





MCINNIS MARSH SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES

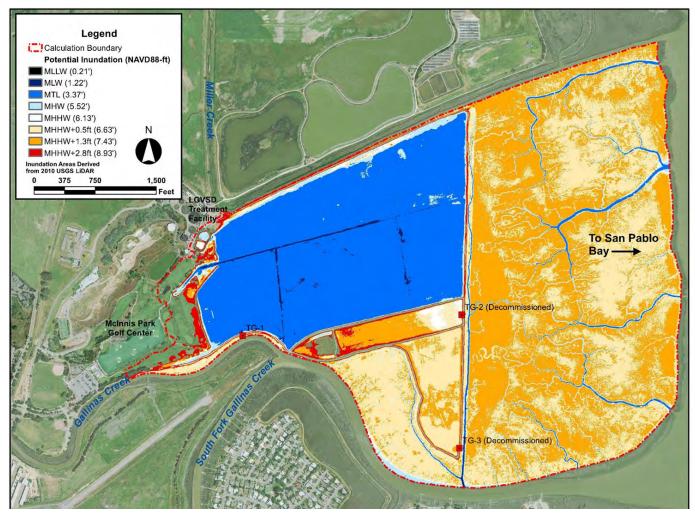


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MARIN COUNTY PARKS PRESERVATION · RECREATION

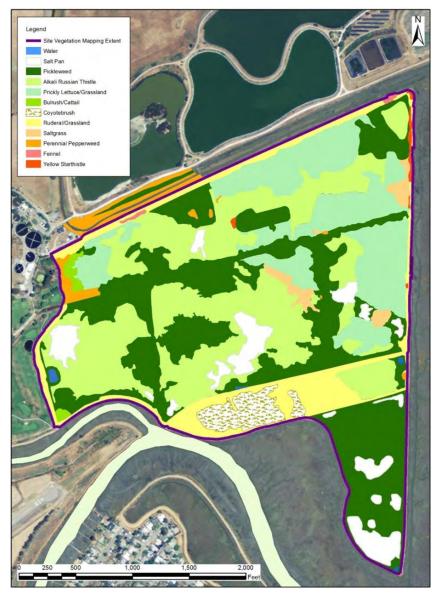
- Ridgeway's Rail (*Rallus* obsoletus)
- Saltmarsh Harvest Mouse (*Reithrodontomys raviventris*)
- California Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis* coturniculus)
- Central California Coast Steelhead (oncorhynchus mykiss irideus)

