

**Redwood Shores Lagoon**  
**June 2015**  
**Monthly Water Quality Monitoring Report**



**Prepared for**

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**July 2015**

City of Redwood City staff Richard Chaffey performed the June monthly monitoring on June 25, 2015. Weather conditions were sunny, the air temperature was 71 F, and light winds were recorded.

General water quality measurements for dissolved oxygen, clarity (as turbidity), salinity, pH, and temperature were recorded at Sites R-1 thru R-5. Nutrients, nitrate as N, and dissolved ortho-phosphate as P were sampled at R-1 thru R-5 via laboratory analysis. Water samples were collected for Fecal Coliform analysis at Sites R-1 and R-2. During each sample visit observations are noted for floatables, oil/grease films and scum, water discoloration, algae and aquatic plant growth, and any presence of dead birds or fish. Water Quality Objectives for Redwood Shores Lagoon is provided below as well Dissolved Oxygen (DO) requirements in Non-Salmonid waters by which to compare field and laboratory results.

**Table 1. Redwood Shores Lagoon Water Quality Objectives**

Parameter	Criteria
pH	6.5 – 8.5
Dissolved oxygen	Minimum of 5.0 mg/L
Chlorophyll-a	50.0 ug/l
Fecal coliform bacteria	A median not to exceed 240 MPN/100 mL in 5 consecutive samples with no single sample exceeding 1,000 MPN/100 mL
Color	No significant increase over that in sloughs
Oil, grease, and visible films	None
Floatables	None
Aquatic growths	None sufficient to cause nuisance conditions
Turbidity in Belmont, Steinberger and Bay sloughs that receive lagoon discharge	<u>Background Levels</u> <u>Max. Incremental Increase</u>
	50 NTU                                      5 NTU
	50-100 NTU                                      10 MTU
	100 NTU                                      10 % of background

II. NON-SALMONID WATERS	DO mg/l
A. Early life stages	
No production impairment	6.5
Slight production impairment	5.5
Moderate production impairment	5
Severe production impairment	4.5
Limit to avoid acute mortality	4
B. Other life stages	
No production impairment	6
Slight production impairment	5
Moderate production impairment	4
Severe production impairment	3.5
Limit to avoid acute mortality	3

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**RESULTS** - Water quality results for each site is provided below in Table format for 2015 to allow comparison of results from month to month.

## SITE R-1

	Ortho		Fecal	Fecal	Water	Dissolved			PH	PH		
	Phosphate	Nitrate as N	Coliform	Coliform	Temp	Oxygen	DO		Lower	Upper	Salinity	Turbidity
Months	mg/l	mg/l	MPN/100 ml	MPN/100 ml	C°	mg/l	mg/l	PH	Limit	Limit	ppt	NTU
1.15	0.18	ND	>1,600	1,000	12.1	15.49	5	8.4	6.5	8.5	28.39	6.81
2.15	0.17	ND	7.8	1,000	16.8	15.01	5	8.7	6.5	8.5	22.2	5.94
3.15	0.15	ND	13	1,000	18.3	7.79	5	8.4	6.5	8.5	27.17	9.4
4.15	0.27	ND	7.8	1,000	18.7	6.24	5	8	6.5	8.5	27.91	22.2
5.15	0.21	ND	7.8	1,000	18.6	7.76	5	8	6.5	8.5	28.02	20.1
6.15	0.23	ND	22	1,000	23	9.02	5	8.3	6.5	8.5	26.15	12.1
7.15				1,000			5		6.5	8.5		
8.15				1,000			5		6.5	8.5		
9.15				1,000			5		6.5	8.5		
10.15				1,000			5		6.5	8.5		
11.15				1,000			5		6.5	8.5		
12.15				1,000			5		6.5	8.5		

