

Location and Time:

Monday, December 7th at 10:30 am
Via Zoom Conferencing Call

1. Roll call / Quorum

Bruno Sabatier (County- BOS), Eddie Crandell (County- BOS), Marina Deligiannis (County- Water Resources Department), Peter Windrem (Middle Creek Restoration Coalition)

2. Consideration of Items Not Appearing on the Posted Agenda (Extra Items)

Clearlake Hitch- See item no. 11- Non-Timed Items

3. Board Action

- 3.1. Approve minutes from November 2nd, 2020 Middle Creek Project Committee Meeting
Motion: Bruno Sabatier motioned, seconded by Marina Deligiannis. All Ayes- Approved

4. Project Area Parcel Acquisition

4.1. Paragon Partners Ltd., parcel acquisition progress

Paragon is finishing up the original four properties, two of the four properties are getting finalized (Ortega and Jones). Finishing up the relocation on the Torrence/Vigil property. Hansten property is in discussion regarding a different type of a transaction. Notice for appraisals are going out for the other properties and should take 30-45 days. The two of the properties have a hunting club using the property, so they are working to ensure that the appraiser can do their site visit safely. Waiting on the plat and legal for the Oldham property to be able to do the appraisal. Paragon is hoping to get the appraisals to the state for review by February 1st.

Marina will look into being able to continue hunting on certain properties, the problem is we have to follow what the agreement with DWR says.

Buddhist organization gave approval to do appraisal and look forward to getting offer. Mountanos is trying to sell to Wilcox, which is now the Clearlake Duck Club. We need to look into if the Clearlake Duck Club is willing to sell and also whether or not Wilcox disclosed to the Clearlake Duck Club that this project was happening.

Paragon moving forward will provide any new updates to the committee before the next monthly meeting.

4.2. Monument Right of Way Agreement

The agreement with Monument was approved by the BOS on 12/1/2020. The next steps would be working on the legal and plats for the properties.

We need to figure out the best way to save money either by partial parcel acquisition or complete parcel acquisition and selling off the other part of the property. The problem with complete parcel acquisition is, that when we buy the entire parcel, it is in the agreement we have to maintain that property and we don't have the capacity to do that.

As soon as possible, we want monument to send a letter to all 26 properties giving them a timeline of the final plan and that they will be contacting them. That way we are not in the same situation like some of the other properties. Anything we can legally do to slow down the process from them selling the property and having to start the process over again with the new owner.

We also are asking for monument to be a part of our monthly meetings and they will be starting with the January 2021 meeting.

4.3. Presentation of Middle Creek Project Parcel Acquisition Working Map

Committee would like access to this. It would be good to add a layer of other properties we have acquired (in previous years). This would be great to take this to the BOS to show the progress on the project.

5. California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

5.1. Discuss updates and next steps in communications with DWR

Supervisor Sabatier will send this report over to our State and Federal Representatives. Harry Lyons will get this report sent over the Army Corps.

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7. PG&E

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8. Legislative

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We need to figure out our timeline of when we need to sit down with our state legislative representatives. We need to get an idea from Monument, "Will we have enough money or do we need to start asking for it?" We need to do this sooner rather than later to get it into the budget. How are we going to fulfill our requirements?
Maybe hire a Lobbyist to represent the Board and District on this project.

9. Project Funding

9.1. Discuss updates and next steps for additional project funding

One of the Water Resources Program Coordinators, Daniella, helped to submit a grant with FEMA for parcel acquisitions thru their BRIC program.

10. Public Expression

11. Non-Timed Items

December 2, 2020- At the Clearlake Hitch Conservation Strategy meeting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife declared that they will not be listing the Clearlake Hitch at the federal level.

12. Next Meeting Scheduled for: Monday, January 4th, 2021 at 10:30 am PST via Zoom Conference Call

Action Item: January we need to choose who the Chair is for the Committee.

13. Adjournment

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Topic: Middle Creek Restoration Project Committee

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