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Date of decision

March 31, 1942

Adopted name Estero Americano

Description an estuary that heads about 1 1/2 miles east of Valley Ford, near lat. 38°18'50" N., long. 122°53'45" W., at or near the mouth of Americano Creek, and that extends westerly, entering Bodega Bay near lat. 38°17'50" N., long. 123°0'07" W., forming part of the boundary between Sonoma and Marin Counties, Calif. (Not Estero de San Antonio.)

Names

Authorities

Estero Americano	1842 - Maps 487 and 716 of Blucher land grant. (Case Blucher 224 N.D.)
"	1843 - Map 74 of Bodega land grant. (Case Bodega 35 N.D.)
"	1843 - Diseño entitled "Plano del Terreno que pretende Don Estevan Smith * * 1843." In Proc. Calif. Claims Com., Atlas, vol. 3, p. 73 (No. 23, Rancho Bodega). Filed in National Archives.
Rio San Ignacio ou Avatcha	1844 - Dufлот du Mofras, - Exploration du territoire de l'Oregon, des Californies, etc., vol. 2, p. 12, Atlas, Plate 17.
P5KA ABAYA Rieka Avacha	1848 - Tebenkof's Atlas, Plate XIV (Inset.)
Estero Americano	1850 - Statutes of California, 1850:60 (and 1851:177)
R. Americano	1851 - Map of California, by J. B. Tassin.
American R.	1851 - Map of gold region of Calif., by B.F. Butler

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- Estero Americano 1852 ? Diseño entitled "Rancho of Blucher (map in B. Expediente) Filed in office Feb.9,1852." In Proc.Calif.Land Claims Com.,Atlas,vol.1,p.28, No. 24. Filed in National Archives.
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- Estero Americano 1855 - Map of public surveys in Calif.to accompany rept. of Surveyor Gen'l.(also 1856, 57, 58)
- " " 1855 - Map No.1,From San Francisco Bay to the northern border of Calif., by Williamson & Abbot (Pac. RR. repts.)
- " " 1857 - Plat of Rancho Estero Americano, in G.L.O.
- " " 1857 - Plat of Blucher Rancho, in G.L.O.
- " " 1857 - Plat of Bodega Rancho, in G.L.O.
- " " 1857 - Field notes of final survey of Rancho Estero Americano, G.L.O.files, vol.197, pp.597,602.

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- Estero Americano 1857 - Field notes of final survey of Blucher Rancho, G.L.O. files, vol. 197, pp. 435, 436.
- " " 1857 - Field notes of final survey of Bodega Rancho, G.L.O. files, vol. 198, p. 567.
- " " 1858 - Field notes of final survey of Rancho Pogolimi, G.L.O. files, vol. 199, pp. 331-332.
- " " 1858 - Plat of Rancho Cañada de Pogolimi, in G.L.O.
- " " 1859 - Map of Public Surveys in Calif., to accompany rept. of Surveyor Gen'l. (also 1860, 61, 62)
- " " 1860 - Map of Calif., by Vincent
- " " 1861 - Statutes of California, 1861:351
- Estero de San Antonio 1862 - Coast Survey, topog. survey T.883.
- " " " " 1862 - U.S.C. & G.S., chart 675 ("aids to navig. corrected to 1878")
- Estero Americano 1863 - Map of public surveys in Calif. & Nev. to accompany rept. of Surveyor Gen'l. (also 1864-5).
- " " 1864 - Rept. Supt. Coast Survey for 1862, p. 331.
- Estero de San Antonio 1864 - Rept. Supt. Coast Survey for 1862, maps Nos. 40, 41.
- Estero Americano 1865 - G.L.O., township plats, T.5 N., Rs. 9, 10 W.

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Estero Americano	1866 - G.L.O., Township plats, T.6 N., Rs.9,10 W.
"	1866 - G.L.O., map of California and Nevada.
Estero de San Antonio	1866 - Rept.Supt.Coast Survey for 1864-65, maps Nos.35,36
Estero de San Antonio	1867 - Rept.Supt.Coast Survey for 1865, Map No. 22.
Estero Americano	1867 - Map of Sonoma County, by A.B.Bowers (2nd ed.)
"	1868 - Bancroft's map of central Calif.
"	1868 - Bancroft's map of Calif. & Nevada (also 1873)
"	1869 - Map of Calif. & Nevada, by Holt.
"	1871 - Bancroft's map of California.
"	1873 - Topog. map of central Calif., by C.F. Hoffman (Geol. Sur. Calif.)
Estera Americana	1873 - Map of Marin Co., by H. Austin, County Surveyor
Estero Americano	1873 - Map of Calif.& Nevada, by Gibbes(also 1875,76,78)
"	1874 - Map of Calif. & Nevada, by Calif. Geol. Survey, 2nd ed. (also 3rd ed., 1880).
"	1877 - Hist.Atlas of Sonoma Co., by T.H.Thompson, p.41.
Estero Americano (lower part of)	1877 - Map of Sonoma Co., in Hist.and descr. sketch of Sonoma Co., by R. A. Thompson.
Estero Americano	1884 - Map of Sonoma Co., by R.A.Thompson, p.41.

