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November 4, 2020

Max Korten, Director and General Manager
Marin County Parks
3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 260
San Rafael, CA 94903

Subject: Bolinas Lagoon Wye Wetlands Resiliency Project

Dear Max Korten,

This letter is in support of Marin County Park's grant application for the Bolinas Lagoon Wye Wetlands Resiliency Project (Project). The Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy (Parks Conservancy) strongly supports the proposed Project, which responds to the impending need to improve the estuary's resilience to sea level rise, reduces hazardous flooding, and improves roadway safety. The northern end of Bolinas Lagoon's creeks and marshes—and the multitudes of wildlife that depend upon them—have been impacted by the roads, undersized culverts, and channelization that disconnect creek and floodplain, block water and sediment movement, and prevent wetland migration with sea level rise. The Project will protect this site's unique ecological values by removing these barriers and restoring geomorphic and hydrologic processes that will improve ecological function. We recognize the tremendous potential of the project to enhance and restore freshwater and estuarine wetlands and riparian habitat for migratory birds, fish, and other aquatic species.

Marin County Parks is part of the One Tam collaborative, an innovative partnership that also includes the Marin Municipal Water District, National Park Service, and California State Parks, and is coordinated by the Parks Conservancy. This Project is a One Tam priority, and the Parks Conservancy is working closely with MCP and other One Tam agencies to ensure efforts and resources are coordinated to develop the Project, and to ensure that this Project's goals and strategy fits in with larger regional goals. In addition, Conservancy staff are supporting design development, compliance, and project implementation.

The Parks Conservancy, through the One Tam initiative, will provide in-kind project development and fundraising support valued at \$10,000. We believe this partnership process will yield a successful project that will improve resiliency for the north end of Bolinas Lagoon. We whole-heartedly support this project.

Sincerely,

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Sharon Farrell
Executive Vice President of Projects, Stewardship and Science



United States Department of the Interior



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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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October 27, 2020

Max Korten, Director and General Manager
Marin County Parks
3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 260
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Dear Mr. Korten:

This letter is in support of Marin County Parks' grant application for the Bolinas Lagoon Wye Wetlands Resiliency Project (Project). Golden Gate National Recreation Area (park) strongly supports the proposed Project, which responds to the impending need to improve the estuary's resilience to sea level rise, reduces hazardous flooding, and improves roadway safety. The northern end of Bolinas Lagoon's creeks and marshes—and the multitudes of wildlife that depend upon them—have been impacted by roads and undersized culverts. The channelization that disconnects the creek and floodplain blocks water and sediment movement, and prevents wetland migration with sea level rise. The Project will protect this site's unique ecological values by removing these barriers and restoring geomorphic and hydrologic processes that will improve ecological function. We recognize the tremendous potential of the Project to enhance and restore freshwater and estuarine wetlands and riparian habitat for birds, fish, and other aquatic species.

This effort is part of a consensus-driven multi-agency partnership. The park and Marin County Parks, in collaboration with other One Tam partner agencies, the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, and the local community, have worked together to ensure habitat conservation and restoration efforts are planned comprehensively and coordinated across agency boundaries. We are pleased to support our partners in the design of a restoration project for the north end of Bolinas Lagoon.

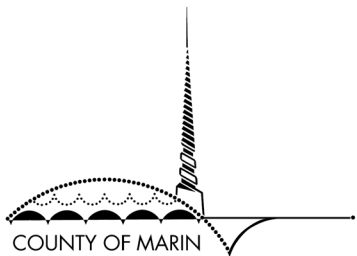
Golden Gate National Recreation Area is committed to protecting unique coastal resources in and around Bolinas Lagoon. In support of this Project, the park will continue to participate in the Bolinas Partners meetings for project coordination and will support the development of a coordinated approach to monitoring coho salmon, steelhead, and California red-legged frog populations and their habitat.

Sincerely,

**LAURA
JOSS**

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Laura E. Joss
General Superintendent, Golden Gate National Recreation Area



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

November 12, 2020

Dear Dr. Gold and Members of the OPC Prop 68 Coastal Resilience Grant Review Team:

Re: Letter of Support for Proposition 68 Coastal Resilience proposal “Bollinas Lagoon Wye Wetlands Project”

I am writing to express the Marin County Community Development Agency’s (CDA) strong support of the proposal entitled “Bollinas Lagoon Wye Wetlands Project,” which will fund advanced to final design for the Bollinas Lagoon Wye Wetlands Project (Project) to address impacts to creeks, marshes, fish, and other wildlife caused by roads and an undersized culvert at the lagoon’s northern end.

The County of Marin has been on the forefront of Sea Level Rise adaptation in California, having completed the *Marin Ocean Coast Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment* in 2015 and the *Marin Ocean Coast Adaptation Report* in 2018. Currently the agency is studying the feasibility of innovative natural and nature-based adaptation solutions in Stinson Beach and Tomales Bay for potential incorporation into a long range, sequenced Adaptation Plan.

The goals and objectives of Marin County Park’s project align with CDA’s overarching mission of building resilient coastal communities and ecosystems in the face of climate change, and we support the science-based, innovative techniques this project will implement. Additionally, the project will be included in CDA’s overarching West Marin adaptation plan and will complement other restoration and climate adaptation projects within the Lagoon. Marin County Parks and CDA have a long history of supporting each other’s work, and CDA fully supports County Park’s continued effort to move the needle towards implementation by fully designing and permitting this multi-benefit project—reconnecting floodplains, improving habitat, and protecting infrastructure.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any additional questions or concerns regarding our support.

Sincerely,

Jack Liebster

Jack Liebster
Planning Manager