MCINNIS MARSH FLOOD ELEVATIONS



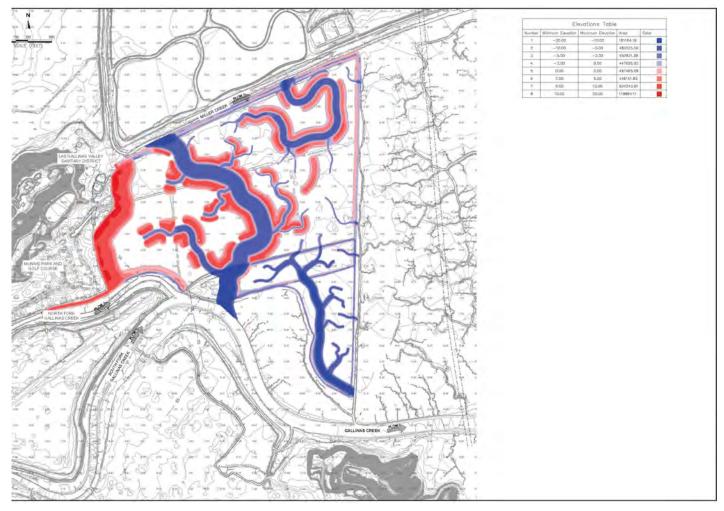


MCINNIS MARSH EXISTING VEGETATION



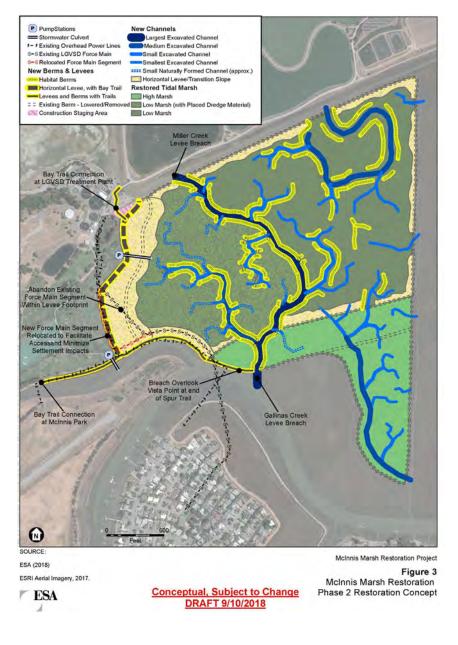


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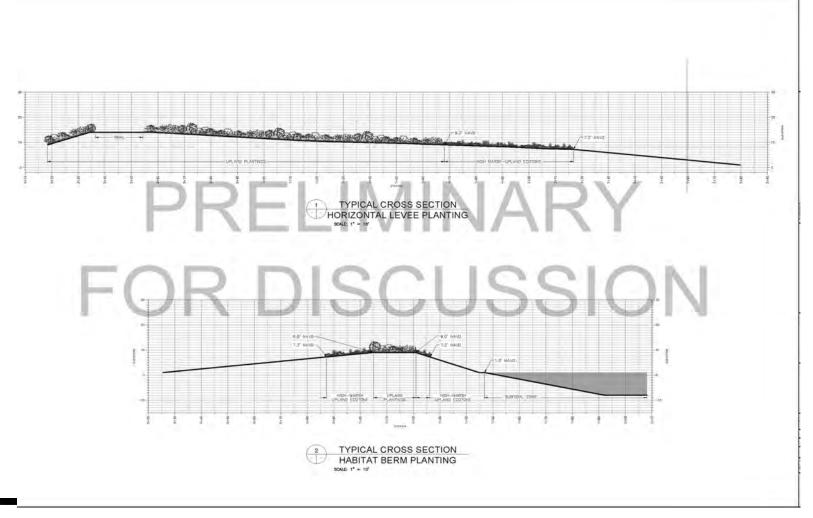


MCINNIS MARSH CONCEPTUAL PLAN





MCINNIS MARSH LEVEE/BERM CROSS-SECTIONS





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MCINNIS MARSH TRAILS





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San Francisco Bay Living Shoreline Project

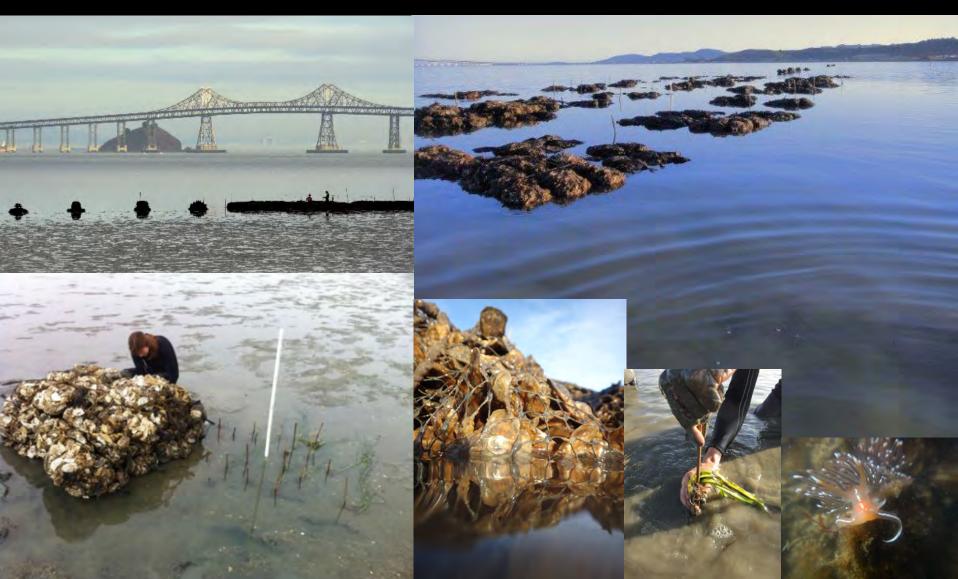












Hard Infrastructure Necessary in certain locations Impacts to shorelines, wetlands and subtidal habitats





Nature-Based Infrastructure Biological and Physical Benefits Habitat Connectivity Climate Adaptation



Living Shorelines

Living Shorelines can include any shoreline management system that is designed to protect or restore natural shoreline ecosystems through the use of natural elements and, if appropriate, manmade elements.



