Middle Creek Restoration  
Project Committee  

Location and Time:  
Monday, October 4th, 2021 at 10:30 am  
Via Zoom Conference Call

1. Roll call / Quorum  
Supervisor Bruno Sabatier (County- BOS), Supervisor Eddie Crandell (County- BOS), Peter Windrem (Middle Creek Restoration Coalition), Harry Lyons (Middle Creek Restoration Coalition), Marina Deligiannis (County Water Resources Department), Scott De Leon (County Water Resources Department)

2. Consideration of Items Not Appearing on the Posted Agenda (Extra Items)  
None at this time.

3. Board Action  
3.1 Approve minutes from September 13th, 2021 Middle Creek Project Committee Meeting  
Motion to approve: Supervisor Sabatier motioned to approve minutes with edits, seconded by Peter Windrem. No objections, all Ayes, approved.

4. Project Area Parcel Acquisition  
4.1 Update on parcel acquisitions  
Deligiannis update:  
- DWR is reviewing escrow instructions and preliminary report for Ortega parcel & Oldham (full acquisition), should be hearing back from appraisal division by no later than Oct 15th.  
- Montanos is signing purchase contract agreement, should be returning to Paragon by Oct 8th.  
- Paragon in communications with Sino with an offer of appraisal, needed to make modifications  
- Hanston, no change, still not a willing seller  
- Still waiting on final survey for the Wilcox/Duck Club parcel

Celia Holberg (Right of Way Agent) update: Title Company has drawn the escrow instructions for both Montanos and Ortega (both parcels will close by the end of the year).

De Leon update on plats & legal: have been completed, the FEMA 100 year flood plain line (1331) is off by at least 100ft. Modifications will have to be made with the northern boundary parcels changing from partial to full acquisitions under the Monument agreement. Supervisor Sabatier asked for clarification about the 100 year flood plain and where the waters would reach (will be finalized with verified flood line with most current survey). Dr. Lyons asked for clarification if the changes from partial to full parcels would require relocations (will be finalized with verified flood line with most current survey). Windrem asked if Monument has had discussions with property owners (everyone has been reached out to by Water Resources, but not everyone has been reached by Monument, due to waiting for plats and legal that will be finalized on Nov 5th). Windrem suggested the District's Vineyard House property as replacement
property. Windrem asked how close we are getting to money allocated for parcel acquisition based on the modifications of partials changing to full acquisition.

Deputy Deligiannis showed the parcel tracker and gave updates. Windrem asked for an update on Paragon’s agreement.

5. Project Area Property Maintenance

5.1 Discuss updates and next steps with project area property maintenance

Deputy Deligiannis gave an update on day to day clean ups from illegal dumping, thanked staff Corey and Daniella for taking care of clean ups and making a presence in the project area. Coastal Clean Up Day, volunteers found multiple large dumpsites (tasked to staff and contractors). In conversation to install cameras to prevent illegal dumping.

6. California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

6.1 Update on Agreement No. 4600012946 – Request for Extension Letter

Water Resources received an agreement to be signed for official extension. Meeting set for Wednesday Oct 6th to address any questions we may have for DWR. June 2023 extension deadline. Still working hard to get everything done as soon as possible. Extension will help with unforeseen changes to project. Deputy Deligiannis thanked Supervisors Crandell and Sabatier for conversations with legislators.

7. Army Corps

7.1 Discuss updates and next steps in communications with the Army Corps

Dr. Lyons has arranged for Ian Hart (Garamendi’s staff) and fellows to meet with the committee to discuss the project status, how best to engage the Corps and Congress. Dr. Lyons would like this to happen at the next Middle Creek Committee meeting on Nov 1st. Dr. Lyons would like to send the most up to date materials to congressman’s staff (map, timeline, etc.). Supervisors Sabatier and Crandell expressed their support in the meeting. This item will be placed at the top of the agenda.

8. PG&E

8.1 Discuss updates and next steps in communications with PG&E

Supervisor Crandell reported that Melinda has confirmed that she will be able to attend the next meeting on Nov 1st. Supervisor Sabatier suggested we send updates in email form and to keep the meeting to a two item agenda consisting of Army Corps and PG&E.

9. Legislative

9.1 Discuss updates and next steps in communications with Legislative

Deputy Deligiannis will provide a formal letter from the committee thanking legislative staff for the support on the extension of the project. Director De Leon suggested we have the whole BOS to sign the thank you letter. Supervisor Sabatier volunteered to draft a thank you letter and pass on to Deputy Deligiannis for final edits and additions.

10. Project Funding

10.1 Update on Budget Request for Middle Creek Project
Supervisor Sabatier confirmed that the Board did approve the allocation of funds from Cannabis taxes ($800,000.00) to be allocated from the local District to Army Corps. He also added that it should be easier for the next asks of funding for PG&E and Caltrans. Deputy Deligiannis asked the committee for support on ideas of additional funding for the project. Celia added the process the DPW uses for eminent domain for unwilling sellers (funds, list of unwilling sellers, legal process). Supervisor Sabatier suggest after spring 2022 at the latest we start the process of timeline from eminent domain. Director De Leon added that DPW is working with County Counsel on the process for eminent domain on a different project that should make it easier for the Middle Creek Project.

11. Caltrans

11.1 Discuss updates and next steps in communications with Caltrans

Supervisor Crandell suggested we invite staff from Caltrans to the December meeting. Director De Leon added that he wants to approach Monument and Conser to see if the 1331 flood line (FEMA map) extends over Hwy 20 on the east side, wants to verify Hwy 20 is still impacted as the project design originally showed.

12. Public Expression

Supervisor Sabatier added that he and Crandell met with Yolo County Flood Control, in the past had been unwilling to be supportive of the project. Supervisor Sabatier suggested that the committee have a presentation to Yolo County Flood Control providing them updates to gain support.

13. Non-Timed Items

None at this time.

14. Next Meeting Scheduled for: Monday, November 1st, 2021 at 10:30 am PST via Zoom Conference Call

15. Adjournment

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