Mysella grippi Dall, 1912
Bivalvia, Montacutidae

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Synonomy:
None

Literature:
Dall, W.H. 1899.
Dall, W.H. 1912.
Scott, P.H. 1987.

Diagnostic Characters:

1. Shell small (4 mm length), thin, without external sculpture.
2. Shell ovate/elongate, anterior and posterior margins evenly rounded, moderately inflated, equilateral.
3. Beaks prominent, midway between anterior and posterior margins.

Comparisons:

This is the most easily identifiable Mysella species in California. The equilateral shell with evenly rounded anterior and posterior margins are unique to this species.

Distribution: San Diego, California to Coos Bay, Oregon (30 to 260 ft).

Drawings by Laurie Marx (SBMNH)