## SITE R-2

	Ortho		Fecal	Fecal	Water	Dissolved			PH	PH		
	Phosphate	Nitrate as N	Coliform	Coliform	Temp	Oxygen	DO		Lower	Upper	Salinity	Turbidity
Months	mg/l	mg/l	MPN/100 ml	MPN/100 ml	C°	mg/l	mg/l	PH	Limit	Limit	ppt	NTU
1.15	0.16	ND	2	1,000	13	7.76	5	2.8	6.5	8.5	35.12	21.7
2.15	0.13	ND	7.8	1,000	15.8	3.51	5	8.4	6.5	8.5	30.25	14.3
3.15	0.25	ND	2	1,000	17.6	5.45	5	8	6.5	8.5	31.11	60.4
4.15	0.23	ND	46	1,000	17.5	5.84	5	7.7	6.5	8.5	31.56	23.5
5.15	0.25	ND	17	1,000	17.6	6.65	5	7.9	6.5	8.5	31.58	22.2
6.15	0.34	ND	4.5	1,000	22.8	5.16	5	7.7	6.5	8.5	27.71	28.7
7.15				1,000			5		6.5	8.5		
8.15				1,000			5		6.5	8.5		
9.15				1,000			5		6.5	8.5		
10.15				1,000			5		6.5	8.5		
11.15				1,000			5		6.5	8.5		
12.15				1,000			5		6.5	8.5		

## SITE R-3

				Dissolved						
	Ortho		Water	Oxygen	DO		PH	PH		
	Phosphate	Nitrate as N	Temp	(DO)	mg/l		Lower	Upper	Salinity	Turbidity
Months	mg/l	mg/l	C°	mg/l	Limit	PH	Limit	Limit	ppt	NTU
1.15	0.13	ND	12.3	6.38	5	8.7	6.5	8.5	33.39	49.2
2.15	0.15	ND	14.6	11.31	5	3.3	6.5	8.5	31.48	21.9
3.15	0.2	ND	16.4	7.48	5	7.8	6.5	8.5	26	46.5
4.15	0.2	ND	15.6	7.26	5	7	6.5	8.5	31.26	43.8
5.15	0.25	ND	18.2	7.56	5	7.2	6.5	8.5	31.43	46.2
6.15	0.3	ND	20.7	5.52	5	6.8	6.5	8.5	26.61	92.3
7.15					5		6.5	8.5		
8.15					5		6.5	8.5		
9.15					5		6.5	8.5		
10.15					5		6.5	8.5		
11.15					5		6.5	8.5		
12.15					5		6.5	8.5		

## SITE R-4

				Dissolved						
	Ortho		Water	Oxygen	DO		PH	PH		
	Phosphate	Nitrate as N	Temp	(DO)	mg/l		Lower	Upper	Salinity	Turbidity
Months	mg/l	mg/l	C°	mg/l	Limit	PH	Limit	Limit	ppt	NTU
1.15	0.12	ND	12.6	8.41	5	1.2	6.5	8.5	37.44	17.1
2.15	0.12	ND	15.4	12.08	5	8.2	6.5	8.5	29.05	15.9
3.15	0.27	ND	17.8	5.48	5	8.3	6.5	8.5	23.88	35.7
4.15	0.27	ND	18.7	3.52	5	7.1	6.5	8.5	32.09	23.1
5.15	0.29	ND	17.9	5.25	5	8.1	6.5	8.5	29.54	21.4
6.15	0.34	ND	23.5	6.61	5	8.2	6.5	8.5	25.55	15.8
7.15					5		6.5	8.5		
8.15					5		6.5	8.5		
9.15					5		6.5	8.5		
10.15					5		6.5	8.5		
11.15					5		6.5	8.5		
12.15					5		6.5	8.5		

**SITE R-5**

				Dissolved						
	Ortho		Water	Oxygen	DO		PH	PH		
	Phosphate	Nitrate as N	Temp	(DO)	mg/l		Lower	Upper	Salinity	Turbidity
Months	mg/l	mg/l	C°	mg/l	Limit	PH	Limit	Limit	ppt	NTU
1.15	ND	ND	12	8.06	5	3.9	6.5	8.5	36.83	6.16
2.15	0.11	ND	16	10.51	5	8.2	6.5	8.5	28.63	6.09
3.15	0.2	ND	17.5	5.46	5	8	6.5	8.5	23.88	3.81
4.15	0.1	ND	17.3	4.61	5	7.6	6.5	8.5	32.4	2.98
5.15	0.26	ND	17.5	4.98	5	7.6	6.5	8.5	32.51	15.6
6.15	0.31	ND	21.2	5.74	5	7	6.5	8.5	25.7	7.18
7.15					5		6.5	8.5		
8.15					5		6.5	8.5		
9.15					5		6.5	8.5		
10.15					5		6.5	8.5		
11.15					5		6.5	8.5		
12.15					5		6.5	8.5		

**NUTRIENTS** – Orthophosphate as P (ORP) was detected at all sites in a range between 0.23 and 0.34 mg/l. The lowest site for ORP was at R-1 while R-4 measured the highest. ORP concentration increased at all sites in comparison to May. Phosphorus can stimulate algae blooms, and algae was noted in the area of R-4 and R-5, so the City and Waterworks (the maintenance contractor) should monitor conditions closely for increasing algae blooms or algae mats in the coming months as water and air temperatures increase. There were no detectable levels reported for Nitrate as N at any monitoring site.

