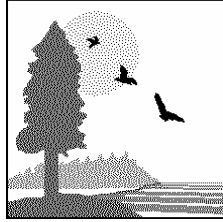


CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION

100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100-South
Sacramento, CA 95825-8202

**PAUL D. THAYER**, *Executive Officer**California Relay Service From TDD Phone 1-800-735-2922**from Voice Phone 1-800-735-2929**Contact Phone: (916) 574-1880**Contact FAX: (916) 574-1885*

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A JOINT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

EIR No.: 721

File Ref: W30149

SCH No.: **2002114002****Date:** May 29, 2003**To:** Reviewing Agencies**Project:** Giacomini Wetland Restoration Project**Project****Location:** Southern portion of Tomales Bay in west Marin County.

The National Park Service (NPS) is the Lead Agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and is in process of preparing an environmental document for the Giacomini Wetland Restoration Project (Project). The California State Lands Commission (CSLC) has been participating in this process and has agreed to be the Lead Agency under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and participate in preparing a joint Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for this Project.

The NPS published a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register on September 23, 2002, and held a local public scoping meeting on October 19, 2002. Beginning on November 7, 2002, the NOI was circulated through the State Clearinghouse (SCH#2002114002). The purpose of this Notice of Preparation (NOP) is to: (1) inform reviewing agencies that CSLC will join the NPS in preparing a Joint EIS/EIR that fulfills the requirements of both NEPA/CEQA; and (2) comply with State CEQA Guidelines section 15082.

The Project background, description, and location distributed during the NOI circulation are provided in the attached documents. It is the intent of this NOP to augment, within

the context of the provisions of the CEQA, the information already received as a result of the circulation of the NOI through the State Clearinghouse by the NPS. Staff of the CSLC have been provided copies of all responses to such NOI. Accordingly, please provide, to the extent such has not already been addressed in your comments to the NOI, "specific detail about the scope and content of the environmental information related to the responsible agency's area of statutory responsibility which must be included in the draft EIR."

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, written comments must be sent within **30 days of the review period**. Please send your comments at the earliest possible date to:

Eric L. Gillies
California State Lands Commission
100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100-South
Sacramento, CA 95825
FAX: (916) 574-1897
E-mail: gilliee@slc.ca.gov

If you have any questions, please contact Eric Gillies at the above address or by calling (916) 574-1897.

Signature: _____

Date: May 29, 2003

Eric L. Gillies
Staff Environmental Scientist