Living Shoreline Principles

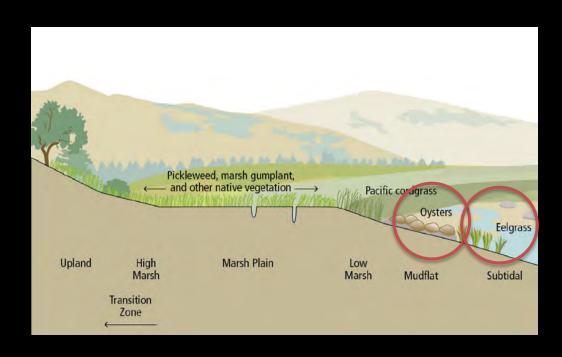
- Restoration with multiple objectives
 - Reduce shoreline erosion
 - Maintain coastal processes
- Protect and enhance habitat values for fish and wildlife
- Adapt to sea level rise and climate changes
- Link to regional habitat recommendations



Overarching Project Goal

To create biologically rich and diverse subtidal and low intertidal habitats, including eelgrass and oyster reefs, as part of a self-sustaining estuary system that restores ecological function and is resilient to changing environmental conditions.





Site Specific Considerations

Existing Uses

Parcel Ownership

Bathymetry Depths for Habitat Restoration Depths for Access

Orientation to Wind/Waves

Existing Species and Habitats

Sea Level Rise Modeling

Physical Space Required

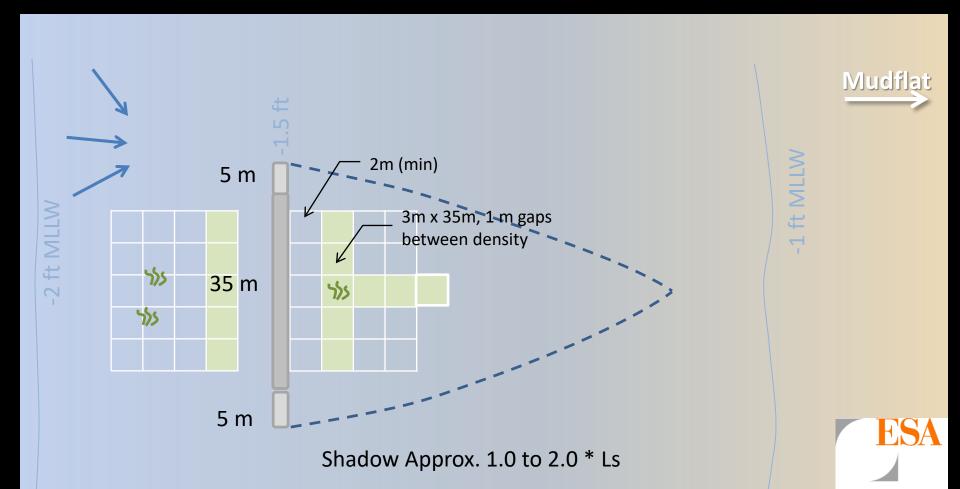






Wave modeling to inform design

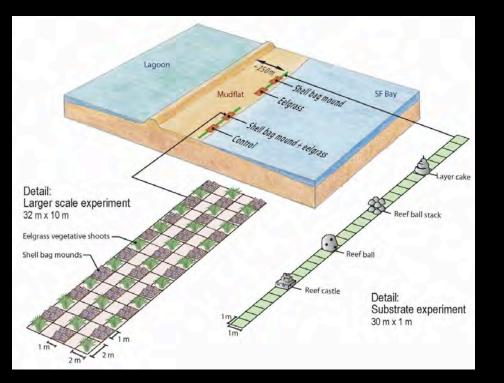
Quantify wave shadow/area of oyster reef effect Eelgrass offshore and inshore of oyster reefs

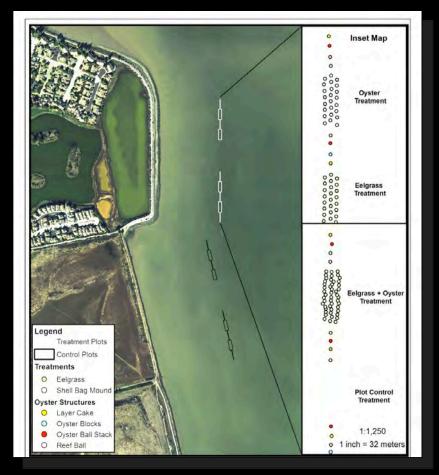












Olympia Oyster Settlement Substrates

Series of shell bag mounds

Large plots: 10 x 32m "Baycrete" small scale substrates

Reef Balls

Oyster Blocks







Reef Ball Stacks



Layer Cake



Construction Prep: Pacific Oyster Shell Bags



Photos, M. Latta

Construction Prep: "Baycrete" Reef Balls, Layer Cakes, Oyster Blocks



Photos, M. Latta

Construction



Eelgrass Collection and Transplanting

Two natural-bed donors for each site: Point San Pablo, Pt. Molate





Intensive Monitoring

- Eelgrass and Oyster success
- Invertebrates- benthic and on reef
- Fish- acoustic, traps, seining
- Birds- shorebirds and waterfowl
- Physical-
 - bathymetry
 - sediment accretion and erosion
 - reef elements
 - water quality
 - wave attenuation





