

## Cattail removal project, 2021

### Background

The Buena Vista Audubon Society (BVAS) was chartered in 1951 as the coastal North San Diego County chapter of the National Audubon Society. Our programs help foster a knowledge and appreciation for the plants and animals that make up the natural ecosystem of our community. BVAS is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization.

### Project Site

BVAS maintains and manages a nature center at 2202 S. Coast Hwy in Oceanside on land leased from the City of Oceanside. The project site (Figure 1) lies adjacent to the BVAS nature center, by the Buena Vista Lagoon, on a parcel of land owned and managed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).



**Figure 1. Aerial view of BVAS Nature Center and trail.**

The parcel of land contains a 1/4 mile-long dirt trail, open to the public, which follows along the top of an earthen dike that impounds a small pond. Along the trail, two observation docks extend out into the pond, which are being encroached upon by excessive cattail growth.

### Project Description

This project entails removing approximately 173 square yards of cattails from four locations—two on either side of each dock. Figures 2 and 3 show these locations with the approximate amount of cattail removal at each location. Access to the docks is along an unimproved trail leading from the parking lot (approximately 150 yards distance to the east dock and 100 yards to the south dock).

The cattails cannot be removed from below the roots; they must be cut above the roots. Cattails that are not attached to the bottom of the pond may be removed. The contractor is responsible for hauling the removed cattails to an appropriate disposal site.

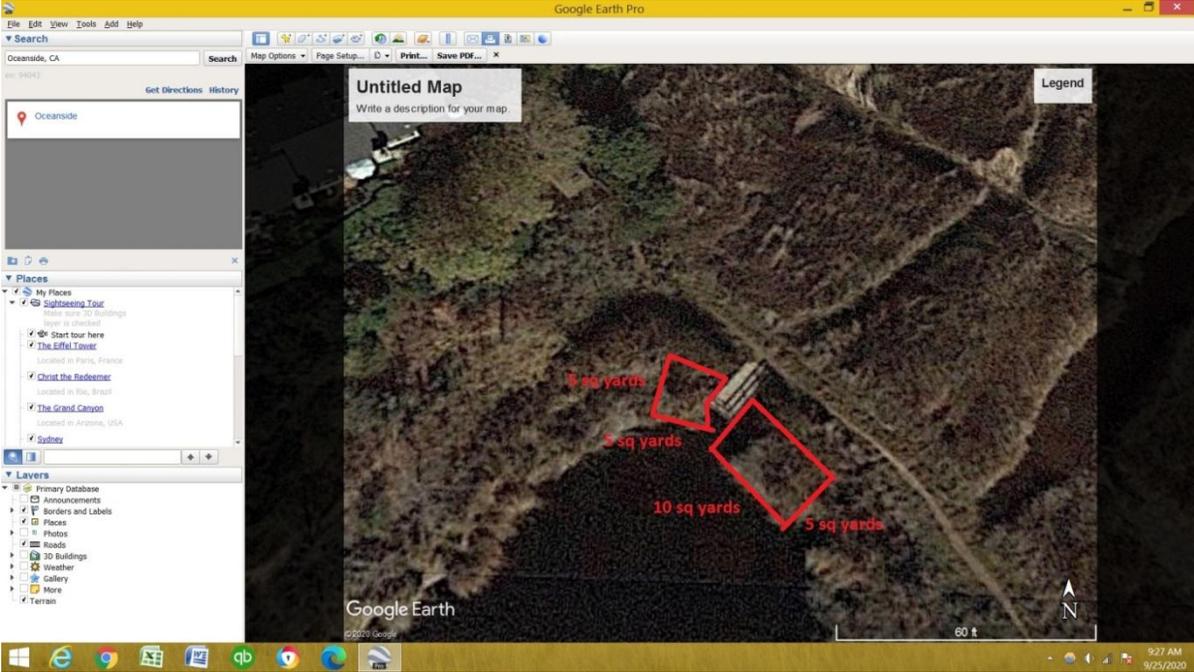


Figure 2. Location of cattail removal at east dock.

