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Subject: Giacomini Land Exchange Update

Dear Interested Party:

We are pleased to provide you with an update on the status of the Giacomini Trust and National Park Service Potential Land Exchange. We have posted information, "Giacomini Land Exchange Staff Report, May 2006" on our web page (www.nps.gov/pore) under "Management Documents." The report provides background on the exchange and a summary of comments made during the public meeting and in writing. Approximately 45 individuals and 4 private organizations or agencies mailed, faxed, or emailed comments regarding the land exchange by the March 24, 2006, close of the scoping period and the NPS also received one petition with a total of approximately 28 signatures.

The NPS is now reviewing the comments received during scoping to evaluate future options with regards to the land exchange, which could include terminating negotiations with the Giacomini Trust, reinitiating negotiations with the Giacomini Trust, or proceeding with the land exchange as proposed. Should the NPS elect to proceed with the proposed land exchange either as proposed or after reinitiating negotiations and making changes NPS staff will determine the appropriate environmental compliance process necessary to meet requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). We greatly appreciate the time and effort you have spent being involved in the potential land exchange.

We're also pleased that planning for the restoration of the Giacomini Wetland has been a collaborative process that has greatly benefited from public input. In the end, this project will be enhanced by all of us working together.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the land exchange, please do not hesitate to contact Chief of Lands Resources Programs, Greg Gress, Pacific West Regional Office, at (510) 817-1414. If you have questions about the wetland restoration project, please do not hesitate to contact project manager Lorraine Parsons at (415) 464-5193.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent