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Mr. Van Dyne,

We hope the new year finds you well.

The County of Lake, as the Non-Federal Sponsor of the Middle Creek Project, continues to acquire property in the Project Area with the \$15,000,000 supplemental grant awarded us by the State Department of Water Resources. We have amassed 50% of the acreage and 40% of the parcels required. We are in active negotiations for the purchase of an additional 400 acres that would bring us to 75% of the total acreage. We will continue to forward you our Quarterly Reports for the California State Department of Water Resources.

As members of The Middle Creek Restoration Project Committee, an ad hoc subcommittee of the County Board of Supervisors, we are charged with overseeing the Project and have been reviewing documents received from the Army Corps.

The most recent Project Management Quarterly Update in our possession is for the 4th Quarter Fiscal Year 2018; it includes a Financial Overview. We have enclosed a copy. We would like to request another update. Our intent is to learn if the status of the Project has changed.

*Have efforts halted on establishing a Programmatic Agreement?



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*Has the Change Control Board met to address schedule, funding, and next steps for our Project?

The Fiscal Year 2018 Financial Overview finds the Project in Cost Share Balance but adds that funds on hand are not adequate to complete:

*The Environmental Surveys.

*The Archaeological Surveys.

*Coordination with Robinson Rancheria.

In your discussion with one of us, Harry Lyons, in April 2020, you described the Sacramento District as being in a waiting mode for a requested allotment of funds from the Army Corps Work Plan.

*How and when was this request made?

The 2018 Financial Overview clearly states our fiscal responsibility for Pre-Construction Engineering and Design (PED). We believe we have a source for our \$800,000 contribution to PED.

*If we were to find that money, would the deposit of funds speed the allotment of Federal money for finishing the feasibility phase before initiating design?

We have been in contact with our Congressional Representatives, urging their general support for appropriation of funds for the PED.

*Should our communications with them first concern funding for the remaining environmental /archaeological surveys, and tribal coordination, to wrap up the feasibility phase of the project?



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In short, we are looking for a strategy to move forward to completion of a Record of Decision, to inclusion in the President's Budget, and to initiation of the Design Phase.

Would it be possible to have a Zoom conference? Please Supervisor Crandell at your earliest convenience.

Thank You.

Respectfully,

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