Phosphorus and nitrogen are essential nutrients for the plants and animals that make up the aquatic food web. Since phosphorus is the nutrient in short supply in most fresh waters, even a modest increase in phosphorus can, under the right conditions, set off a whole chain of undesirable events in a stream including accelerated plant growth, algae blooms, low dissolved oxygen, and the death of certain fish, invertebrates, and other aquatic animals.

There are many sources of phosphorus, both natural and human. These include soil and rocks, wastewater treatment plants, runoff from fertilized lawns and cropland, failing septic systems, runoff from animal manure storage areas, disturbed land areas, drained wetlands, water treatment, and commercial cleaning preparations.

Inorganic nitrate as N should be less than 0.3 mg/L to avoid algal blooms. Excessive concentrations of nitrate in lakes and streams greater than about 5 milligrams per liter (measured as nitrogen), depending on the water body, can cause excessive growth of algae and other plants, leading to accelerated eutrophication or "aging" of lakes, and occasional loss of dissolved oxygen. Animals and humans cannot use inorganic forms of nitrogen.

Since phosphorus is often scarce in freshwater ecosystems, it is typically a limiting nutrient, meaning that it limits the amount of life the system can sustain. When humans add phosphate-rich sewage or agricultural runoff, algae growth may no longer be limited by the scarcity of phosphorus in its environment and may grow out of control. In order to control algae growth, the EPA recommends that phosphate levels not exceed 0.05 milligrams per liter for streams discharging into lakes or reservoirs, 0.1 milligrams per liter for lakes and reservoirs, and 0.1 milligrams per liter for other streams and rivers.

**FECAL COLIFORM** - The fecal coliform levels were measured at 22 MPN/100 mL and 4.5 MPN/100 mL for R-1 and R-2, respectively. Coliform decreased at R-2 in comparison to May 2015. These results are relatively close to the laboratory detection limit of 1.8 MPN/100 ml. Fecal coliform did not exceed established limits. Single sample results over 1,000 MPN/mL are considered to exceed limits.

**GENERAL WATER QUALITY ANALYSIS** – The Dissolved Oxygen (DO) level in June exceeded the 5.0 mg/l threshold in all sites. DO was highest at Site R-1 (9.02 mg/l) and lowest at Site R-2 (5.16 mg/l). Water temperature increased over May with temperatures ranging from 20.7 to 23.5 C. PH measurements were within limits at all Sites. Salinity measurements varied from approximately 25.55 ppt to a maximum of 27.71 ppt. Turbidity was within limits and varied between 7.18 and 92.3 NTU.

## Field Results

Redwood Shores Lagoon  
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Date: <u>6/25/15</u>	Name(s) of Field Personnel: <u>Richard Chaffey</u>
<b>Weather Conditions</b>	Air Temperature: <u>71'</u>
Wind Conditions: <u>Light</u> / Moderate / High	Percent Cloud: <u>0 %</u>
<b>Field Measurements</b>	

Sampling Station	Time	Maximum Depth (ft)	Sample Depth (ft)	Water Temp °C	Dis. Oxy. Mg/l	pH units	Salinity ppt	Turbidity NTU
R-1	1158	4.0'	2.0'	23.0	9.02	8.3	26.15	12.1
R-2	1120	6.0'	3.0'	22.8	5.16	7.7	27.71	28.7
R-3	1007	4.0'	2.0'	20.7	5.52	6.8	26.61	92.3
R-4	0801	6.0'	3.0'	23.5	6.61	8.2	25.55	15.8
R-5	0913	6.0'	3.0'	21.2	5.74	7.0	25.70	7.18

