

Location and Time:

Monday, February 6, 2023 at 10:30 am
Via Zoom Conference Call

1. Middle Creek Project Committee Roll call / Quorum

Committee Members: Supervisor Sabatier (County BOS), Supervisor Crandell (County BOS), Dr. Harry Lyons (Middle Creek Restoration Coalition), Merry Jo Velasquez (Middle Creek Restoration Coalition), Director Scott DeLeon (County of Lake Water Resources)

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

Dr. Lyons shares his invitation with the Civil Grand Jury (2/7/23), discussing the Middle Creek Project. He will further elaborate on this during Item 8.

3. Board Action

3.1. Discussion & selection of committee chair & vice chair

Supervisor Sabatier shares - with Supervisor Crandell being in District 3 he would like to continue as is.

Supervisor Sabatier moves to approve Supervisor Crandell as Committee Chair & Sabatier as Vice Chair.

Merry Jo seconds.

Motion passes.

3.2. Approve Minutes from December 5, 2022 Middle Creek Project Committee Meeting

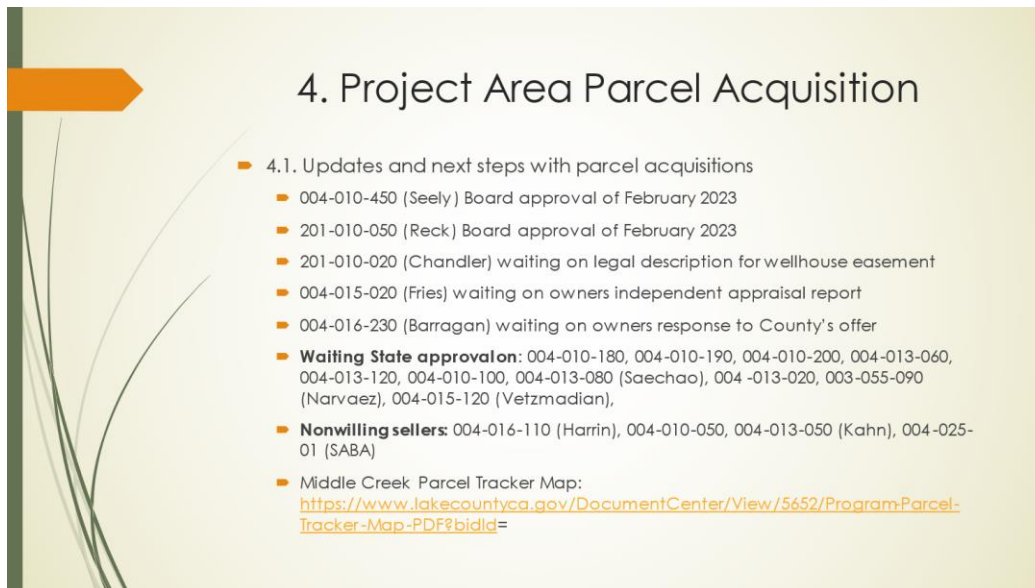
Supervisor Sabatier moves to approve December 5, 2022 Meeting minutes.

Merry Jo second.

Motion passes.

4. Project Area Parcel Acquisition

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 - 004-010-450 (Seely) Board approval of February 2023
 - 201-010-050 (Reck) Board approval of February 2023
 - 201-010-020 (Chandler) waiting on legal description for wellhouse easement
 - 004-015-020 (Fries) waiting on owners independent appraisal report
 - 004-016-230 (Barragan) waiting on owners response to County's offer
 - Waiting State approval:** 004-010-180, 004-010-190, 004-010-200, 004-013-060, 004-013-120, 004-010-100, 004-013-080 (Saechao), 004-013-020, 003-055-090 (Narvaez), 004-015-120 (Vetzmadian),
 - Nonwilling sellers:** 004-016-110 (Harrin), 004-010-050, 004-013-050 (Kahn), 004-025-01 (SABA)
 - Middle Creek Parcel Tracker Map:
<https://www.lakecountycalifornia.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5652/ProgramParcel-Tracker-Map-PDF?bidId=>

Director DeLeon adds we are still moving forward. There will be things coming to BOS this month. Looking into bringing on a Project Manager for Middle Creek Project & in the process of working with HR & to continue moving in the right direction. The project has become overwhelming for the staff & bringing someone on board is the best option. Merry Jo requesting clarification on what parcels & what color on the map indicates parcels undergoing lot line adjustments.

Supervisor Sabatier explains that everything that is grey is owned by the County. Red – nonwilling. Green – willing.

Scott DeLeon is not familiar with the 'Lot Line Adjustment' term. The objective is buying the entire parcel, and, in some cases, we are trying to do partial acquisitions.

Merry Jo – would like an updated spreadsheet with status of parcels.

