

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NOTICE OF REALTY ACTION**

NOTICE OF REALTY ACTION is hereby given that an exchange of federally-owned land under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service (NPS) for private land and interests in land owned by Robert W. Giacomini, etal, (Giacomini) was completed on January 12, 2010. The deeds of conveyance (Doc. Nos. 2010-0001533, -1534, -1535, -1537, and -1538) were recorded in the Official Records of Marin County on that date. The properties are located within the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Marin County, California. The authority for the exchange is Public Law 92-589, enacted October 27, 1972 (86 Stat. 1299).

1. Purpose of the Land Exchange

- a) Establish federal ownership in 9.3 acres of environmentally sensitive wetland habitat, owned by Giacomini, contiguous to already restored wetlands near Inverness Park;
- b) create access and conservation easements in favor the United States on 0.42 acres of Giacomini property adjacent to Point Reyes Station; and,
- c) convey to Giacomini a total of 1.83 acres of federally-owned lands adjacent to Giacomini holdings in Point Reyes Station.

2. History of the Land Exchange

In March, 2000, the NPS acquired approximately 551-acres of the Waldo Giacomini Dairy Ranch for the purpose of restoring the historic coastal marsh at the confluence of Lagunitas Creek and Tomales Bay. As part of the final negotiated purchase, Giacomini offered only certain lands for sale to NPS, and retained certain others adjacent to the town of Point Reyes Station as well as two "lowland" parcels contiguous with former pastures near Inverness Park. In 2006, the NPS initiated a land exchange process with publication of a (initial) Notice of Realty Action. Based upon review of public comments received during the review period, the NPS reduced the area offered to Giacomini for exchange. In January, 2010, the NPS completed the land exchange with Giacomini summarized in Paragraph 1 above.

The land exchange originally proposed in 2006 was identified and evaluated as a cumulative impact topic in the Giacomini Wetland Restoration FEIS/FEIR. The final land exchange was reduced in scale from the 2006 proposal, and is consistent with the NEPA findings made at that time. A link regarding the land exchange summary and map depicting the revised final land exchange area may be found at: http://www.nps.gov/pore/parkmgmt/planning_giacomini_landexchange.htm. As part of the planning process, the NPS conducted extensive surveys and planning associated with the restoration of natural hydrologic and ecological processes in the Giacomini Wetland Restoration Project Area, and determined that the land exchange would further the goals of the restoration project. The lands acquired by the United States are immediately adjacent to the restored wetland and tidal marsh habitat, but were avoided during the restoration activities. The federal acquisition will facilitate opportunity for additional minor actions on the newly acquired lands, which will enhance the overall function of the restored area.

Any questions regarding this exchange should be addressed in writing to:

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Dated this 25th day of February, 2010.

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