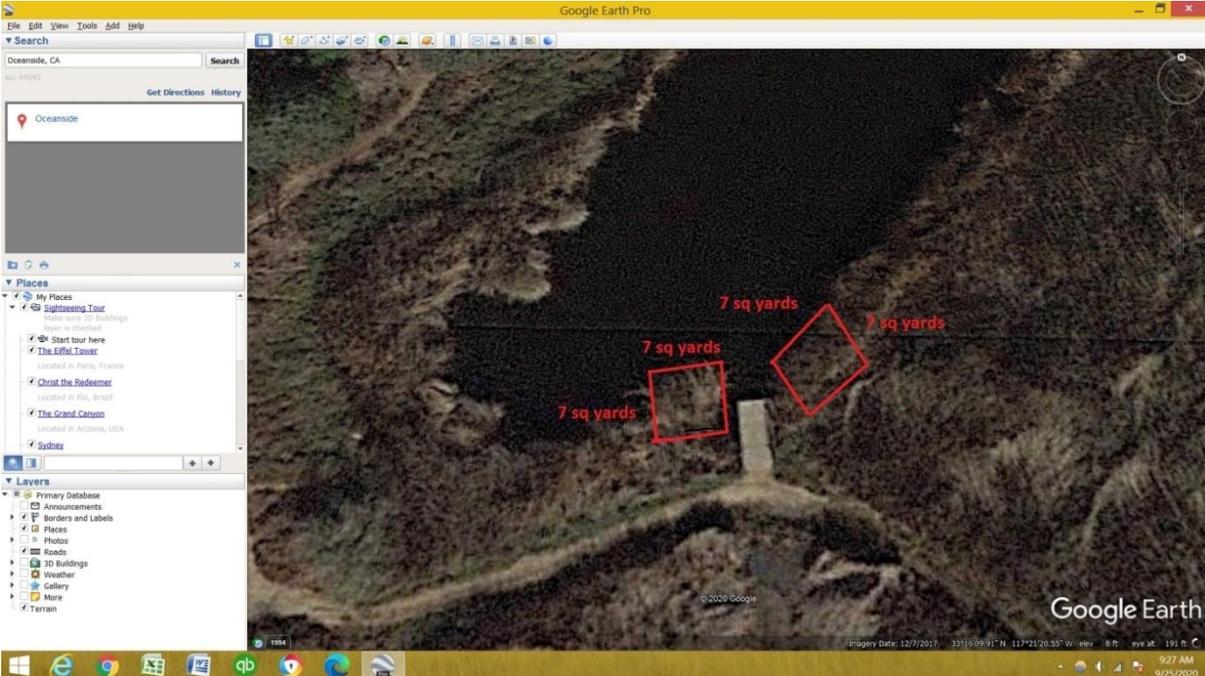


Figure 3. Location of cattail removal at south dock.

### Budget

The budget for this project is \$6,000.

## Permitting

CDFW has issued a right-of-entry permit. This is the only permit/permission needed.

## Project Timeline

The deadline to submit proposals is 11:59 pm on **October 23, 2021**. Contractors will be contacted shortly after that date. Interested contractors are welcome to visit the site prior to submitting a proposal. To do so, please contact Natalie Shapiro at the email address below. A contractor will be chosen by **October 28, 2021** and work can start immediately.

All work must be finished by November 30, 2021.

## Time and Place of Submission of Proposals

Respondents to this RFP must submit their proposal to BVAS, delivered by email to Natalie Shapiro, Executive Director of BVAS at [buenvistanature@gmail.com](mailto:buenvistanature@gmail.com).

## Elements of Proposal

The proposal must include the following:

1. Examples of relevant prior work.
2. Anticipated timeline for the project.
3. Two references.
4. Evidence of insurance policy:
  - a) Commercial General Liability: limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate for bodily injury and property damage liability combined.
  - b) Automobile Liability: limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
  - c) Workers' Compensation: liability limit of \$1,000,000.

## Evaluation Criteria

The successful respondent will have the following:

1. Appropriate experience and relevant skills.
2. A competitive cost of services.
3. Expertise in working on similar projects.

## Contact Information

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