



FRIENDS OF
CORTE MADERA CREEK
WATERSHED

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Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, January 16, 2020

Sandy Guldman called the meeting to order at 7 PM in the San Anselmo Historical Society Library. Also present: board members Adrian Bartshire, Peter Brastow, Gary Leo, Laura Lovett, Parker Pringle, Nick Salcedo, Mike Swezy, Ann Thomas.

Order of Business. Approved with addition of report on 308 Los Angeles Avenue, Winship Bridge, a sign-on letter regarding a NEPA rollback comment extension request.

Minutes from November 21, 2019. M/S (Laura/Nick) and approved as distributed.

Financial Report. As of October 31, 2019 the balance in all accounts was \$106,020. This includes about \$8,000 encumbered funds. Sandy also reported that she had purchased a \$99 credit with GoDaddy toward work needed on Friends' website.

Announcements. 1) A remedial alternatives report on the condition of the levee and creek system downstream of the concrete channel has been completed by consultants A3GEO; the study identified several scenarios for further consideration to increase flood protection throughout the Corte Madera Creek system. The study was partially funded by a grant from the CA Department of Water Resources for the County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. 2) A workday will be held Saturday, January 18 at Hal Brown Park. 3) Marin NPS, MCL, and others will sponsor a program on native plant landscaping February 29 at MAGC. 4) A benefit film showing for the No on Measure D campaign (San Geronimo property) will be on January 28 at the Lark Theater. 6) Friends will participate in the annual Kentfield-Greenbrae Historical Society community heritage day Saturday, May 2 at the Bon Air Center. Sandy and Ann to staff a table and display material on the concrete channel plans.

Creek Chronicles Winter Issue. The newsletter has gone out.

Vote to Accept Prop 1 Fish Passage Grant. Board members, by a unanimous roll call vote, approved Resolution 2020-01, accepting a \$239,719 Coastal Conservancy Proposition 1 Fish Passage grant, to be awarded at the February 6, 2020 Coastal Commission meeting. Resolution 2020-01 is attached as part of the minutes of this meeting.

Conservation

Kentfield Group Complaints about the New COM M&O Building. Nick represented Friends at a panel convened by the Kentfield Middle School PTA, which is not directly involved in the complaints. A group of parents contends that construction of the relocated M&O facility violates environmental laws, endangers students, and harms the creek. In addition to Friends, the PTA invited representatives from COM, the parent group, and Kentfield Planning Advisory Board. Although each participant had an opportunity to speak, most of the questions were directed to COM representatives. .

NEPA Letter Sign-On. Friends has been asked to sign a letter, prepared by the Center for Biological Diversity, requesting an extension of the public comment period on changes to the NEPA's implementing regulations. Board agreed to add Friends to the signatories.

208 Los Angeles, San Anselmo, Housing Proposal. A notice from the County stating there was a change in this project had been inadvertently sent out. The change was simply to move the application into the county website archives. The applicants sued the county after their appeal of a denial by the Board of Supervisors, and the project awaits court action.

Winship Bridge Replacement. An Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration has been released by the Town of Ross for replacement of the existing bridge across San Anselmo Creek. The replacement bridge would be four feet higher than the original to help reduce flooding, and the RVSD will update its existing sewer line located within the bridge deck.

Reports

Planting Projects. Charlie, Nick, and Sandy worked with Logan Smith, a SEA-DISC intern at the Ecology Study Area to remove acacia.

Hal Brown Park. Sandy and Logan planted several flats of pickleweed and some 1-gallon Frankenia

Ross Valley Watershed Program. The Flood Control District will be starting work soon on a new EIR for the Corte Madera Creek Flood Risk Management Project, which will develop new alternatives and analyze the impacts of modifications to the concrete channel to increase capacity. This is the replacement for the poorly received EIS/EIR prepared by the USACE. The District is focusing on project components in Ross, where most of the design and construction work is already funded. However, the project also includes the concrete channel on the College of Marin (COM) and Kent Middle School (KMS) campuses. Nick and Sandy have been working with COM already, but think it is important to engage the Kentfield School District (KSD) early in the process of developing the new project description. To that end, they are going to meet with the KSD Safe Routes to School committee to ask for their input on the design of the new Stadium Way Bridge and its Safety Committee for starting discussions on how the bank will be treated at the KMS campus.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. The next meeting will be on February 20, 2020.

Resolution No. 2020-01

Resolution of the Board of Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed

Approving the Grant of Funds from the State Coastal Conservancy for Proposition 1 Grant

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California has established the State Coastal Conservancy (“Conservancy”) under Division 21 of the California Public Resources Code, and has authorized the Conservancy to award grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations to implement the provisions of Division 21; and

WHEREAS, the Conservancy awards grants for projects that it determines are consistent with Division 21 of the Public Resources Code and with the Conservancy’s Strategic Plan and that best achieve the Conservancy’s statutory objectives, in light of limited funding.

WHEREAS, at its February 6, 2020 meeting, the Conservancy proposes to adopt a resolution authorizing a grant to Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed (“grantee”) for the Corte Madera Creek Salmond Passage Project (“the project”). The resolution is to be adopted by the Conservancy pursuant to and included in the Conservancy February 6, 2020 staff recommendation, a copy of which is on file with the grantee and with the Conservancy.

WHEREAS, the Conservancy requires that governing body of the grantee certify through a resolution that it approves the award of Conservancy grant funding and authorizes the execution by a representative of the grantee of a grant agreement on terms and conditions required by the Conservancy grant agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the grantee hereby:

Approves the award of grant funding from the Conservancy for the project.

2. Acknowledges that it has or will have sufficient funds to complete the project and, if any property is acquired as part of the project to operate and maintain the property, and, if any facilities are constructed as a part of the project, to operate and maintain the facilities for a reasonable period, not less than the useful life of the facilities.

3. Agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions of the grant agreement and any other agreement or instrument as may be required by the Conservancy and as may be necessary to fulfill the terms of the grant agreement and to complete the project.

4. Authorizes any of the following named officers of the grantee to act as a representative of the grantee, to negotiate and execute on behalf of the grantee all agreements and instruments necessary to complete the project and to comply with the Conservancy’s grant requirements, including, without limitation, the grant agreement: Sandra Guldman, President, and Nicholas M. Salcedo, Treasurer.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED January 16, 2020.

I, Ann Thomas, the undersigned, hereby certify that the above Resolution No. 2020-01 was duly adopted by the grantee by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Adrian Bartshire, Peter Brastow, Sandra Guldman, Gary Leo, Laura Lovett, Parker Pringle, Nick Salcedo, Mike Swezy, Ann Thomas

Noes: None

Absent: Andrew Bartshire, Gerhard Epke, Charles Kennard, Cindy Lowney, Barbara Salzman