Location and Time:

Monday, March 7th, 2022 at 10:30 am
Via Zoom Conference Call

1. Middle Creek Project Committee Roll call / Quorum

   Committee Members: Supervisor Bruno Sabatier (County BOS), Supervisor Eddie Crandell (County BOS), Deputy Director Marina Deligiannis (County Water Resources Department), Dr. Harry Lyons (Middle Creek Restoration Coalition), Director Scott De Leon (County Water Resources Department), Peter Windrem (Middle Creek Restoration Coalition)

   Members of the Staff/ Public: Kelly Reese (Public Works Service Technician), Dr. Merry Jo Velasquez (Board of Directors Land Trust), Tracey Treppa (Vice Chair, Habematolel Pomo), Betsy Cawn, Valerie Nixon (President of Lake County Land Trust), Terre Logsdon (SVBPI), Karola Kennedy (Robinson Rancheria Water Manager), Mike Shaver (Middletown Rancheria)

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

3. Board Action

   3.1. Approve minutes from February 7th, 2022 Middle Creek Project Committee Meeting

      Supervisor Sabatier motioned to approve minutes from the February 7th, 2022 meeting, second from Dr. Lyons. Minutes approved unanimously.

4. Project Area Parcel Acquisition

   4.1. Updates and next steps with parcel acquisitions

      - Update on parcel tracker map, discrepancy on survey line and FEMA flood plain line for Monument acquisition

      - Paragon Partner status tracker update:

         o SABA update on agenda item 4.2, last conversation the property owners were no longer willing sellers

         o Hanston not a willing seller.

         o Mountanos escrow has closed.

         o Oldham expected to close early March, all agreements signed.

         o Ortega acquisition closed, lease agreement development in progress.
o Clearlake Duck Club, in progress, verifying with DWR the flood plain and
legals and plats from Conser Survey before moving forward with the
appraisals.

o Kennedy asked where the parcel map can be found on the website, Cazares
shared the map link, Supervisor Sabatier and Deputy Deligiannis did a walk
through on how to get to the map.

o Windrem asked, “Do we have contracts in place for any of the other parcels
for Monument parcels? Are there any signed purchase contracts in place?”
Deputy Deligiannis responded no, currently there are not but Monument is in
the process of writing appraisal and purchasing agreement contracts.

o Supervisor Sabatier commented that parcel 004-015-12 is currently a Tax
defaulted property and can go to auction, we should prioritize this parcel

o Windrem asked if we can add in the parcels across the Hwy20 that were
originally included in the original agreement. Also added that the two parcels
at the original outlet owned by Nancy Ruzika should be included on parcels
to look out for. Supervisor Sabatier added is the list specified to be only
properties acquired by the grant. Deputy Deligiannis is getting clarification
with DWR with acquisition parcels in and outside the boundary. Windrem
added we should send a query to DWR, “in due course when those excess
properties are sold, may those proceeds be retained for the purpose of
buying other properties.” Supervisor Sabatier added “wants it to be more
flexible, retained for the purpose of the project to use funds for things such
as PG&E.”

o Dr. Lyons ask for clarification on the Ortega Lease agreement, Deputy
Deligiannis responded that we have not done a lease agreement in this
current grant cycle, Ortega has expressed interest in leasing the land from
the County to keep his cattle on the property the County is buying from him.
It helps with property maintenance for the County.”

o Chat box comment, Dr. Valazquez asked if the spreadsheet trackers from the
contractors are available to the public, Deputy Deligiannis responded “no,
because there is private information located throughout the spreadsheets.”
- Monument Update status tracker update:
  o WR staff will be ground truthing structures.
  o Appraisals scheduled for 3/08 for the following parcels: Koker, Barragon, Saechao.
  o Notice of appraisals have been sent to all properties in the contract, Monument has been directed that if there is no response or pushback from property owners WR staff will reach out to said property owners.
  o Supervisor Sabatier asked why is there NA on legals and plats. Deputy Deligiannis stated that not all properties required legals and plats.
  o Supervisor Sabatier asked “what the status is on the tribal property owned by Robinson Rancheria or if there has been any additional discussions with the tribal council.” Deputy Deligiannis responded that the conversations would be had with WR staff directly and not through Monument. Windrem commented that he appreciates the chart (spreadsheet). De Leon stated that he has not had recent conversations with Robinson but will now making this discussion a priority. He added there will be a conversation about the strategy on having discussions with the tribal council. Supervisor Sabatier asked for clarification on whether the property was owned by Robinson Rancheria or tribal land. Deputy Deligiannis and Supervisor Crandell stated that the land is owned by Robinson Rancheria.

4.2. Update on correspondence with Sino American Buddhist Association
- Dr. Lyons and Windrem shared an update on the letter that was sent to the property owner. Letter was sent out first week of March. The letter explains the importance of the project and what the SABA parcel means to the project. Deputy Deligiannis shared her appreciation of the work put into the letter. She also added that this letter was sent to Paragon representatives so they are aware of the discussions that are taking place.
- Val Nixon asked “how long do we wait for a response on the letter”, Deputy Deligiannis responded a month.
- Continue to have this item as a standing agenda item.

