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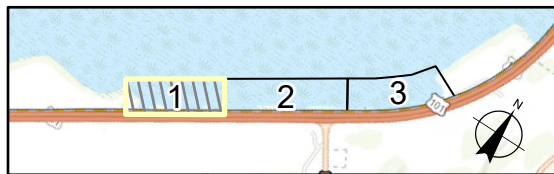
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**Vegetation Mapping
Project Shoreline Overview**

FIGURE 1

Legend

<p>□ Project Shoreline</p> <p><u>Rare Plant Reconnaissance (GHD, May 2020)</u></p> <p>○ <i>Spergularia canadensis</i> var. <i>occidentalis</i> (Western sand spurrey)</p>	<p><u>Vegetation Mapping (GHD, 2014-2017)</u></p> <p>//// Estuarine Intertidal Rocky Shore</p> <p>//// Estuarine Intertidal Rocky Shore - with <i>Spartina densiflora</i></p> <p>//// Invasive dense-flowered cordgrass marsh (<i>Spartina densiflora</i> Semi-Natural Alliance)</p>	<p>//// Pickleweed marsh (<i>Salicornia pacifica</i> Alliance)</p> <p>//// Estuarine Intertidal Unconsolidated Shore</p> <p>//// Palustrine Emergent Ditch</p>	<p><u>Vegetation Assesment (GHD, 2021)</u></p> <p>□ Coastal tufted hairgrass marsh (<i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i> Alliance)</p> <p>□ Pickleweed marsh (<i>Salicornia pacifica</i> Alliance)</p> <p>□ Invasive dense-flowered cordgrass marsh (<i>Spartina densiflora</i> Semi-Natural Alliance)</p>
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FIGURE 1.1

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□ Project Shoreline

Rare Plant Reconnaissance (GHD, May 2020)

- *Chloropyron maritimum* ssp. *palustre* (Point Reyes bird's beak)

- *Castilleja ambigua* ssp. *humboldtensis* (Humboldt bay owl's clover)

- *Spergularia canadensis* var. *occidentalis* (Western sand spurrey)
- *Angelica lucida* (Sea watch)

Vegetation Mapping (GHD,2014-2017)

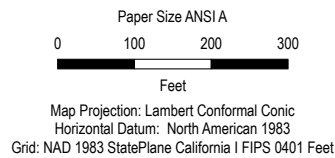
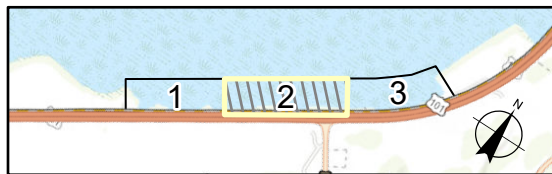
- //// Estuarine Intertidal Rocky Shore
- //// Estuarine Intertidal Rocky Shore - with *Spartina densiflora*
- //// Invasive dense-flowered cordgrass marsh (*Spartina densiflora* Semi-Natural Alliance)

//// Pickleweed marsh (*Salicornia pacifica* Alliance)

Vegetation Assesment (GHD, 2021)

- Coastal tufted hairgrass marsh (*Deschampsia cespitosa* Alliance)
- Pickleweed marsh (*Salicornia pacifica* Alliance)

□ Invasive dense-flowered cordgrass marsh (*Spartina densiflora* Semi-Natural Alliance)



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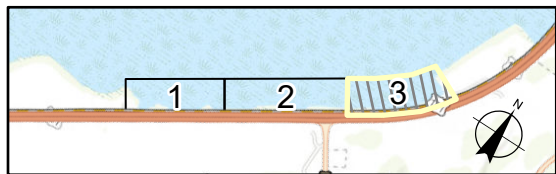
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FIGURE 1.2