Supervisor Sabatier noticed a project parcel for sale on Zillow. We need to be sure the new owners are aware of the project & potentially send a letter.

Merry Jo – under the impression the parcel belonged to Upper Lake Pomo.

004-010-16 & 004-013-09 (For sale on Zillow)



Daniella adds – no Upper Lake properties

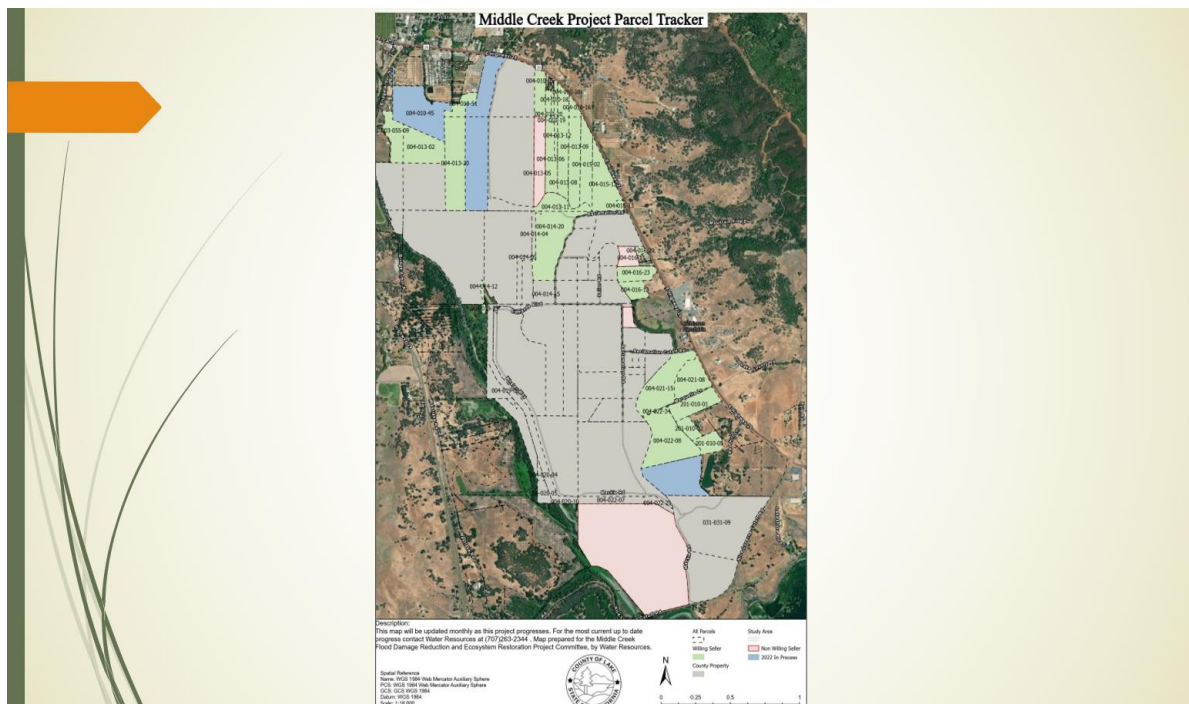
Supervisor Sabatier – copy of spreadsheet indicating all property status

Grey – owned by County

Red – non-willing seller

Green – willing seller

Blue – 2022 in process



5. Bo don nop po ti (Bloody Island)

5.1. Update from AD-Hoc Committee and discussion on next steps

Supervisor Crandell – Reaching out to owners in that area with letters, to initiate discussions. Letters will be coming from Water Resources Department. Once communication is established, meeting coordination will be the next step.

Supervisor Sabatier – with the sensitivity of the area we need to be transparent with a plan.

6. California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

6.1. Update and correspondence with DWR

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- ▶ 6.1 Agreement 4600012946 Quarterly Reports & Anticipated Expenditures to be sent to DWR by end of February 2023

Director DeLeon adds- The agreement requires that we send in quarterly reports, with the anticipated expenditures, & that will be sent in at the end of February.

7. Project Area Property Maintenance

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 - ▶ 1 minor dumpsite from December meeting has been cleaned up
 - ▶ Minor vandalism to game camera

Supervisor Sabatier – Signage is being looked at, so people are aware they are being monitored.

