

MARIPOSA COUNTY

Merced River Trail Community Working Group

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 26, 2023
TIME: 10:00 PM
LOCATION: Board of Supervisors Chambers
5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Goralnik called the meeting to order at: 10:30 AM

Members Present: Wendy Brown, Michael Martin, Ralph Mendershausen, Jeff Jenkins, Susie Clark

Members Absent: Miles Menetrey

Excused Absences: Jessica Thompson, Art Baggett, Tara Fouch-Moore, Rosemarie Smallcombe

Visitors: David Ramos

2. **APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE 1/25/23 MEETING:**

The minutes were unanimously passed.

3. **DISCUSSION ON VISION PLAN ADOPTION PROCESS AND NEXT STEPS:**

The group reviewed a draft of the revised CWG bylaws, which were made necessary by the adoption of the Merced River Trail Vision Plan—the adoption of the plan necessitating a change in mandate from one of supporting plan development to supporting its implementation. Accordingly, the revised bylaws emphasize CWG attention on Vision Plan recommendations that are identified as being in the CWG’s purview in the document.

The group approved of specifying these actions as the ones for the group to emphasize moving forward, and asked that Action 6.3 be added as a priority area for the CWG to work on in the future.

Goralnik elaborated that, once approved, these revised bylaws would serve as the basis for new subcommittees dedicated to each recommended action in the CWG’s purview, with members volunteering to work in subcommittees of particular interest to them. This would allow members to focus on aspects of the Vision Plan of interest, and potentially limit the number of CWG meetings in the future.

4. **APPROVE ANNUAL REPORTING MEMO:**

This item was tabled until a later date.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

David Ramos asked the group for clarification of the potential impacts of the Vision Plan’s recommendations for parcels on the south of the river near the confluence of the main stem of the Merced and Sherlock Creek. The group clarified that the primary relevance of the Vision Plan to this area of the river relates to the existing agreement between BLM and MID, codified in the relicensing agreement for the New Exchequer Dam.

Goralnik shared that the Vision Plan had won an award of Excellence and Achievement in Planning – Innovation in Resilience and Sustainability Award of Excellence from the Central California Chapter of the American Planning Association, and was now under consideration from the state chapter for the same award.

6. ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned the meeting at 11:08 AM.

Minutes Prepared by: Mikey Goralnik

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