

Site Preparation Begins at Point Reyes

With the receipt of a \$1 million grant from the Migratory Bird Conservation Council announced in September, the Point Reyes National Seashore Association is quickly moving towards its fundraising goal of \$5.75 million for wetlands restoration at the Giacomini Wetlands located at the head of Tomales Bay. With a significant amount of the fundraising accomplished, the Seashore Association has also begun initial preparation on the site to lay the groundwork for major restoration in 2007 and 2008.

With this latest grant, the Seashore Association has secured commitments for \$4 million for the Giacomini Wetlands project, the vast majority of which has come from private foundations and generous individuals.

In October, the Seashore Association began \$300,000 worth of habitat enhancements on the site at the south end of Tomales Bay. Work included enhancing freshwater marsh for the California red-legged frog and creating a new high tide refuge for clapper rails.

This preliminary work will conclude in the winter with revegetation of the enhanced habitat sites using native species. These improvements will ensure that threatened and endangered species continue to have suitable habitat even as large-scale levee removal and restoration begins in 2007.



Giacomini Wetlands looking to the north

