

Giacomini Wetland Restoration Project

Point Reyes National Seashore moved forward with the first phase of the 560-acre Giacomini Wetland Restoration Project. Phase I focused on removal of agricultural infrastructure and conditions and enhancement of special status species habitat and included removal of at least one section of the former Giacomini Dairy Ranch levee. The Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the project was finalized in June 2007, and the Record of Decision was signed on August 16, 2007 by the Regional Director. After receiving the appropriate permits and authorizations, the Seashore and its funding and managing partner, Point

Reyes National Seashore Association (PRNSA), initiated construction of Phase I on September 23, 2007. Following completion of earthmoving activities on November 16, 2007, the Seashore conducted revegetation of the enhanced freshwater marsh and ponds created for the federally threatened California red-legged frog (*Rana aurora draytonii*) using a combination of Marin Conservation Corps crews and community and school group volunteers.



Groundbreaking ceremony on levee with (l to r) Sally Bolger, PRNSA; Chuck Morton, CALTRANS; Brian O'Neill, Golden Gate National Recreation Area; Beth Huning, San Francisco Bay Joint Venture; and Don Neubacher, Point Reyes National Seashore



Lowering of levee along the southern portion of the Giacomini Wetlands

