

Redwood Shores Lagoon
April 2019
Monthly Water Quality Monitoring Report



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City of Redwood City staff member Cory Cattaneo performed the April monthly monitoring on April 18, 2019. Weather conditions were sunny, the air temperature was 65 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 2019 to allow comparison of results from month to month.

SITE R-1

	Ortho		Fecal		Dissolved							
	Phosphate	Nitrate as N	Coliform	MPN/100 ml	Water	Oxygen	DO		PH	PH		
Months	mg/l	mg/l	MPN/100 ml	Limit	Temp	(DO)	mg/l	Limit	Lower	Upper	Salinity	Turbidity
					C°				Limit	Limit	ppt	NTU
1.19	ND	ND	79	1,000	11.8	6.22	5	8.2	6.5	8.5	21.36	6.25
2.19	0.15	ND	7.8	1,000	16	6.9	5	7.3	6.5	8.5	29.24	12.9
3.19	0.1	ND	4.5	1,000	21.3	7.72	5	8	6.5	8.5	23.66	6.1
4.19	0.23	ND	22	1,000	20.8	6.56	5	7.6	6.5	8.5	24.19	5.31
5.19				1,000			5		6.5	8.5		
6.19				1,000			5		6.5	8.5		
7.19				1,000			5		6.5	8.5		
8.19				1,000			5		6.5	8.5		
9.19				1,000			5		6.5	8.5		
10.19				1,000			5		6.5	8.5		
11.19				1,000			5		6.5	8.5		
12.19				1,000			5		6.5	8.5		

SITE R-2

	Ortho		Fecal		Dissolved							
	Phosphate	Nitrate as N	Coliform	MPN/100 ml	Water	Oxygen	DO		PH	PH		
Months	mg/l	mg/l	MPN/100 ml	Limit	Temp	(DO)	mg/l	Limit	Lower	Upper	Salinity	Turbidity
					C°				Limit	Limit	ppt	NTU
1.19	ND	ND	79	1,000	12.4	5.89	5	8	6.5	8.5	23.44	12.8
2.19	0.14	ND	4	1,000	16.1	9.72	5	7.5	6.5	8.5	29.42	14.6
3.19	0.19	ND	4	1,000	21.5	9.49	5	7.4	6.5	8.5	25	24.3
4.19	0.29	ND	4.5	1,000	21.3	7.21	5	7.3	6.5	8.5	24.67	23.9
5.19				1,000			5		6.5	8.5		
6.19				1,000			5		6.5	8.5		
7.19				1,000			5		6.5	8.5		
8.19				1,000			5		6.5	8.5		
9.19				1,000			5		6.5	8.5		
10.19				1,000			5		6.5	8.5		
11.19				1,000			5		6.5	8.5		
12.19				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
1.19	ND	ND	12.5	7.22	5	7.9	6.5	8.5	26.38	38.7
2.19	ND	ND	12.66	10.77	5	8.1	6.5	8.5	32.02	9.12
3.19	0.19	ND	18.1	10.31	5	7.9	6.5	8.5	24.66	23.2
4.19	0.21	ND	21.4	8.69	5	7.5	6.5	8.5	26.83	38.3
5.19					5		6.5	8.5		
6.19					5		6.5	8.5		
7.19					5		6.5	8.5		
8.19					5		6.5	8.5		
9.19					5		6.5	8.5		
10.19					5		6.5	8.5		
11.19					5		6.5	8.5		
12.19					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
1.19	ND	ND	11.6	5.77	5	7.7	6.5	8.5	25.46	13.5
2.19	0.14	ND	12.4	10.75	5	7.4	6.5	8.5	32.75	11.9
3.19	0.19	ND	21.3	9.08	5	7.2	6.5	8.5	25.5	23.5
4.19	0.32	ND	19.7	5.93	5	7.3	6.5	8.5	24.66	33.3
5.19					5		6.5	8.5		
6.19					5		6.5	8.5		
7.19					5		6.5	8.5		
8.19					5		6.5	8.5		
9.19					5		6.5	8.5		
10.19					5		6.5	8.5		
11.19					5		6.5	8.5		
12.19					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
1.19	ND	ND	12.4	7.62	5	8	6.5	8.5	22.44	8.21
2.19	0.13	ND	12.6	9.69	5	7.5	6.5	8.5	30.03	16.9
3.19	0.15	ND	19.9	9.55	5	7.6	6.5	8.5	24.3	23.2
4.19	0.19	ND	21.3	7.1	5	7.6	6.5	8.5	27.51	15.8
5.19					5		6.5	8.5		
6.19					5		6.5	8.5		
7.19					5		6.5	8.5		
8.19					5		6.5	8.5		
9.19					5		6.5	8.5		
10.19					5		6.5	8.5		
11.19					5		6.5	8.5		
12.19					5		6.5	8.5		

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NUTRIENTS – Orthophosphate as P (ORP) was detected at all five sites in a range between 0.19 mg/l and 0.32 mg/l. The lowest site for ORP was at R-5 measuring 0.19 mg/l, while site R-4 measured the highest at 0.32 mg/l. ORP concentrations increased in all five sites, in comparison to March. Nitrate as N was below the detection limit at all sites in April.

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/100mL for site R-1 and 4.5 MPN/100mL for site R-2. Coliform levels increased for both sites, in comparison to March. Fecal coliform levels did not exceed the established limits. Single sample results over 1,000 MPN/100mL are considered to exceed limits.

