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Celebrating the creation of vital wetland habitat

The water district and its partners will soon launch important habitat restoration work at Pond A8 near Alviso. When completed, the Pond A8 Project will connect the former salt pond to the tidal waters of Alviso Slough via a 40-foot concrete "notch" structure, creating 1,400 acres of open-water habitat and up to 200 acres of tidal wetland habitat for a variety of species including fish, pelicans, cormorants and ducks.

Depending on contaminant and levee scour monitoring, Pond A8 will eventually become salt marsh, creating habitat for the endangered California clapper rail, the salt marsh harvest mouse, and other marsh species. The project will also generate significant construction-related employment in the South Bay.

Environmental impact documents on the \$1.9 million project were completed in December 2007, with design completed in July 2009. The construction phase is scheduled to begin in January 2010, with notch construction to be completed by September 2010. Final project construction is scheduled for completion in December 2010.

The Pond A8 project is funded by the water district, the control board, and a generous federal stimulus fund grant administered by NOAA. The project is part of Phase One of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Plan, the largest tidal wetland restoration effort on the west coast. When plan implementation is complete, more than 15,000 acres of former industrial salt ponds will be transformed into important wetland habitat, enhancing the environment, expanding recreational opportunities and increasing the flood protection capacity of Alviso Slough.

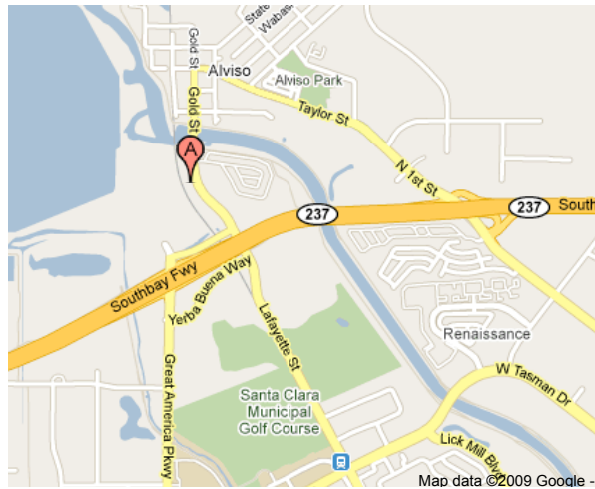
On Jan. 13, the water district will join the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Coastal Conservancy, the State Water Resources Control Board and other partners at a groundbreaking event to celebrate the launch of Pond A8 restoration work.

The event will take place on site at Salt Pond A8 in Alviso. Parking will be available in the lot in front of the World Financial Group buildings at 2099 Gold Street in Alviso. (Street parking is also available on Gold Street.) Our program will begin promptly at 10 am. Please plan to arrive by 9:30 a.m. as there is a short walk to the viewing site. A shuttle van will be available for those who need assistance with the ¼ mile walk.

Directions

South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project
Pond A8 Groundbreaking Celebration
Wednesday January 13, 2010
9:30 am to 10:30 am





Directions to the parking location:

From the North Bay: 580 East to 880 South. From 880 South take 237 West. Take the Great America Parkway exit toward Lafayette Street. Turn right onto Gold Street Connector/Great American Parkway. Continue to follow Gold Street Connector. Turn left onto Gold Street. The World Financial Group buildings will be on the left, at 2099 Gold Street.

From the South Bay: 880 North to 237 West. Take the Great America Parkway exit toward Lafayette Street. Turn right onto Gold Street Connector/Great American Parkway. Continue to follow Gold Street Connector. Turn left onto Gold Street. The World Financial Group buildings will be on the left, at 2099 Gold Street.

From the East Bay: 880 South to 237 West. Take the Great America Parkway exit toward Lafayette Street. Turn right onto Gold Street Connector/Great American Parkway. Continue to follow Gold Street Connector. Turn left onto Gold Street. The World Financial Group buildings will be on the left, at 2099 Gold Street.

Rain Location:

In the event of rain the program will be held at the South Bay Yacht Club in Alviso. To reach the yacht club, follow the directions above—but continue past the World Financial Group buildings on Gold Street and turn left onto Catherine Street. Turn left again onto Hope St. The yacht club is on the right at 1491 Hope St. Street parking is available on Hope Street.

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