Location and Time:

Monday, Sept 13th, 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)

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

None at this time.

3. Board Action

3.1 Approve minutes from Aug 2nd, 2021 Middle Creek Project Committee Meeting

Motion to approve: Supervisor Sabatier motioned, seconded by Dr. Lyons. All Ayes Approved

4. Project Area Parcel Acquisition

4.1 Update on parcel acquisitions

Supervisor Crandell gave an update on Mountanos. Supervisor Sabatier added to supervisor Crandell’s update, gave an update on behalf of Deputy Water Resources Director Deligiannis:

- Board approved the administrative settlement and the consultant are in the process of writing the purchase agreement.
- Moving forward with Ortega parcel acquisition, previously approved by board.

Questions from Peter Windrem:

- Asked about SinoAmerican Buddhist Parcel, wants to know the status
- Asked if the committee can get an update before the next meeting on status of SinoAmerican Buddhist parcel
- Asked about status on all appraisals, which ones have gone to DWR and which ones have gone to the Board for approval

Windrem suggested a prioritization of parcels acquired by dollar amount with the timeline we have.

4.2 Parcel Acquisition Tracking Sheet

Daniella Cazares (Water Resources Program Coordinator) gave a preview of the spreadsheet created and map based on the spreadsheet. Questions from Peter Windrem asked for clarification on map and spreadsheet. Supervisor Sabatier asked about progress of plats & legals for appraisals and progress of surveys by Conser.

Public comment: Dr. Merry Jo Oursler asked if the spreadsheet and map would be shared to people in attendance. Response from Daniella, everything will be sent out via email and posted to Water Resources Website.

5. Project Area Property Maintenance

5.1 Discuss updates and next steps with project area property maintenance
Daniella Cazares (Water Resources) gave an update on maintenance
- New locks for all gates
- Process for demolition of acquired properties: RFQ, demolition related comp
- Concrete blocks/ barriers to block from dumping
- Coastal Clean Up Day Sept 18th, Middle Creek Project area is a site/ check in location Bridge Arbor North.

Peter Windrem asked will the barriers block pedestrian traffic. Daniella responded no they will be set up to block out vehicular traffic

6. California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

6.1 Update on Agreement No. 4600012946

DWR has unofficially granted an extension to this agreement. Windrem congratulated and thanked all collaborative work for this agenda item. Supervisor Sabatier thanked congress people for support. Dr. Lyons asked for clarification on the letter of extension, corrected extension date June 2023.

Public comment: Dr. Oursler asked for an update on the willing sellers.

7. Army Corps

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

Update from Dr. Lyons: in discussion with Army Corps representative and Garamendi’s staff for Water Resources Development Act (the process and timing). Supervisor Sabatier expressed interest to look into Prop 1 funding for project implementation/design.

8. PG&E

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

Supervisor Crandell has reached out to Melinda, she is willing to meet with the committee. Decision to invite her to a Middle Creek Committee meeting, with a follow up special meeting. Send Supervisor Crandell any questions to have prepared before the meeting she attends. Supervisor Sabatier cautioned that Oct 4th might be a date that is busy because of PSPS.

9. Legislative

9.1 Discuss updates and next steps in communications with Legislative

Supervisor Sabatier discussed legislative communications have happened and legislators have been supportive and it is imperative to keep them informed and up to date with processes with the project.

10. Project Funding

10.1 Update on Budget Request for Middle Creek Project

Supervisor Sabatier summarized final approval of budget allocation for the fiscal year and funding for the project. Money from cannabis taxes has been split into nine separate items (item 1 Water Resources & item 3 Economic development & Risk Reduction). 50% was taken from item 1 and item 3, $400,000 each to be put into a new item 10, specifically for Middle Creek. Mid-September, all Cannabis tax monies allocations will be finalized, with money being allocated to the Middle Creek Restoration Project in item 10, totaling $800,000.00.
Windrem thanked Supervisors Sabatier and Crandell for being able to include the funding in the County Budget.

11. Caltrans

11.1 Discuss updates and next steps in communications with Caltrans

No current updates. Supervisor Sabatier will be following up with Rex Jackman about coordinating and discussing what will be happening with Hwy 20 (sea wall or lifting the Hwy), bring him in like the plan for PG & E representative.

12. Public Expression

No public expression.

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). This item to be removed from agenda until a change occurs.

13.2 Middle Creek Meeting Video Recordings on YouTube

All meetings are recorded and uploaded to the Water Resources YouTube page and Water Resources website. This item to be removed from agenda.

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

15. Adjournment

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