Location and Time:

Monday, July 12th, 2021 at 10:30 am
Via Zoom Conference Call

1. Roll call / Quorum

   Supervisor Bruno Sabatier (County- BOS), Supervisor Eddie Crandell (County- BOS), Scott De Leon (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)

   None at this time.

3. Board Action

3.1 Approve minutes from June 7th, 2021 Middle Creek Project Committee Meeting

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

4. Project Area Parcel Acquisition

4.1 Discussion of Middle Creek Parcel Acquisition

   Waiting on signed documents for Ortega appraisal, was approved by the board. Working with the state on Montanos appraisal. Montanos counter offered (was within the 10% of the original offer), State rejected counter offer. Deciding next steps with the state rejecting counter offer, possibility of bringing it to the Board for additional funding for this property. Seely, Christianson, and Sae Chao are high priority parcels to pursue. Supervisor Crandell mentioned the Upper Lake tribe is worried about zoning/lot line adjustment and do not want to hinder the Middle Creek Project from happening, they would like to set up a Zoom meeting to discuss adjustments with Water Resources. Director Scott De Leon gave update on surveying, legals & plats being done by Conser Land Surveying for ONLY partial parcels. Input on the Robinson Tribe meeting with Committee members, mostly educational to give progress on the Middle Creek Restoration Project to Robinson’s new leadership. Supervisor Sabatier would like to implement a spread sheet of parcel progressions for every meeting.

5. Project Area Property Maintenance

5.1 Discuss updates and next steps with project area property maintenance

   Demolition for acquired parcels will start in the fall, RFP is being developed and permits are being applied for. Proposed ideas to stop people from dumping such as K-rails and security cameras, as well as outreach for volunteer work force for clean ups.

6. California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

6.1 Agreement No. 4600012946 Quarterly Report 5 & 6

   No comments, questions, or concerns at this time. Peter Windrem thanked Paragon for their descriptive contact dairies.

6.2 Request for Grant Extension
The request has been submitted to the state. Supervisor Sabatier added that he did receive notification from John Ferrera (Chief of Staff to Assembleymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry), they are in conversation with State Water Resources Department for other funding sources to go beyond the proposed extension.

7. **Army Corps**

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

Harry Lyons received a copy of the letter that emphasized the progress on property acquisitions. Ready for funding for movement for the design phase of the project from Army Corps. Harry Lyons sked about progress of the letter to our Congressmen to lobby for Army Corps to get the work plan to the status of Record of Decision. Ian Hart would like to set up a meeting on the main lobbying effort for Water Resources Development Act money (external from Army Corps). Harry Lyons got approval from the committee to meet with congressman staff for more information on Water Resources Development Act. Robert Geary a representative from the Upper Lake tribe asked if the 404 has been applied for that would then trigger tribal notification to prioritize the cultural assessments and provided the name of the Army Corps tribal liaisons: Sara West. Supervisor Sabatier would like to check if we can connect the project to drought funding. NEPA had been previously completed, can be found in the Final Integrated Feasibility Report and EIS/EIR (October 2003). NEPA has a requirement that it needs to be updated after a certain time period.

8. **PG&E**

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

Supervisor Crandell would like to schedule a meeting with Melinda Rivera (PG&E contact) to get details for the initial project assessment. Supervisor Sabatier states it is imperative to have a timeline, budget, and deposit for the following agencies Army Corps, PG&E, and Caltrans (have a plan and funding source by next meeting). The process needs to be simultaneously completed. Peter Windrem added additional comments that the engineers from Army Corps and PG&E need to be approached at the same time in order to move forward. Supervisor Sabatier, Supervisor Crandell, and Director DeLeon will create a memo for allocation of County funds for the money required for PG&E, Army Corps, and Caltrans on agenda for July 27th.

9. **Legislative**

9.1 Discuss updates and next steps in communications with Legislative

No comments, questions, or concerns at this time.

10. **Project Funding**

10.1 Discussion of Budget Request for Middle Creek Project

Questions regarding the Middle Creek Project budget can be found under budget unit 8109, the Water Resources Watershed Protection District budget (time stamp 1:11:00).

11. **Caltrans**

11.1 Discuss updates and next steps in communications with Caltrans
Supervisor Sabatier will reach out to Caltrans to make sure who our contact needs to be, discuss progress of the project, and that collaboration with Army Corps will be needed to engineer what needs to happen with Highway 20.

12. Public Expression

None at this time.

13. Non-Timed Items

13.1 Discussion on how our meetings will be held (In-Person/Zoom)

Meetings will continue to be held via Zoom (unanimously decided).

13.2 Middle Creek Meeting Video Recordings on YouTube

Meetings can be found on the Lake County Water Resources Department YouTube Page: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-XkbzJdrXgieIlnqasad6VxGTdcKtvhpz2 .

14. Next Meeting Scheduled for: Monday, August 2nd, 2021 at 10:30 am PST via Zoom Conference Call

15. Adjournment

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