



Who: Laguna Foundation

What: Laguna de Santa Rosa Wetland Complex named a Wetland of International Significance

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International recognition for an import local treasure! The Laguna de Santa Rosa and surrounding Wetland Complex will be named a Wetland of International Significance on World Wetlands Day, February 2, 2011. February 2nd will be the 40th anniversary of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. Signed 40 years ago in Ramsar, Iran, this treaty recognizes the importance of wetlands worldwide and the ecosystem services they provide. The Laguna de Santa Rosa Wetland Complex will join only 27 other sites in the nation and 1904 sites worldwide to receive this important distinction.

The Laguna de Santa Rosa Wetland Complex is located in Sonoma County, California, west of the City of Santa Rosa and east of the city of Sebastopol. The site is within the Laguna de Santa Rosa watershed, with the Laguna de Santa Rosa being the largest tributary to the Russian River. The Laguna Wetland Complex is of particular international importance due to the rare and endangered plant and animal species it supports, the biodiversity of the region – one of the world’s few diverse “hotspots,” and the presence of unique vernal pool environments.

More information is available online at the Laguna Foundation’s website: www.lagunafoundation.org or at www.ramsar.org.

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