Legend

<p>□ Project Shoreline</p> <p><u>Rare Plant Reconnaissance (GHD, May 2020)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Chloropyron maritimum</i> ssp. <i>palustre</i> (Point Reyes bird's beak) ● <i>Castilleja ambigua</i> ssp. <i>humboldtensis</i> (Humboldt bay owl's clover) 	<p>○ <i>Spergularia canadensis</i> var. <i>occidentalis</i> (Western sand spurrey)</p> <p><u>Vegetation Mapping (GHD, 2014-2017)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> //// Estuarine Intertidal Rocky Shore //// Estuarine Intertidal Rocky Shore - with <i>Spartina densiflora</i> 	<p><u>Vegetation Assesment (GHD, 2021)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> //// Invasive dense-flowered cordgrass marsh (<i>Spartina densiflora</i> Semi-Natural Alliance) □ Coastal tufted hairgrass marsh (<i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i> Alliance) □ Pickleweed marsh (<i>Salicornia pacifica</i> Alliance) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Invasive dense-flowered cordgrass marsh (<i>Spartina densiflora</i> Semi-Natural Alliance) □ Coyotebrush shrubland (<i>Baccharis pilularis</i> Alliance)
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FIGURE 1.3

Combined Vegetation Rapid Assessment and Relevé Field Form

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For Office Use:	Final database #:	Final vegetation type:	Alliance Association
I. LOCATIONAL/ENVIRONMENTAL DESCRIPTION			circle: Relevé or RA
Database #: NSIP001	Date: 3/30/21	Name of recorder: Helsey McDonald	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
UID:	Other surveyors:	Location Name: Bracut Fringe Marsh	
GPS name: Arrow		For Relevé only: Bearing°, left axis at ID point _____ of Long / Short side	
UTME _____	UTMN _____	Zone: 11 NAD83 GPS error: ft./ m./ PDOP _____	
Decimal degrees: LAT _____		LONG _____	
GPS within stand? Yes / No If No, cite from GPS to stand: distance (m) _____ bearing° _____ inclination° _____			
and record: Base point ID _____ Projected UTMs: UTME _____ UTMN _____			
Camera Name: iPhone Cardinal photos at ID point: NE SW 0942			
Other photos:			
Stand Size (acres): (1, 1-5, >5 Plot Area (m ²): 100 / _____ Plot Dimensions _____ x _____ m RA Radius _____ m			
Exposure, Actual °: _____ NE NW SE SW Flat Variable Steepness, Actual °: _____ 0° 1-5° > 5-25° > 25			
Topography: Macro: top upper mid lower bottom Micro: convex flat concave undulating			
Geology code: _____ Soil Texture code: silt Upland or Wetland/Riparian (circle one)			
% Surface cover: (Incl. outcrops) (>60cm diam) (25-60cm) (7.5-25cm) (2mm-7.5cm) (Incl sand, mud)			
H2O: 2 BA Stems: 50 Litter: 30 Bedrock: - Boulder: - Stone: - Cobble: - Gravel: - Fines: 8 =100%			
% Current year bioturbation _____ Past bioturbation present? Yes / No % Hoof punch _____			
Fire evidence: Yes / No (circle one) If yes, describe in Site history section, including date of fire, if known.			
Site history, stand age, comments: Fringe saltmarsh just north of Bracut industrial area. Spergularia canadensis var. occidentalis previously observed in area in summer 2020 recon. Low marsh with thick wrackline in center of stand (dry eelgrass & spartina wrack). Patches of pickleweed & bare mudflat. Undercut erosive banks observed on N. & S. side of vegetated peninsula.			
Disturbance code / Intensity (L,M,H): _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ "Other" _____ / _____			
II. HABITAT DESCRIPTION			
Tree DBH: T1 (<1" dbh), T2 (1-6" dbh), T3 (6-11" dbh), T4 (11-24" dbh), T5 (>24" dbh), T6 multi-layered (T3 or T4 layer under T5, >60% cover)			
Shrub: S1 seedling (<3 yr. old), S2 young (<1% dead), S3 mature (1-25% dead), S4 decadent (>25% dead)			
Herbaceous: H1 (<12" plant ht.) H2 (>12" ht.)			
Desert Riparian Tree/Shrub: 1 (<2ft. stem ht.), 2 (2-10ft. ht.), 3 (10-20ft. ht.), 4 (>20ft. ht.)			
Desert Palm/Joshua Tree: 1 (<1.5" base diameter), 2 (1.5-6" diam.), 3 (>6" diam.)			
III. INTERPRETATION OF STAND			
Field-assessed vegetation Alliance name: Spartina densiflora			
Field-assessed Association name (optional): _____			
Adjacent Alliances/direction: Eucalyptus / E / mudflat / W			
Confidence in Alliance identification: L (M) H Explain: Invaded with many native species			
Phenology (E,P,L): Herb E Shrub _____ Tree _____ Other identification or mapping information: _____			

