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San Pablo Bay

PLAN MAP NOTES

Park Proposal for Area South of Hamilton Field - Large, undeveloped area between Hamilton Field and Gallinas Creek is possible site for major county park. Due to extensive offshore mudflats, would not be suitable for water-oriented recreation.

Skaggs Island - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to acquire closed U.S. Navy military facility to be included in the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge. The proposed addition to the wildlife refuge would be in accord with Bay Plan policies.

Salt Ponds and Other Managed Wetlands - Large area, high-value wildlife habitat.

San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge - The addition and restoration of land with high aquatic life and wildlife habitat value or good habitat restoration potential to the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge would be in accord with Bay Plan Policies.

San Pablo Bay Wildlife Refuges - The California Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are carrying out a cooperative program to acquire, restore and manage areas of high aquatic life and wildlife habitat value in San Pablo Bay.

Proposed Marin Baylands National Wildlife Refuge - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to include tidal marsh, seasonal marsh and uplands in a national wildlife refuge located on the west side of San Pablo Bay from the Petaluma River to an area south of Gallinas Creek in Marin County. The proposed wildlife refuge would be in accord with Bay Plan policies.

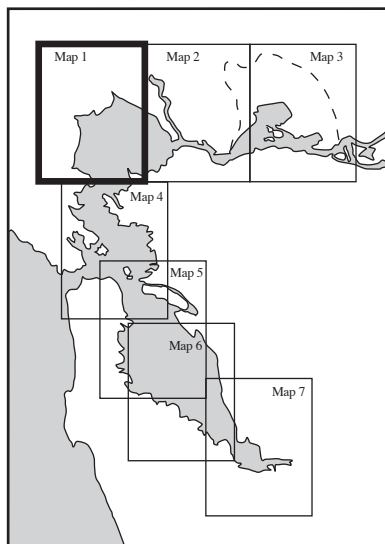
San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (China Camp State Park) - One of two sites in the Bay, the other being Rush Ranch Open Space Preserve, with one additional site in the Delta, named Browns Island Regional Shoreline. These sites are part of a federal-state cooperative scientific research and education program that is part of a national system of estuarine research reserves. The Commission supports the program as a member of the Management Advisory Board.

Areas diked from the Bay have high-value wildlife habitat and restoration potential.

Petaluma Marsh - The largest remaining intact tidal marsh within the Bay. Features characteristic of historic tidal marshes found here include a system of extensive channels, pans (ponds) and natural transitions to adjacent upland habitats.

Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area (Napa River Unit) - The California Coastal Conservancy, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and California Department of Fish and Game propose to restore nearly 10,000 acres of salt ponds and adjacent tidal habitats on the west side of the Napa River to a mix of tidal and managed pond habitats. The proposed restoration use would be in accord with Bay Plan policies.

San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail - Pursuant to state legislation, the Commission, in partnership with the State Coastal Conservancy, Association of Bay Area Governments and interested parties, is preparing a San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail plan. The Water Trail will provide a series of linked landing and launching sites around the Bay for human-powered boats and beachable sail craft, and provide for diverse, water-accessible overnight accommodations, including camping.



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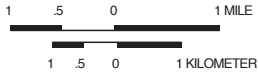
Bay Plan Policies and Commission Suggestions

BAY PLAN POLICIES

- 1 **Rat Rock** - Preserve island; no development.
- 2 **China Camp State Park** - Preserve continuous shoreline recreational area, including beaches, windsurfing access, picnic areas, fishing piers, riding and hiking trails, camping, natural, historical and cultural resources and non-motorized small boat landing and launching. Provide wildlife-compatible recreational opportunities, including natural, historical and cultural interpretation and wildlife viewing.
- 3 Protect and provide public access to shellfish beds offshore.
- 4 **China Camp State Park, San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve** - Continue federal-state scientific research and education program that is part of the national system of estuarine research reserves.
- 5 **McInnis County Park** - Preserve picnicking, trails and small boat launch. Protect nearby sensitive wildlife and habitats by educating boaters about potential for and effects of disturbance.
- 6 **Hamilton Field** - Develop comprehensive wetlands habitat plan and long-term management program for restoring and enhancing wetlands habitat in diked former tidal wetlands. Dredged materials should be used whenever feasible and environmentally acceptable to facilitate wetlands restoration.
- 7 Restore former antenna field to tidal marsh and subtidal habitat.
- 8 **Petaluma Marsh** - Marsh has high wildlife value; may be included in permanent wildlife area.
- 9 Provide public access to the Bay along levees if in a manner protective of sensitive wildlife.
- 10 **San Pablo Bay** - Tidal marshes and extensive tidal flats are valuable wildlife habitat. Protect wildlife values.
- 11 **Harbor Seal Haul-Out** - Protect harbor seal haul-out and pupping site where harbor seals rest, give birth and nurse their young. Projects allowed only if protective of harbor seals and other sensitive wildlife.
- 12 **Route 37** - Evaluate design options if and when travel demand warrants. Provide public access in a manner protective of sensitive wildlife. Provide opportunities for wildlife compatible activities, such as wildlife observation and fishing.
- 13 **Skaggs Island** - If and when not needed by Navy, restore wildlife habitat.
- 14 **Regional Restoration Goal for San Pablo Bay** - Restore large areas of tidal marsh and enhance seasonal wetlands. Some of the inactive salt ponds should be managed to maximize their habitat functions for shorebirds and waterfowl, and others should be restored to tidal marsh. Shallow subtidal areas (including eelgrass beds) should be conserved or restored. See the Baylands Ecosystem Habitat Goals report for more information.

COMMISSION SUGGESTIONS

- A Possible major park.
- B Possible use of Bel Marin Keys Unit V site as a wetland restoration site using dredged material.
- C Possible use of Port Sonoma Marina ponds as a regional dredged material rehandling facility.
- D Possible use of North Point Property site as a wetland restoration site using dredged material.



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