
Location and Time:

Monday, April 5th, 2021 at 10:30 am
Via Zoom Conference 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), Harry Lyons (Middle Creek Restoration Coalition)

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

Peter Windrem- Army Corp project plan, Middle Creek Project Manager & DWR grant expenditures to date. **Motion:** Marina Deligiannis motioned, seconded by Bruno Sabatier. All Ayes- Approved.

3. Board Action

- 3.1. Approve minutes from February 1st, 2021 Middle Creek Project Committee Meeting
- 3.2. Approve minutes from March 1st, 2021 Middle Creek Project Committee Meeting

Motion: Bruno Sabatier motioned, seconded by Harry Lyons. All Ayes-Approved.

4. Project Area Parcel Acquisition

- 4.1. Update on Project Area parcel acquisition to date

Appraisal approvals received from DWR Montanos & Clearlake Duck Club and possibly Sino American Buddhist Association. Paragon getting offers ready for these properties. Preliminary reports will now be going thru First American (previously Fidelity). Edmunds Reclamation District, Dept. of Transportation/Cal-Trans, Sacramento & San Joaquin District and the Reclamation District will not be getting title reports due to the cost. Possible joint use agreement for these properties. Monument needs plats & legals for properties completed by a license surveyors. Ortega purchase agreement going in front of the board April 20th. Torrence/Vigil property is to be completed April 10th/11th. Hanstead looking into imminent domain procedure for this property. 2nd letter to be sent out to "Willing Sellers".

5. California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

- 5.1. Update on DWR Grant Agreement Extension Request

We have a new grant manager (Nancy Snodgrass) and she is relatively new to the project and grant. Official letter of an extension request letter will be going out April 5, 2021, this is a 2 year extension request. Marina does not think it will be possible because with speaking with Nancy Snodgrass it sounds like we'd be lucky to get 5 months. March 31, 2022 is the deadline to utilize the funds. If we can't get long extension, possibly an amendment with our current grant. Could we possibly do a letter of intent saying that we are going to be using these funds?

Peter Windrem brought up the idea of buying the property in whole and then selling off the parts of the properties that are not needed. It would then be quicker to get Monument to work on these properties because no surveyor would need to go out. Scott De Leon, yes that could be done but that is a big task and a lot of moving parts to just buying the whole property. If it is just bare land it might be able to be done. We will look into what parcels are left and whether they are full or partial acquisitions.

6. Army Corps

6.1. Discuss updates and next steps in communications with the Army Corps

Harry Lyons, Peter Windrem and Supervisor Crandell met with the project manager and budget analyst. They have figured out they have not been moving forward on the cultural and biological work that needs to be done for the record of discussion because they are held up because the money comes from the work plan. They got a rejection from the money request for the work plan 2020 but they have another request for 2021. We want to get our Congressman to have an influence on this process so we can get a record of discussion and then we have a right to talk to our senators to get the appropriation moving forward. There are a series of questions going back and forth between the committee and the Army Corp. Fortunately, there is not a deadline and there are no time limits on the efforts of the Army Corp.

7. PG&E

7.1. Discuss updates and next steps in communications with PG&E

No updates at this moment and time.

8. Legislative

8.1. Discuss updates and next steps in communications with Legislative

We could possibly ask Senator McGuire try to help with an extension with DWR. We should also have letters of support from the Board of Supervisors to Assemblymember Aguilar-Curry, Senator McGuire office and DWR for them to be aware of how to help us with this situation. In the letter it should say that we have been working on this project, making progress and these items are taking a really long time.

9. Project Funding

9.1. Discuss updates and next steps for additional project funding

Letter & presentation from committee to the Board of Supervisors requesting \$400,000 be allocated from Cannabis taxes this year for the Middle Creek Restoration Project then, then next year the same. We should show off the new mapping, transition from Paragon to Monument, what exactly is happening, where we with parcel acquisition and ask for the letter of support for the extension to be signed as well. Peter would like to make a case for getting money for a Project Manager for the project as well. It is a suggestion for this position to be a consultant and not an employee of the County. Subcommittee to work together for this presentation. Supervisor Crandell, Marina Deligiannis and Peter Windrem will be on this committee.

10. Public Expression

None at this time.

11. Non-Timed Items

12. Next Meeting Scheduled for: Monday, May 3rd, 2021 at 10:30 am PST via Zoom

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13. Adjournment

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