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| Estero del Americano | 1889 - Coast Pilot of Calif., Oreg., & Wash., 4th ed., p. 252. |
| Estero American Cr.
(lower part of) | 1891 - Map of Calif., by State Mining Bureau. |
| American Cr. | 1892 - Amerine and Willson's map of Calif. |
| Estero Americana | 1892 - Map of Marin Co., by George M. Dodge |
| Estero Americano | 1898 - Atlas of Sonoma Co., by Reynolds & Proctor.
Map on p.11(lower part of feature)p.20,& p.55 |
| " " | 1900 - Official map of Sonoma Co., by L. E. Ricksecker & W. B. Wallace. |
| " " | 1902 - Map of Sonoma Co., by L. E. Ricksecker. |
| Estero American Cr.
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| Estero Americano | 1907 - G.L.C., map of Calif. (also 1913) |
| " " | 1908 - Official map of Sonoma Co. |
| " " | 1913 - Map of Sonoma and Marin Cos., by C.F.Weber. |
| " " | 1916 - Geol.map of Calif., by State Mining Bureau. |
| Estero Americano
(lower part of) | 1911 - Map of Sonoma Co., by T.B.McNamara, Co.Sur., in Hist.of Sonoma Co., by Tom Gregory. (over) |

Estero Americano	1919	- Political code of California, (1919) section 3929; (1923) section 3929.
" "	1920	- Map of Sonoma Co., by Kenyon Map Co.
Estero de San Antonio	1921	- U.S. Corps of Eng., Tactical map, Duncan Mills quad.
" " " "	1922	- U.S. Corps of Eng., Tactical map, Sebastopol quad., rev. 1929.
Estero Americano (lower part of)	1922	- Fault map of Calif., by Seis. Soc. Amer.
Estero Americano	1923	- Calif. County Boundaries, by O.C. Coy, pp. 158, 160
" "	1924	- Map of Sonoma Co., by Progressive Map Service
Estra Americano	1927	- Heald-Menerey's map of Calif.
Estero Americano	date ?	- Metsker's map of Sonoma Co.
" "	1930	- U.S.C. & G.S., topog. surveys T-4596 and T-4597.
" "	1930	- U.S.C. & G.S., hydrog. survey H-5162
" "	1932	- Official map of Calif., by Dept. Pub. Works, (North central section).
" "	1934	- Highway Trans. map of Marin Co., by Dept. Pub. Works.

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Estero Americano	1934 - Highway Trans. Map of Sonoma Co., by Dept. Pub. Works.
" "	1934 - U.S.C. & G.S., chart 5603, reissued 1940.
" "	1934 - U.S.C. & G.S., chart 5502, reissued 1938.
Estero de San Antonio	1935 - Rand McNally, Com. Atlas (also 1941)
Estero Americano (lower part of)	1935 - U.S.G.S., Sebastopol quad., adv. sheet.
Estero Americano	1936? - Map of Calif., by State Engineer
Estero de Americano	1937 - Gen. Highway Map of Sonoma Co., by Dept. Pub. Works.
Estero Americano (lower part of)	1938 - U.S. Bur. Pub. Roads, Calif. Trans. Map, sheet 7.
Estero Americano	1938 - Map by U.S.E., in Doc. 619, 75th Cong., 3d. sess.
Estero de Americano	1940 - Map of Sonoma Co., by Harry Freeze for Thomas Bros.
Estero de Americano	1936 - Map of Marin Co., by R. E. Messner, County Surveyor.

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Local usage and legal authority

The use of the name Estero Americano for this feature, and its definition as proposed above, accords with the use of the name in the laws of California (Political Code (1919), § 3957; (1923), § 3957) in which the boundary of Sonoma County is defined as extending * * * "to the mouth of Petaluma Creek; thence up said creek to the mouth of San Antonio Creek; thence up said San Antonio Creek to its head; thence in a direct line to the head of the Estero Americano, on the line surveyed and established by William Mock, under the direction of the surveyor general, in the year 1856, thence down said Estero Americano to its mouth; thence due west three miles to a point in the Pacific Ocean."

The use of the name Estero Americano for this feature, and its definition as above, is also in accord with earlier laws of California going back to 1850. Owen C. Coy, in "California County Boundaries" (Pub. Calif. Hist. Sur. Com.), 1923, says (p.158):

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"Marin County was created in 1850. According to the act its boundaries were as follows: (Statutes 1850:60; 1851:177)

"Beginning at the seacoast, at the mouth of the inlet called Estero Americano. and running up the middle of said Estero to its head; thence following the road which leads from Bodega to San Rafael, passing between the two rocks known by the name of Dos Piedros, to the Laguna of San Antonio; thence through the middle said Laguna to its outlet, which forms the creek of San Antonio; thence following down the middle of said creek to its entrance into Petaluma Creek; *** "

Coy also says (pp. 159-160):

p. 159 "In 1861 the Sonoma line was redefined along the line of a survey made in 1856 rather than by reference to the Bodega-San Rafael Road as it had been

p. 160 "described heretofore. (Statutes 1861:351) The act defines the line as running from the head of Estero Americano

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'in a direct line to the head of San Antonio Creek on the line surveyed and established by Wm. Mock under direction of the surveyor general in the year eighteen hundred and fifty six.'"

Replies to inquiries as to local usage have been received and are on file as follows. Some of these may refer to the stream that enters the head of the estero.

Local usage

Estero Creek	P.M., Fallon, 8/2/40
Estero Americano	P.M., Dillon Beach, 10/2/40
The Estero	P.M., Bloomfield, 10/8/40
Estero Americano	P.M., Valley Ford, October 1940
Estero Americano	Co. Clerk, Marin Co., 10/9/40
Estero Americano	P.M., Bodega, October 1940
Estero Americano	P.M., Tomales, October 1940.

See also statement by V. R. Garfias on use and meaning of the word "estero" filed with data on this case.