Photos, S. Kiriakopolos

- > < 3.8 million oysters at height of recruitment
- Fluctuations in numbers by year
 - Survival rates, annual recruitment fluctuations
 - Food resource for many species
 - Heavy rain years can impact oysters/eelgrass







Photos, S. Kiriakopolos

Increase in Species Use – More than 10 New Taxa



15 cm sediment accretion along reefs

Physical Benefits

- most energy lost on broad mudflat
- but reef extracts 30% more at MSL water levels



Photos, S. Kiriakopolos, Damien Kunz, and Sally Rae Kimmel

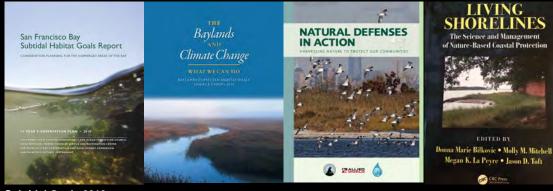
Recommendations to date

Add habitat structure on mudflat to quickly attract many species, including rare & valuable Plant eelgrass early in the growing season Co-locate eelgrass and oyster reefs to maximize invertebrate/fish use Shell bag mounds and baycrete elements maximize native oyster recruitment Consider accretion around reefs in future designs – don't waste valuable shell at base Don't fret about reef subsidence, even in unconsolidated sediment Test more locations, additional designs, to further evaluate wave attenuation potential Add in additional habitat types – tidal marsh edge Test in combination with creosote piling removal

ACOE Nationwide Permit 54- Living Shorelines

Policy Support in California Exec Order B-30-15- Prioritize natural infrastructure solutions SB 246: Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program

- Safeguarding CA Plan
- 4th Climate Assessment
- CA Coastal Commission
- CA Coastal Conservancy
- SF Bay BCDC



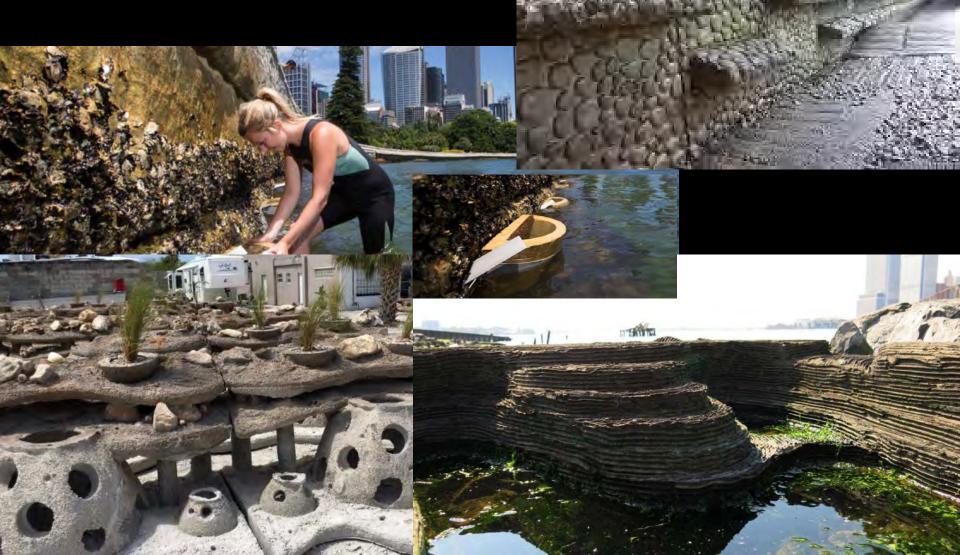
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Living Seawalls Global Harbour Project City of Seattle Seawall City of Miami Seawall



Threading the Needle Innovation and Feasibility

Barriers to Innovation:

- Science and data gaps
- Institutional Inertia
- Lack of broader context
- Lack of an advocate

Importance of Feasibility:

- Habitat and species
- Pilot projects test
- Document success before scaling up
- Monitoring of short and long-term benefits and impacts





Climate Adaptation requires Multi-Objective Approaches

Shoreline Protection with Biological and Physical Goals

Design to address Sea level rise and erosion

Increased capacity needed on all fronts

- design
- permitting
- fabrication/construction
- monitoring

Policy changes- beneficial fill, experimentation

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www.sfbaylivingshorelines.org





