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@ Refuge Tracts

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Selection Area Map

Possible Questions and Answers

Fresh Water Marshes have a unique scarcity value in California; preservation and enhancement should be of the highest priority!

While the total area proposed for the Laguna @ Refuge is not large in contrast with some of the Refuges on the Great Plains, the Mississippi Valley, and the Sacramento Valley its great diversity of habitat types is unique, and well worthy of preservation and ~~the~~ enhancement.

As to objections from the Ag. Community in Sonoma Co., it is apparently based largely on Mis- understanding of the proposed land acquisition program.

Assurances have been given that no lands will be condemned for the planned acquisition program. In other words, a willing Sellers only situation. ?

But U.S. FWS won't buy this!

Further, assurances have also been given that no further restrictions on ag. operations, beyond those now prevailing under County ordinance, and State law, will be imposed.

5 Species - Pacific Salmon -

Chinook, Silver, Chum, Sockeye, and Humpback)

## Comments on Position of Russian River Source Committee.

This Summit group is unrealistic in its position on waste water discharges to the Russian River -

All Normal discharges to the Russian River <sup>via the Laguna channel</sup> now have tertiary treated, and of better quality than most surface waters in California, and indeed <sup>of</sup> better ~~better~~ quality than the Russian River below ~~at~~ the mouth of the Laguna Channel.

Further treatment at this effluent is ~~feasible~~ <sup>not</sup> economically feasible at the S.R. Sub-regional plant on Lamo Rd. Further improved ~~in~~ quality by Biological Scrubbing in Wildlife Marshes. OF Treatment Marshes is quite feasible, as shown at the Arcata, Calif. Treatment and Wildlife Marshes.

## Prop. 70 Funds

Sonoma Co. will receive approx 3. million dollars of these funds. For Park & Wildlife lands acquisition, ~~not~~ Since there will be other areas, in addition to the Laguna, receiving funds the remaining funds will not be adequate to do the job.

A Maximum of Two Million is an optimistic guess at what we might receive. At our estimated cost of \$3000 per acre, this would purchase approx. 700 acres.

Maximum. The \$3000 per acre figure ~~is probably~~ arrived at 5 years ago is probably 25-30% too low at this time.

To put together a workable Refuge Unit on this site would likely require a Federal purchase of approx. 5000 acres. Adding this to 1600 acres the City of G.R. owns, plus the possibility of the State increasing its acreage to approx 900 acres, we can visualize a total unit of 7500 Acres.

Sonoma County owns approx 100 acres, in addition

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