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For Office Use:	Final database #:	Final vegetation type:	Alliance Association
I. LOCATIONAL/ENVIRONMENTAL DESCRIPTION			circle: Relevé or RA
Database #: NS1P002	Date: 3/30/21	Name of recorder: Hasey McDonald	
	UID:	Other surveyors:	
GPS name: Arrow		For Relevé only: Bearing°, left axis at ID point ___ of Long / Short side	
UTME _____	UTMN _____	Zone: 11 NAD83 GPS error: ft./ m./ PDOP _____	
Decimal degrees: LAT _____		LONG _____	
GPS within stand? Yes / No If No, cite from GPS to stand: distance (m) ___ bearing ° ___ inclination ° ___			
and record: Base point ID _____		Projected UTM: UTME _____ UTMN _____	
Camera Name: phone Cardinal photos at ID point: NESW 1034			
Other photos: _____			
Stand Size (acres): <1, 1-5, >5 Plot Area (m ²): 100 / ___ Plot Dimensions ___ x ___ m RA Radius ^{entire stand} ___ m			
Exposure, Actual °: ___ NE NW SE SW Flat Variable Steepness, Actual °: ___ 0° 1-5° >5-25° >25			
Topography: Macro: top upper mid lower bottom Micro: convex flat concave undulating			
Geology code: _____ Soil Texture code: _____ Upland or Wetland/Riparian (circle one)			
% Surface cover: (Incl. outcrops) (>60cm diam) (25-60cm) (7.5-25cm) (2mm-7.5cm) (Incl sand, mud)			
H2O: 5 BA Stems: 40 Litter: 22 Bedrock: Boulder: Stone: Cobble: Gravel: Fines: 32=100%			
% Current year bioturbation _____ Past bioturbation present? Yes / No % Hoof punch _____			
Fire evidence: Yes / No (circle one) If yes, describe in Site history section, including date of fire, if known.			
Site history, stand age, comments: Low marsh peninsula w/ ~ 50/50 relative dominance of pickleweed & spartina. ~20% bare mud w/ ponding water. Thicket wrackline along riprap. Patchy pickleweed & spartina along riprap rail prism. Vegetative annual Spergularia sp. just starting to come up.			
Disturbance code / Intensity (L,M,H): ___ / ___ / ___ / ___ / ___ / ___ "Other" ___ / ___			
II. HABITAT DESCRIPTION			
Tree DBH: T1 (<1" dbh), T2 (1-6" dbh), T3 (6-11" dbh), T4 (11-24" dbh), T5 (>24" dbh), T6 multi-layered (T3 or T4 layer under T5, >60% cover)			
Shrub: S1 seedling (<3 yr. old), S2 young (<1% dead), S3 mature (1-25% dead), S4 decadent (>25% dead)			
Herbaceous: H1 (<12" plant ht.), H2 (>12" ht.)			
Desert Riparian Tree/Shrub: 1 (<2ft. stem ht.), 2 (2-10ft. ht.), 3 (10-20ft. ht.), 4 (>20ft. ht.)			
Desert Palm/Joshua Tree: 1 (<1.5" base diameter), 2 (1.5-6" diam.), 3 (>6" diam.)			
III. INTERPRETATION OF STAND			
Field-assessed vegetation Alliance name: Pickleweed Alliance			
Field-assessed Association name (optional): _____			
Adjacent Alliances/direction: _____ / _____ / _____			
Confidence in Alliance identification: L M H Explain: _____			
Phenology (E,P,L) : Herb E Shrub Tree Other identification or mapping information: _____			