5. Bo-No-Po-Ti (Bloody Island)
5.1. Discussion on Bloody Island

- Supervisor Sabatier wants to lead a conversation on the plan and strategy of what might happen what will happen with Bo-no-po-ti if/when the county acquires the land. Supervisor Sabatier suggested that Lake County government should publically state an apology about the atrocity that occurred and really explain all benefits of the Middle Creek Project.

- Windrem suggested to start the discussion that ultimately this property will be preserved and managed to meet the interest by all parties (tribes) involved. Supervisor Sabatier expressed that we need to be as transparent as possible with the project moving forward.

- Supervisor Crandell suggested that this be brought to the Tribal Health Board meetings as an agenda topic to get all the tribes recommendations.

  o **ACTION ITEM:** Ad Hoc meeting discussion w/ Deputy Deligiannis, Supervisors Sabatier and Crandell to come up with multiple options on strategies to move this project forward.

- Deputy Deligiannis, with clarification from Supervisor Sabatier: keep this as a standing item if there are any updates, when we have something to return with.

6. California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

6.1. Discussion on DWR parcel acquisition correspondence and process

- Deputy Deligiannis gave an update on the steps on land acquisition steps with DWR. Then WR staff will create a realistic timeline with both contractors on the parcels that we have left on the current grant agreement.

- Supervisor Sabatier thanked Deputy Deligiannis on the work that has been put into presenting the process with DWR. Supervisor Crandell added his appreciation and that it is a good way to show everyone the entire process and transparency of the project. De Leon added appreciation and recognition for Deputy Deligiannis and the work she has put into the project. He added that there is a component not mentioned that there is a different process when WR staff has to come to the BOS for all agreements.

- Deputy Deligiannis added her appreciation to WR staff and the behind the scenes work that happens.
6.2. Breakdown of Agreement No. 460012946
   - Review of contract agreement with DWR, task breakdown and associated budget

7. Project Area Property Maintenance
   7.1. Updates and next steps with project area property maintenance
       - Update on budget and timeline for upcoming property maintenance.

   Demolition
   - Torrence Vigil Property under Paragon contract, scheduled for April 2022
   - Possibly 7 properties with Monument contract (will be grouped and sent out to bid as soon as appraisals/DWR agreements are completed). Goal timeline: as early as August 2022 to as late as March 2023

   Cleanup
   - Illegal Dumping (ongoing, patrolling, scheduling work days for larger sites as they are found)
   - Vegetation Abatement (goats fire fuel load reduction Mid June 2022 & Feb 2023)
   - Debris removal (ongoing)
   - Pump maintenance (quote by 3/18, schedule repair as soon as that quote comes in)
   - Signage / cameras (in progress)
   - Temporary fencing/k- rails (scheduled TBD by property acquisition progress)

8. Army Corps of Engineers
   8.1. Review draft 2022 Non-Federal Sponsor’s Letter of Intent
       - Dr. Lyons gave an update on the LOI, left text in red for WR staff to fill in and update.
       - Windrem pointed out an edit for contractors being used
       - Supervisor Sabatier asked if we can have this letter ready for the March 22nd presentation update of the project so that the whole BOS can sign.

9. PG&E
   9.1. Updates and next steps in communications with PG&E
       - No updates at this moment.

10. Legislative
    10.1. Review submitted Request for Middle Creek Project for 2022 Reauthorization of the Water Resources Department Act (WRDA)
        - Deputy Deligiannis, “Water Resources received a request from Thompsons office, WR staff has submitted a letter of support to include the authorization of the Middle
Creek Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration in California’s fifth district priority List proposal to the house committee for the 2022 reauthorization of the water resources development act (WRDA).” Submitted on February 22nd.

- Supervisor Sabatier added that he did meet with Congressman Thompson. Congressman Thompson is still in support of this project and looking forward to the future of this project.

11. Project Funding

11.1. Updates and next steps on current and future project funding
- No updates at this moment.

12. Caltrans

12.1. Updates and next steps in communications with Caltrans
- No updates at this moment. Supervisor Sabatier stated that we have to get a little bit further with the USACE before we can have productive meetings with Caltrans.

13. Public Expression
- No public comment.

14. Non-Timed Items

14.1. Next steps for March 22nd Middle Creek Board of Supervisors Presentation

14.2. Committee Correspondence with Lake County Water Resources
- Committee members please CC: Daniella.cazares@lakecountyca.gov on all items sent to Deputy Deligiannis
- Members of the public please send in all information to water.resources@lakecountyca.gov

15. Next Meeting Scheduled for: April 4, 2022 at 10:30 am PST via Zoom Conference Call

16. Adjournment (11:59am)

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