NAME: Kent Island Restoration at Bolinas Lagoon

LOCATION: Bolinas/Stinson Beach/Marin County/California

ACRES: 23 acres

NON-FEDERAL SPONSORS:
Marin County Open Space District
County of Marin

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
This project will restore 23 acres of tidal marsh/ecotone/coastal dune habitat on Kent Island in Bolinas Lagoon. Native dune habitat on the Pacific Coast has been affected by development and invasive plants. This project will remove invasive species and restore native vegetation, and de-anchor the island allowing it to function naturally as a flood-shoal island. Methods are yet to be determined in non-native removal and depend on the density and distribution of plants.

EXPECTED BENEFITS:
Project benefits include the restoration of regionally rare flood-shoal tidal delta habitat for native plants, nesting habitat for endangered snowy plovers, and a major component of the lagoon’s natural hydrodynamics.

STATUS: Planning and Design