

**HAMILTON ARMY AIRFIELD WETLAND RESTORATION
CONSTRUCTION, GENERAL**

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The project site is located on San Pablo Bay, four miles east of the city of Novato, in Marin County, California, and includes 988 acres of a former military airfield and adjacent California State Lands Commission areas. The levee-protected site has subsided below the elevation of surrounding properties, including the tidal wetlands immediately adjacent to San Pablo Bay. This wetlands restoration project would advance the beneficial reuse of dredge material from San Francisco Bay as part of the Long Term Management Strategy (LTMS). The California State Coastal Conservancy is the non-Federal sponsor.

TOTAL FUNDING:

TOTAL COST:	\$ 65,190,000
FEDERAL COST:	\$ 48,900,000
NON-FEDERAL COST:	\$ 16,290,000
TOTAL FEDERAL COST THROUGH FY 2007:	\$ 35,874,000
FY 2008 BUDGET:	\$ 4,900,000
COST TO COMPLETE:	\$ 8,126,000

FY 07 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The N2 and South Levee will be completed as well as several additional internal cells to contain beneficial reuse material. Placement of Oakland 50-foot beneficial reuse material will commence in September of 07.

FY 08 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The Southern Seasonal Wetland Berm will be completed, allowing for placement and fill in the contained area. Placement of Oakland material will continue throughout FY 08 and Hamilton will begin to accept Operation and Maintenance dredge material for full implementation of LTMS.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: A phased approach has been adopted to complete the design and construction of the Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Project in conjunction with the availability of the real estate parcels and dredge material. A General Re-evaluation Report was completed in 2003 and a Chief's Report was signed in July 2004 recommending the adjacent 1600-acre Bel Marin Keys property be added to the Hamilton Construction Authorization. The SCC will be seeking support to add the BMK parcel to a possible Water Resources Development Act of 2007.

A recent issue has been the primary haul route for project construction. This route closely traverses a dense residential area and has been a source of complaints from neighbors. The intense level of citizen involvement resulted in a cooperative planning process including Federal, State, Local and NGO interests, with a basic conclusion that a relocated access road was in the best interest of all parties. An outcome of this process was an initiative through Rep. Lynn Woolsey and Senator Barbara Boxer to try and allocate a Federal Grant to the City of Novato. The purpose of the grant, through the FY07 Energy and Water act, would be to construct a new access road that minimized perceived disruption to the affected neighborhoods.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: 6th District, Rep. Lynn Woolsey, Senator Barbara Boxer

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