



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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To: Marin County Clerk
3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 234
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Date: July 13, 2023

Project Title: MCINNIS MARSH: SALT MARSH HARVEST MOUSE MONITORING - SUPPLEMENTARY TIDAL FLOODING INVESTIGATION

Project Location: 310 Smith Ranch Road, San Rafael, Marin County, California.

Assessor's Parcel: 155-060-18, 155-060-23, 155-060-33, 155-121-22, the western part of APN 155-060-20, and portions of APNs 155-060-17 and 155-060-19

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of the Project: Marin County Parks is proposing to investigate the relative level of tidal flooding at McInnis Marsh utilizing two long-term monitoring grids for salt marsh harvest mouse (*Reithrodontomys raviventris*). The purpose of the proposed project is to supplement ongoing salt marsh harvest mouse monitoring data and would serve to help determine why captures of mice in the two relatively adjacent tidal marsh areas differ. Equipment would include two remote wildlife cameras (Reconyx Hyperfire) mounted on a 3-foot-long wooden stake and simple wooden dowels dusted with non-toxic construction chalk. Dowels would be placed at equal intervals within the grid to capture the level of tidal flooding relative to vegetation height. The cameras would be positioned to capture footage of tidal flooding to understand how the vegetation functions as refuge for salt marsh harvest mice during large tides. The equipment would be placed at each of the tidal grids and left to collect data for a period of one week during a large tidal period in 2023. After one week they would be measured and removed. Equipment installation, monitoring, and removal would be conducted by qualified wildlife biologists.

Public Agency Approving Project: Marin County Parks and Open Space District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: Marin County Parks

Reasons for Exemption: Marin County Parks has reviewed the project along with its environmental setting and has determined it to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under the following sections of the California Administrative Code:

Section 15306: Information Collection. The project consists of installing equipment within McInnis Marsh for the purpose of basic data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities associated with salt marsh harvest mouse (*Reithrodontomys raviventris*). This activity would not result in a serious or major disturbance to any environmental resource. The results of the testing would be for information gathering purposes and would be used as part of the studies that could lead to the potential McInnis Marsh Restoration project, a proposed project for which Marin County Parks has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. The testing would occur on public property involving no expansion of the current use and would not: result in cumulative impacts, significant impacts on the environment due to unusual circumstances; affect scenic resources including trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or a state scenic highway; affect the significance of historical resources; and is not located on a hazardous waste site pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

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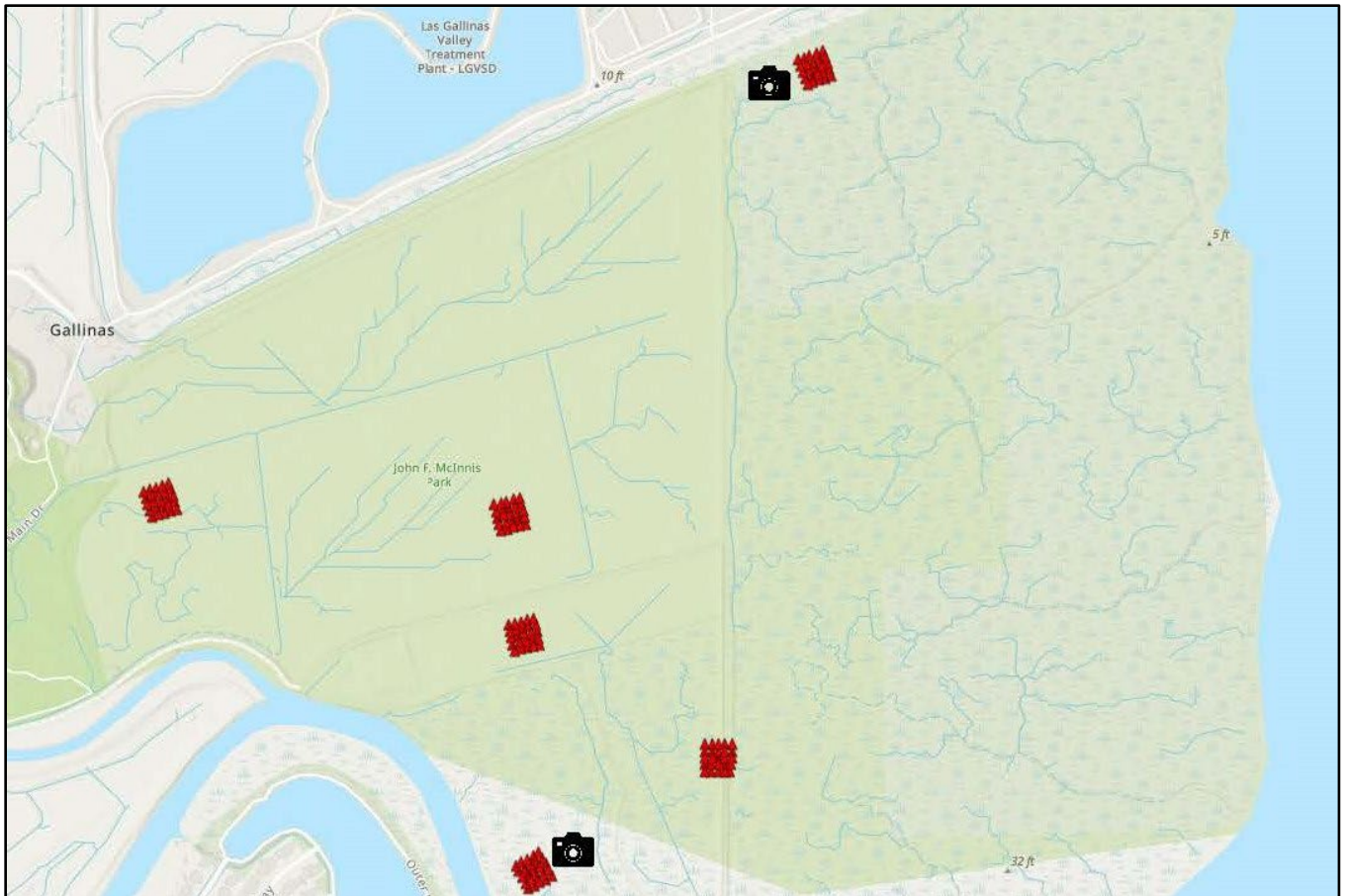
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McInnis Park
Approximate Location
Source: Marin County Parks



Source: WRA