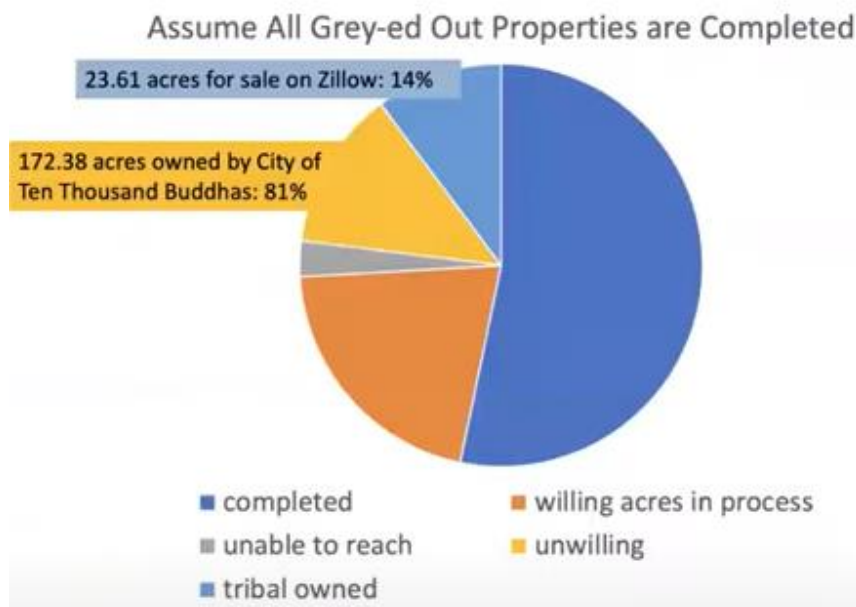
Jordan Beaton adds – they have been out there regularly patrolling the area.

Paul Kolb – Wild boar in the area. Fish & Wildlife informed Paul, there are hundreds of boar in the area. (Feral Pigs)

8. Army Corps of Engineers

8.1. Updates and next steps with Army Corps of Engineers

Dr. Lyons – Sent a copy of an article, that described Mike Thompson’s earmark. \$750,000 earmark for finishing up the feasibility stage. Will share quarterly report with Dylan, once it is available. Every Spring, letter on interest is sent in & will include the progress made. Received a call from Civil Grand Jury – requesting Dr. Lyons to speak on the Middle Creek Project. Needing updated figures to present.



Supervisor Sabatier – regarding Hitch & Middle Creek spawning ground areas. With the idea of a potential Federal declaration, how can we motivate Federal partners to be better positioned to be ready to go? How do we use this situation to take advantage of Middle Creek?

Merry Jo – With meeting Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, using terms like, carbon sequestration & climate change, may better our chances in receiving funds.

Dr. Lyons – When the Hitch are listed, Department of Fish & Wildlife must encourage habitat & Middle Creek Marsh is an obvious habitat. 1400 acres of wetland & a large portion is Hitch Habitat.

Supervisor Crandell – going to DC this week, if any documents, reports, needed to be delivered there, pass along to him.

Supervisor Sabatier – feels we need to be having more conversations with more departments, potentially Department of Interiors regarding the cultural aspect & Department of Fish &

Wildlife for the federal. With more Departments on Board- it may be easier to get the full sign & push the project along.

With Supervisor Crandell in DC – he can look for a connection with Fish & Wildlife & Interior.

Provide summary for Crandell to take with him & what our needs are.

9. PG&E

9.1. Updates and next steps in communications with PG&E

Supervisor Crandell – Unintentionally meeting with PG&E. Mr. Franklin, Tribal liaison for PG&E. Went around Bloody Island & informed him of the project & help getting some questions answered.

10. Legislative

10.1. Updates and next steps with Legislative

Supervisor Crandell heading to DC – drop things off & make face to face contact & put Lake County out there.

11. Project Funding

11.1. Updates and next steps on current and future project funding

Supervisor Sabatier – no information but would like an update on the spending received thus far. What is left for the number of properties we still need to purchase?

Director DeLeon – Confirms it has been extended to 2028 & will prepare an updated summary of expenditures to date.

12. Caltrans

12.1. Updates and next steps in communications with Caltrans

No updates

13. Public Expression

Paul Kolb – Discussion of Middle Creek & downtown Upper Lake flooding. Proposed solution: Disconnect Clover Creek where it joins Middle Creek South of Upper Lake, where Middle Creek flows backwards up Clover Creek into downtown Upper Lake. Clover Creek original channel was abandoned in 1880's. Reroute Clover Creek through Seely parcel into the original channel. Submitted two copies of two different ways of reconnecting Clover Creek.

Merry Jo – did not see Paul's plans. Supervisor Crandell will share with members.

Director DeLeon – working with HR & looking for Program Coordinator/Manager/Extra Help
to fill this position

14. Non-Timed Items

15. Next Meeting Scheduled for: Monday, April 3, 2023 via Zoom

16. Adjournment

Please send any agenda items to Committee Secretary at Water.Resources@lakecountyca.gov or (707) 263-2344

Kelly Reese is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Middle Creek Project Committee Meeting 2/6/2023

Time: Feb 6, 2023 10:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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