



## MIDDLE CREEK RESTORATION COALITION

*Dedicated to the Restoration of the Middle Creek Wetlands*

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### Clear Lake Nutrient TMDL – Public Meeting – 28 August 2017

The Middle Creek Restoration Coalition thanks the Central Valley Water Board for its efforts in administering the TMDL, for the importance given to the Middle Creek Project in the listing of actions for improving Clear Lake, and for all its efforts in improving water quality in all Lake County Watersheds.

Our Coalition, comprising over 100 concerned and informed stakeholders, make three requests of the Water Board to assure a beneficial environmental impact from changes in the compliance date of the TMDL.

The Coalition requests that the Regional Water Quality Board encourage the Department of Water Resources through DWR's Flood Protection Corridor Program to grant \$15.2 million to Lake County to complete the property acquisition for the Middle Creek Restoration Project. We suggest the DWR be charged with the affirmative duty to procure and provide this additional funding, now that the Project has been approved and a substantial investment has been made.

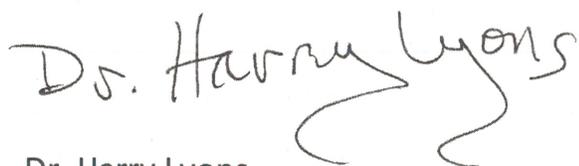
We are providing a copy of the Coalition's letter to Governor Brown, explaining the promise of and progress on the Middle Creek Restoration Project. Versions of this letter have also been sent to Senator McGuire, Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry, Secretary John Laird (California Natural Resources Agency), and Acting Director William Croyle (California Department of Water Resources).

The Water Board's 5-year update dated September 2012 promises "Staff will continue to support efforts of the County in obtaining grants and other help to move the Middle Creek Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration Project forward." Action by the Board to do so, in connection with a change in compliance date, would have a positive environmental impact.

The Coalition requests as a milestone to track progress, given an extension of the TMDL and the Clear Lake Nutrient Control Program, that an in-stream monitoring program be instituted on the various tributaries of Middle and Scotts Creek. This would measure the flow of sediments that threaten the long-term viability of the Restoration Project. With information, remedial action can be taken to reduce the flow of sediment to the Project and Clear Lake.

The Coalition requests that if no action is taken on the TMDL, and it is dissolved, that some other action is initiated to demonstrate the Regional Water Quality Control Board's responsibility to and interest in Clear Lake. In its updates and public meetings the Water Board has eloquently described how proposed actions can tune natural processes in improving water quality. With or without the TMDL, all the agencies and organizations involved with the proposed actions must continue demonstrating that Clear Lake is worthy of our attention.

Thank You.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Harry Lyons". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Dr. Harry Lyons

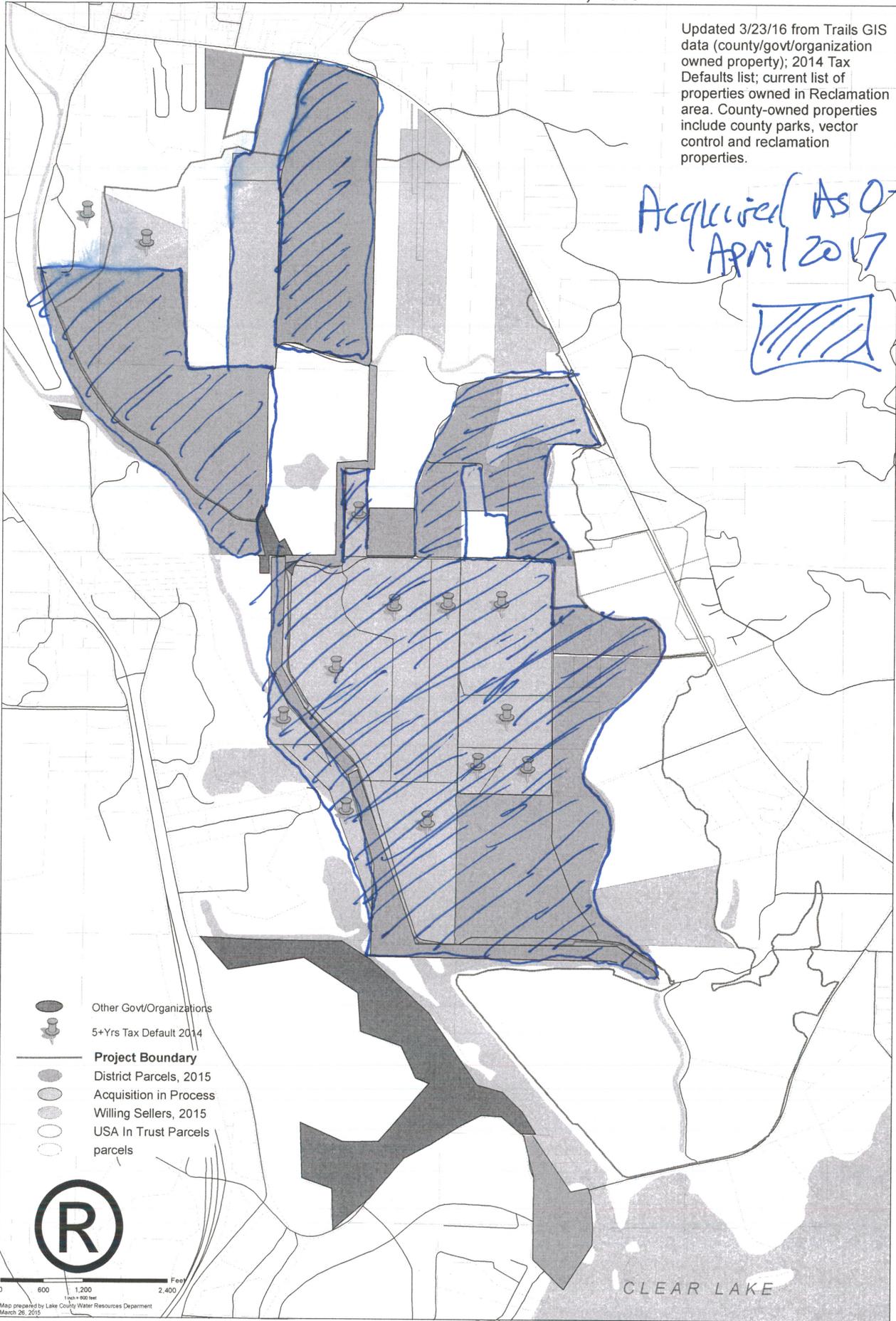
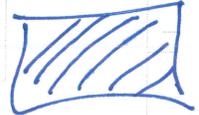
Secretary

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**MIDDLE CREEK FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION  
AND ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT  
FLOOD PROTECTION CORRIDOR PROGRAM  
ACQUISITION STATUS - AUGUST 11, 2015**

Updated 3/23/16 from Trails GIS data (county/govt/organization owned property); 2014 Tax Defaults list; current list of properties owned in Reclamation area. County-owned properties include county parks, vector control and reclamation properties.

*Acquired As Of  
April 2017*



-  Other Govt/Organizations
-  5+Yrs Tax Default 2014
-  **Project Boundary**
-  District Parcels, 2015
-  Acquisition in Process
-  Willing Sellers, 2015
-  USA In Trust Parcels
-  parcels



0 600 1,200 2,400 Feet  
1 inch = 600 feet  
Map prepared by Lake County Water Resources Department  
March 26, 2015

CLEAR LAKE

# FULL LAKE WITHOUT LEVEES

