

The HASPA REPORTER

"The Hayward Area Shoreline Planning Agency"

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A RESTORATION SPECIAL REPORT

Eden Landing Working Group Field Trip July 17, 2007

Tour led by : JOHN KRAUSE of California Fish and Game and MARK TAYLOR of East Bay Regional Park District

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(1) **Mt. Eden Creek** view of the pedestrian bridge. Plans were discussed for a small craft launch site.



Looking across to the now barren pond E12, there are plans for this pond to be divided into salinity cells to provide for introduction of bay water and managed for shorebirds and water fowl. The various cells will have islands for nesting and roosting. Duck blinds will remain in ponds 12-13-14.

(2) **Historic Salt Works**

John Krause assured us that the wooden structures would be preserved by adding bay water when necessary to maintain the



salt permeated wooden structures. Archimedes wooden screws were seen. The LOOP TRAIL is planned to go around PONDS 12 and 13 as a seasonal trail to protect nesting and foraging birds. White Pelicans graced the blue sky and settled into a pond for roosting and foraging.

(3) **Tide gates**, water salinity check of bay waste, and recent levee restoration work



were discussed. Evidence of eradication of the non-native Spartina. However, some was growing in clumps and will require additional spraying. Maintenance of the area is an on going process.

(4) **LAST STOP:** On October 26, 2006 a planned breach in the levee allowed bay water from old Alameda Creek to flow into the abandoned crystallizers with a small flock of



shorebirds using the area. The field trip ended with an understanding that restoration of 5,500 acres of the Eden Landing Pond Complex will take time, funding and management if the Complex is to be restored and enhanced for a mix of wetland habits, public access, and flood management.



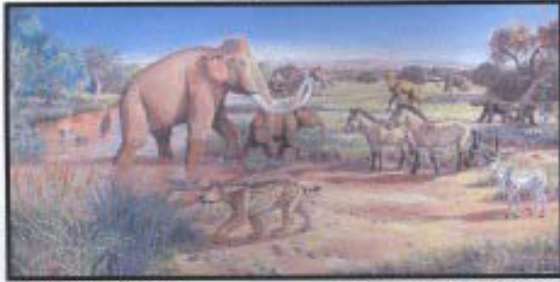
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Worth Noting:

The uplifting by the Hayward fault brought with it fossil



IRVINGTON LANDSCAPE

by Laura Cunningham 2005

evidence of the many early visitors to the Bay Area's water shed creeks and lowlands as is depicted in Laura Cunningham's painting of the Irvington Landscape. This painting, along with a fossil collection, may be visited at the Math/Science Nucleus, 'Wes Gordon Fossil Hall'; 4074 Eggars Drive in Fremont, Ca.

Wes Gordon from the San Lorenzo Unified School District in the 1970's, along with Martin Eschen visited the Hayward fault escarpment below the Hayward Area Regional Park (HARD) offices at E Street and Foothill

Boulevard in Hayward. From this fault gouge matrix (*Late Cenozoic*) Wes dug out, what may have been, a (\pm) 10K yr. old fossil horse tooth (*Equus caballus*) of that period.



Trustee's Corner:

It is very important to think about why we volunteer

and to remember that we do make a difference. Thanks to the comments of HASPA citizen and technical members, the radio tower project has been considerably revised. Project sponsor, Salem Communications, is no longer planning to plant trees in the middle of the garbage dump and will take a much closer look at the wildlife.

Questions raised at HASPA resulted in a more thorough review of the BMX cycling course. While many of us support cycling, it turned out that there were environmental challenges to locating near the shoreline, and we hope that it can be located elsewhere. Our comments on the South of 92 restoration stressed the need for shoreline access. In the future, we are also going to look at what more needs to be done to improve our shoreline levees. We will need to work on other environmental challenges on such as global warming. I have very much enjoyed my tenure on HASPA and hope to continue it into the future.

Bill Quirk

HASPA Trustee



'ROAST'ed at Sulphur Creek...



Interpretive Center

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gathered, many related their good times and experiences with Mike Koslosky. Among them were Ned Lyke & Wendy Winsted, as well as numerous others with *THEIR* stories to tell, in celebrating a retirement so richly deserved.



...with a lawn of tables filled by a cadre of compadres

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