Napa County Watershed Symposium 2024

Update on Napa River Flood Protection Project and Restoration Projects within the Napa River Watershed







Floodwalls North of the Oxbow Bypass Contract Lake Park Area Floodwall

2024 Floodwall Design significantly reduced footprint and impact to riparian area compared to 1999 USACE General Design Memorandum







Floodwalls North of the Oxbow Bypass Contract River Pointe Resort Area Floodwall and Lincoln Bridge Scour Protection

2024 Floodwall Design set back from riverbank and reconstruction of a setback Napa River Trail creates opportunity for riparian area restoration as compared to 1999 USACE General Design Memorandum

Footprint of rock scour protection at bridge greatly reduced based upon hydraulic modeling and setback floodwall. Floodwalls North of the Oxbow Bypass Contract South of Lincoln Avenue

2024 Floodwall Design set back from riverbank remains unchanged as compared to 1999 USACE General Design Memorandum

Napa River Trail continuation from River Terrace Inn to existing Trail north of Lincoln Avenue. Trail located on river side of floodwall up to North Bay Drive. New Pedestrian crossing of Lincoln Avenue.





Floodwalls North of the Oxbow Bypass Contract Aesthetics



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Floodwalls North of the Oxbow Bypass Contract Oxbow Bypass Floodwall Closures



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Bale Slough - Bear Creek Restoration Project Overview

Building on the success of the Rutherford and Oakville to Oak Knoll Restoration Projects, the Bale Slough - Bear Creek Project provides continuity with those projects by extending transformative channel restoration into the tributaries of the Napa River. This multiphase project once completed will include restoration at 14 sites along 1.6 miles of stream channel. Project objectives include:

- Increase quality and availability of instream habitat
- Increase floodplain and channel interaction, expand riparian corridor
- Increase residence time/storage of water on alluvial fan and wetlands to improve seasonal (spring/summer) flow conditions and ground water dependent ecosystems



Bale Slough - Bear Creek Restoration Design Process

Design Concepts for Restoration of Geomorphic and Ecological Processes





Key concepts for the project include:

- 1. Expanding the incised channel to create low, frequently flooded habitat aimed at reducing flow velocities, reducing bank erosion, and increasing sediment deposition
- 2. Creation of "zero stage" and side channels, a passive and active approach to creating a multi-threaded channel, wet meadows and wetlands that are well connected to adjacent floodplains
- 3. Expansion of wetlands and alluvial fan by enhancing and creating broad gentle depressions to mimic historic wetland conditions; these areas provide numerous physical and biological benefits to a broad array of native species





Restoration Group A Completed 2023 Site 4 Channel and riparian habitat expansion, instream habitat, "tree islands"

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April 2023

March 2024



Restoration Group A Completed 2023 Site 5

Vineyard setback, channel and riparian habitat expansion, instream habitat enhancement





Group C Implementation 2025 Site 12 + 14

Wetland/alluvial-fan-

Zero stage restoration area

Bear Creek