<p>Samples for the following test will be collected for laboratory analyses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nitrate-N</li> <li>• Ortho-P04-P (preservative required, do not rinse bottle)</li> <li>• Fecal Coliform Bacteria (R-1 and R-2 only)</li> </ul>
<p>Notes &amp; Observations about floatables, oil &amp; grease, films, scum water discoloration, algae, aquatic plant growth and presence of dead wildlife:</p> <p>R-1- _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>R-2- _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>R-3- <u>Tide coming in at time of sample</u></p> <p>_____</p> <p>R-4- <u>Algae in area</u></p> <p>_____</p> <p>R-5- <u>Algae in area</u></p> <p>_____</p>

# Laboratory Results



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Report Date: 07/06/15 11:05  
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Order Number 15F2734	Receipt Date/Time 06/25/2015 22:40	Client Code SEL REDWOODRS	Client PO/Reference
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METHOD	BATCH	PREPARED	ANALYZED	DILUTION	RESULT	PQL	NOTE
<b>R-1 (15F2734-01)</b>		<b>Sample Type: Water</b>		<b>Sampled: 06/25/15 11:58</b>			
<b>Conventional Chemistry Parameters by APHA/EPA Methods</b>							
Orthophosphate as P	SM4500-P E	AF52652	06/26/15 15:45	06/26/15 16:36	1	0.23 mg/L	0.10
<b>Anions by EPA Method 300.0</b>							
Nitrate as N	EPA 300.0	AF52613	06/26/15 16:59	06/26/15 16:59	20	ND mg/L	4.0 R-01
<b>Microbiological Parameters by APHA Standard Methods</b>							
Fecal Coliforms	SM9221	AF52957	06/25/15 17:45	06/27/15 17:45	1	22 MPN/100mL	1.8
<b>R-2 (15F2734-02)</b>		<b>Sample Type: Water</b>		<b>Sampled: 06/25/15 11:20</b>			
<b>Conventional Chemistry Parameters by APHA/EPA Methods</b>							
Orthophosphate as P	SM4500-P E	AF52652	06/26/15 15:45	06/26/15 16:36	1	0.34 mg/L	0.10
<b>Anions by EPA Method 300.0</b>							
Nitrate as N	EPA 300.0	AF52613	06/26/15 17:15	06/26/15 17:15	20	ND mg/L	4.0 R-01
<b>Microbiological Parameters by APHA Standard Methods</b>							
Fecal Coliforms	SM9221	AF52957	06/25/15 17:45	06/27/15 17:45	1	4.5 MPN/100mL	1.8
<b>R-3 (15F2734-03)</b>		<b>Sample Type: Water</b>		<b>Sampled: 06/25/15 10:07</b>			
<b>Conventional Chemistry Parameters by APHA/EPA Methods</b>							
Orthophosphate as P	SM4500-P E	AF52652	06/26/15 15:45	06/26/15 16:36	1	0.30 mg/L	0.10





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	METHOD	BATCH	PREPARED	ANALYZED	DILUTION	RESULT	PQL	NOTE
<b>R-3 (15F2734-03)</b>			<b>Sample Type: Water</b>		<b>Sampled: 06/25/15 10:07</b>			
<b>Anions by EPA Method 300.0</b>								
Nitrate as N	EPA 300.0	AF52613	06/26/15 17:31	06/26/15 17:31	20	ND mg/L	4.0	R-01
<b>R-4 (15F2734-04)</b>			<b>Sample Type: Water</b>		<b>Sampled: 06/25/15 08:01</b>			
<b>Conventional Chemistry Parameters by APHA/EPA Methods</b>								
Orthophosphate as P	SM4500-P E	AF52652	06/26/15 15:45	06/26/15 16:36	1	0.34 mg/L	0.10	
<b>Anions by EPA Method 300.0</b>								
Nitrate as N	EPA 300.0	AF52613	06/26/15 17:47	06/26/15 17:47	20	ND mg/L	4.0	R-01
<b>R-5 (15F2734-05)</b>			<b>Sample Type: Water</b>		<b>Sampled: 06/25/15 09:13</b>			
<b>Conventional Chemistry Parameters by APHA/EPA Methods</b>								
Orthophosphate as P	SM4500-P E	AF52652	06/26/15 15:45	06/26/15 16:36	1	0.31 mg/L	0.10	
<b>Anions by EPA Method 300.0</b>								
Nitrate as N	EPA 300.0	AF52613	06/26/15 18:03	06/26/15 18:03	20	ND mg/L	4.0	R-01

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