GENERAL WATER QUALITY ANALYSIS – The Dissolved Oxygen (DO) levels in April exceeded the 5.0 mg/l threshold in all five sites. DO was highest at Site R-3 (8.69 mg/l) and lowest at Site R-4 (5.93 mg/l). The water temperature for April ranged from 19.7 to 21.4 C. PH measurements were within the limit at every site, ranging from 7.3 to 7.6. Salinity measurements varied from approximately 24.19 ppt. to a maximum of 27.51 ppt. Turbidity was within limits and varied between 5.31 and 38.3 NTU. It was noted in the field data sheet that algae and aquatic plant life were present at the sample sites in R-1 and R-2. It also was noted in the field data sheet that the pumps were running at the time of sampling in sites R-4 and R-5.

Field Results

Redwood Shores Lagoon
Monthly Water Quality Monitoring Field Data

Date: 4/18/19 Name(s) of Field Personnel: CORY CATTANEO

Weather Conditions _____ Air Temperature: 65°

Wind Conditions: Light / Moderate / High Percent Cloud: 0%

Field Measurements

Sampling Station	Time	Maximum Depth (ft)	Sample Depth (ft)	Water Temp °C	Dis. Oxy. Mg/l	pH units	Salinity ppt	Turbidity NTU
R-1	11:24	6'	3'	20.8	6.56	7.6	24.19	5.31
R-2	11:07	6'	3'	21.3	7.21	7.3	24.67	23.9
R-3	10:28	3'	2'	21.4	8.69	7.5	26.83	38.3
R-4	9:47	6'	3'	19.7	5.93	7.3	24.66	33.3
R-5	10:06	6'	3'	21.3	7.10	7.6	27.51	15.8

Samples for the following test will be collected for laboratory analyses

- Nitrate-N
- Ortho-P04-P (preservative required, do not rinse bottle)
- Fecal Coliform Bacteria (R-1 and R-2 only)

Notes & Observations about floatables, oil & grease, films, scum water discoloration, algae, aquatic plant growth and presence of dead wildlife:

R-1- ALGAE, AQUATIC PLANT LIFE PRESENT AT SAMPLE SITE

R-2- ALGAE, AQUATIC PLANT LIFE PRESENT AT SAMPLE SITE

R-3- _____

R-4- PUMPS RUNNING AT TIME OF SAMPLE

R-5- PUMPS RUNNING AT TIME OF SAMPLE

Laboratory Results



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	Result	Reporting Limit	Dilution	Batch	Prepared	Analyzed	Method	Note
R-1 (19D2471-01)			Sample Type: Water		Sampled: 04/18/19 11:24			
Conventional Chemistry Parameters by APHA/EPA Methods:								
Orthophosphate as P	0.23 mg/L	0.10	1	AD93986	04/19/19 09:30	04/19/19 09:30	SM4500-P E	
Anions by EPA Method 300.0								
Nitrate as N	ND mg/L	10	50	AD93977	04/19/19 14:34	04/19/19 14:34	EPA 300.0	R-01
Microbiological Parameters by APHA Standard Methods:								
Fecal Coliforms	22 MPN/100mL	1.8	1	AD94040	04/18/19 15:35	04/20/19 16:00	SM9221	
R-2 (19D2471-02)			Sample Type: Water		Sampled: 04/18/19 11:07			
Conventional Chemistry Parameters by APHA/EPA Methods:								
Orthophosphate as P	0.29 mg/L	0.10	1	AD93986	04/19/19 09:30	04/19/19 09:30	SM4500-P E	
Anions by EPA Method 300.0								
Nitrate as N	ND mg/L	10	50	AD93977	04/19/19 14:02	04/19/19 14:02	EPA 300.0	R-01
Microbiological Parameters by APHA Standard Methods:								
Fecal Coliforms	4.5 MPN/100mL	1.8	1	AD94040	04/18/19 15:35	04/21/19 13:00	SM9221	
R-3 (19D2471-03)			Sample Type: Water		Sampled: 04/18/19 10:28			
Conventional Chemistry Parameters by APHA/EPA Methods:								
Orthophosphate as P	0.21 mg/L	0.10	1	AD93986	04/19/19 09:30	04/19/19 09:30	SM4500-P E	



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	Result	Reporting Limit	Dilution	Batch	Prepared	Analyzed	Method	Note
R-3 (19D2471-03)		Sample Type: Water			Sampled: 04/18/19 10:28			
Anions by EPA Method 300.0								
Nitrate as N	ND mg/L	10	50	AD93977	04/19/19 13:29	04/19/19 13:29	EPA 300.0	R-01
R-4 (19D2471-04)		Sample Type: Water			Sampled: 04/18/19 09:47			
Conventional Chemistry Parameters by APHA/EPA Methods								
Orthophosphate as P	0.32 mg/L	0.10	1	AD93986	04/19/19 09:30	04/19/19 09:30	SM4500-PE	
Anions by EPA Method 300.0								
Nitrate as N	ND mg/L	10	50	AD93977	04/19/19 11:34	04/19/19 11:34	EPA 300.0	R-01
R-5 (19D2471-05)		Sample Type: Water			Sampled: 04/18/19 10:06			
Conventional Chemistry Parameters by APHA/EPA Methods								
Orthophosphate as P	0.19 mg/L	0.10	1	AD93986	04/19/19 09:30	04/19/19 09:30	SM4500-PE	
Anions by EPA Method 300.0								
Nitrate as N	ND mg/L	10	50	AD93977	04/19/19 12:56	04/19/19 12:56	EPA 300.0	R-01

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