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Date:

October 10, 2023

CEQA Lead Agency:

Marin County Parks and Open Space District

State Clearinghouse Number:

2023070046

Project Title:

Bolinas Lagoon Wye Wetlands Resiliency Project

Project Applicant:

Marin County Parks and Open Space District

Project Location (include county): Olema Bolinas/State Route 1/Fairfax Bolinas Road, Bolinas Lagoon Open Space

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Project Description: The Bolinas Lagoon Wye Wetlands Resiliency Project (Project) would restore physical and ecological linkages between Lewis Gulch Creek and Bolinas Lagoon by realigning both Olema Bolinas Road and Lewis Gulch Creek and removing an extension of Fairfax Bolinas Road (Crossover Road). The primary objective of the project is to restore hydrologic, geomorphic, and ecological processes in the Bolinas Wye wetlands to restore and improve the resiliency of in stream, tidal wetlands, riparian, and upland habitats with sea level rise (SLR) and climate change. It will also protect the existing transportation access along Olema Bolinas Road for the town of Bolinas during scenarios consisting of up to 5.5 feet of sea level rise and a 100-year storm event (8 feet combined). The Project would include removal of the westernmost segment of Fairfax Bolinas Road, realignment of the intersection of Olema Bolinas Road with State Route 1, construction of a vehicular bridge to carry Olema Bolinas Road over the relocated Lewis Gulch Creek channel, removal of non-native invasive plant species, construction of a new channel for the lower portion of Lewis Gulch Creek through its historic floodplain, and replanting disturbed areas post construction with native plants. These actions would meet the Project's purpose and objectives by removing disturbances, restoring watershed processes, and allowing the stream system to develop dynamically. By restoring natural processes to the Bolinas Wye wetland and alleviating chronic flooding of Marin County roadways, the wetlands and roadway would be more resilient to anticipated SLR through the end of the century.

Determinations: This is to advise that the Lead Agency through the Marin County Open Space District Board of Directors has approved the above-described project on October 10, 2023 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project.

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2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

Mitigations measures [⋈ were □ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.

4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [⋈ was □ was not] adopted for this project

A Statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.

6. Findings [☒ were ☐ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

Certification: This is to certify that the final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at the Marin County Parks and Open Space District administrative office located at 3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 260, San Rafael, CA 94903.

Signature:

Date: October 10, 2023

Max Korten, Director and General Manager Marin County Parks and Open Space District

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