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OPEN SPACE DISTRICT AND CORPS OF ENGINEERS FORGE NEW PARTNERSHIP TO RESTORE BOLINAS LAGOON

San Rafael, CA – The Marin County Open Space District and the United States Army Corps of Engineers are restructuring their partnership to facilitate the design and implementation of projects to restore Bolinas Lagoon. The new arrangement will allow restoration efforts, which are guided by a “Locally Preferred Plan” released in 2008, to move forward on a project by project basis rather than as a package. “By rethinking how we approach these projects, we can move them forward in a more focused, timely and efficient manner”, said Marin County Supervisor Steve Kinsey. Kinsey cited the Kent Island Restoration Project as the successful model he wants to follow. That project, identified in the Locally Preferred Plan, has progressed independently under a different Corps program. It is currently in its design phase and scheduled for implementation in the summer of 2012.

Details of the Open Space District-Corps of Engineers partnership and the Kent Island Restoration Project will be presented at a community meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Bolinas-Stinson Elementary School, Quesada Room, 125 Olema-Bolinas Rd., Bolinas.

The 1400-acre Bolinas Lagoon, managed by the Marin County Open Space District, provides critical habitat for hundreds of resident and migratory bird species as well as marine mammals, fish, and invertebrates. The lagoon is recognized as a Wetland of International Importance by the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.

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