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For Office Use:	Final database #:	Final vegetation type:	Alliance Association
I. LOCATIONAL/ENVIRONMENTAL DESCRIPTION			circle: Relevé or RA
Database #: NSIP003	Date: 3/3/21	Name of recorder: Kelsey McDonald	
	UID:	Other surveyors:	
		Location Name: Brewer to Brainard Marsh	
GPS name: Arrow	For Relevé only: Bearing°, left axis at ID point ___ of Long / Short side		
UTME _____	UTMN _____	Zone: 11 NAD83 GPS error: ft./ m./ PDOP _____	
Decimal degrees: LAT _____	LONG _____		
GPS within stand? (Yes) / No	If No, cite from GPS to stand: distance (m) ___ bearing° ___ inclination° ___		
and record: Base point ID _____	Projected UTMs: UTME _____	UTMN _____	
Camera Name: iPhone	Cardinal photos at ID point: NESW 1236		
Other photos:			
Stand Size (acres): (<1) 1-5, >5	Plot Area (m ²): 100 / _____	Plot Dimensions ___ x ___ m	RA Radius entire marsh m
Exposure, Actual°: ___ NE NW SE SW Flat (Variable)	Steepness, Actual°: ___ 0° (1-5°) > 5-25° > 25		
Topography: Macro: top upper mid (lower) bottom	Micro: convex flat concave (undulating)		
Geology code: _____	Soil Texture code: _____	Upland or (Wetland/Riparian) (circle one)	
% Surface cover: (Incl. outcrops) (>60cm diam) (25-60cm) (7.5-25cm) (2mm-7.5cm) (Incl sand, mud)			
H:0: 5 BA Stems: 40 Litter: 15 Bedrock: _____	Boulder: _____	Stone: _____	Cobble: _____ Gravel: _____ Fines: 38=100%
% Current year bioturbation _____	Past bioturbation present? Yes / No % Hoof punch _____		
Fire evidence: Yes / No (circle one) If yes, describe in Site history section, including date of fire, if known.			
Site history, stand age, comments: Patch of 99% native saltmarsh in higher elevation center fades to ~50%/50% relative Spartina dominance along eastern mudflat channels and ~80% rel. dominance of Spartina along eroding fingers to west/northwest. Classifying entire saltmarsh patch south west of billboard.			
Disturbance code / Intensity (L,M,H): ___ / ___ / ___ / ___ / ___ / ___ "Other" _____ / ___			
II. HABITAT DESCRIPTION			
Tree DBH: T1 (<1" dbh), T2 (1-6" dbh), T3 (6-11" dbh), T4 (11-24" dbh), T5 (>24" dbh), T6 multi-layered (T3 or T4 layer under T5, >60% cover)			
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III. INTERPRETATION OF STAND			
Field-assessed vegetation Alliance name: Pickweed marsh			
Field-assessed Association name (optional): _____			
Adjacent Alliances/direction: _____ / _____ / _____			
Confidence in Alliance identification: L M (H) Explain: _____			
Phenology (E,P,L): Herb Shrub Tree Other identification or mapping information: _____			

