

Ravenswood

Ravenswood is a managed pond on the western shore of South Bay, directly below Dumbarton Point. The former salt pond was fitted with water control structures, and the water level is managed to facilitate foraging of shorebirds. Because of the limited tidal range within the pond, very little vegetation has recruited within the pond complex. Ravenswood is adjacent to a fringing salt marsh dominated by pickleweed and gumplant (*Grindelia*). The fringing marsh is between 100-m and 30-m wide and has several 2nd and 3rd order creeklets (small, typically dendritic tidal channels) draining it. The channel that connects the water control structures to the adjacent bay cuts through the marsh and is about 20-m wide and 60-m long. Because of the limited tidal flow, there is poor channel definition within the pond itself, but the remnant borrow ditch is present.

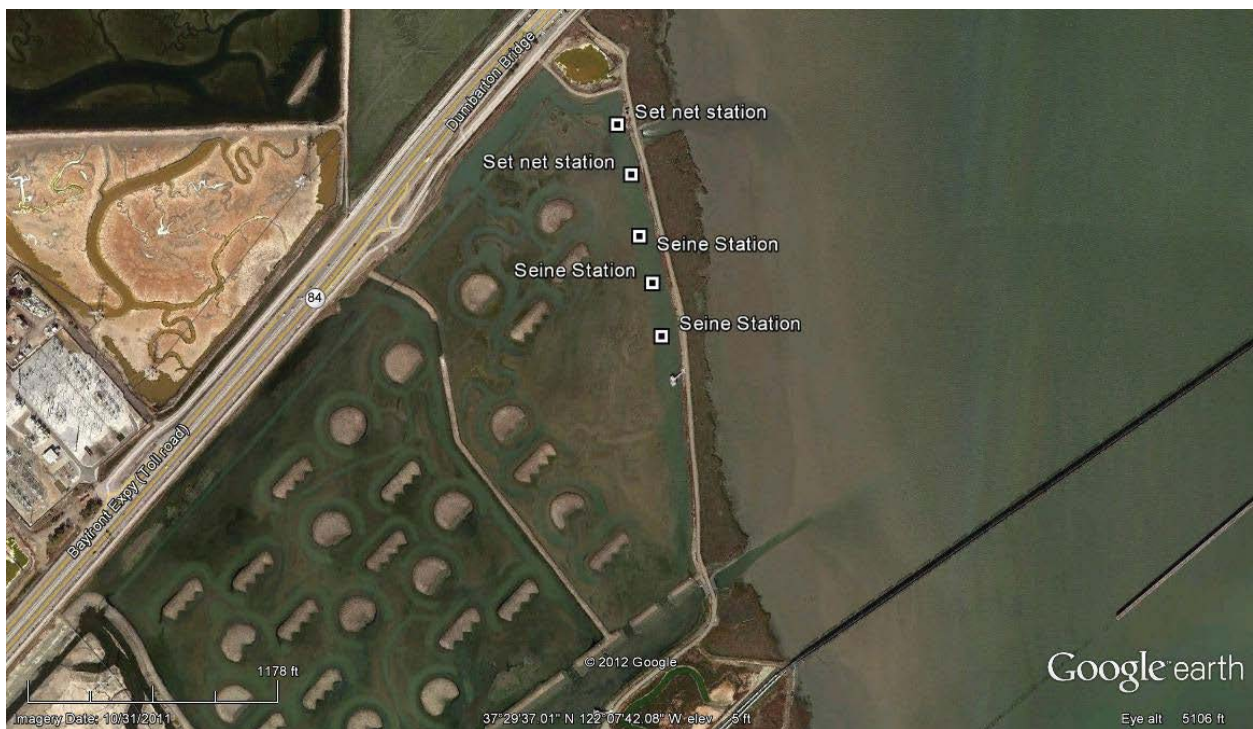


Figure 5. Ravenswood (SF2) and sampling stations.