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For Office Use:	Final database #:	Final vegetation type:	Alliance Association
I. LOCATIONAL/ENVIRONMENTAL DESCRIPTION			circle: Relevé or (RA)
Database #: NSIP004	Date: 3/3/21	Name of recorder: Kelsey McDonald	
	UID:	Other surveyors:	
GPS name: Arrow		Location Name: Bracut Marsh	
For Relevé only: Bearing°, left axis at ID point ___ of Long / Short side			
UTME _____		UTMN _____	
Zone: 11 NAD83 GPS error: ft./ m./ PDOP _____			
Decimal degrees: LAT _____ LONG _____			
GPS within stand? (Yes) / No If No, cite from GPS to stand: distance (m) ___ bearing ° ___ inclination ° ___			
and record: Base point ID _____		Projected UTMs: UTME _____ UTMN _____	
Camera Name: iPhone		Cardinal photos at ID point: NE SW 1345	
Other photos: NW			
Stand Size (acres): (1) , 1-5, >5 Plot Area (m ²): 100 / ___ Plot Dimensions ___ x ___ m RA Radius (10) m			
Exposure, Actual °: ___ NE NW SE SW Flat Variable Steepness, Actual °: ___ (0° 1-5°) >5-25° >25			
Topography: Macro: top upper mid (lower) bottom Micro: convex flat concave (undulating)			
Geology code: _____ Soil Texture code: _____ Upland or (Wetland) Riparian (circle one)			
% Surface cover: (Incl. outcrops) (>60cm diam) (25-60cm) (7.5-25cm) (2mm-7.5cm) (Incl sand, mud)			
H:0: 5 BA Stems: 40 Litter: 35 Bedrock: Boulder: Stone: Cobble: Gravel: Fines: 20 =100%			
% Current year bioturbation _____ Past bioturbation present? Yes / No % Hoof punch _____			
Fire evidence: Yes / No (circle one) If yes, describe in Site history section, including date of fire, if known.			
Site history, stand age, comments: Low elevation pickleweed marsh in lee of old dike. Wrack and algae overlie on pickleweed. Sparse spartina			
Disturbance code / Intensity (L,M,H): ___ / ___ / ___ / ___ / ___ / ___ / ___ "Other" _____ / ___			
II. HABITAT DESCRIPTION			
Tree DBH: T1 (<1" dbh), T2 (1-6" dbh), T3 (6-11" dbh), T4 (11-24" dbh), T5 (>24" dbh), T6 multi-layered (T3 or T4 layer under T5, >60% cover)			
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III. INTERPRETATION OF STAND			
Field-assessed vegetation Alliance name: Pickleweed marsh			
Field-assessed Association name (optional): _____			
Adjacent Alliances/direction: _____ / _____ / _____			
Confidence in Alliance identification: L M (H) Explain: _____			
Phenology (E,P,L): Herb (E) Shrub Tree Other identification or mapping information: _____			

Appendix C. Photo Index



Photo 1. Looking north from the salt marsh near Brainard.



Photo 2. Gravel and larger substrates along the lower unvegetated edge of the rail prism.



Photo 3. Undercut eroding salt marsh at low tide.



Photo 4. Patchy vegetated salt marsh with dense-flowered cordgrass.



Photo 5. Eroding fringe salt marsh.



Photo 6. Eroding fringe salt marsh.



Photo 7. The undercut rail line.



Photo 8. The central portion of the study area at high tide.



Photo 9. Old dock structure and salt marsh.



Photo 10. Low elevation pickleweed marsh with high cover of eelgrass wrack and sparse dense-flowered cordgrass south of the dock structure.



Photo 11. Low elevation pickleweed marsh south of the dock structure becoming inundated with the rising tide.



Photo 12. The former dock structure, invaded by dense-flowered cordgrass on northern (windward) side, and pickleweed dominant to the south.



Photo 13. Coyotebrush scrub on top of an artificial berm.



Photo 14. Salt marsh peninsula south of Bracut.



Photo 15. Western sand-spurrey, with winged seeds measuring ~1m.



Photo 16. Western sand-spurrey, a rare annual plant.



Photo 17. Intermixed Humboldt Bay owl's clover and Point Reyes bird's beak in diverse high marsh.



Photo 18. Point Reyes bird's beak and western sand-spurrey near Bracut.



Photo 19. Unusual salt marsh zonation in central study area with diverse native high marsh and rare plants in the foreground, and dense-flowered cordgrass dominating the area along the rail prism and portions of the outer fringe.



Photo 20. Tufted hairgrass along the mid to upper rail prism.



Photo 21. Tufted hairgrass with San Francisco rush and other species in high marsh near Bracut