



MEMORANDUM

To: MCWD Board of Managers

From: Tiffany Schaufler

Date: June 27, 2016

Re: Painter Creek Culvert Replacement/ South Katrina Marsh Easement Update

Purpose: Provide an update on the status of the culvert replacement along Painter Creek and the associated partnership for easement conveyance over part of South Katrina Marsh.

Background: At the January 28, 2016 Board Meeting the Board approved Resolution 16-008 which authorized the execution of an Agreement for Easement Conveyance and Culvert Replacement on Painter Creek (“Agreement”). Through this Agreement the District agreed to replace two undersized culverts along Painter Creek which caused flooding in the area during 2014. In exchange for replacing the undersized culverts the District would then receive approximately 97 acres of conservation easements over South Katrina Marsh from nine landowners. Obtaining these easements over South Katrina Marsh will provide the District the legal right to manage hydrology and vegetation in the marsh, which could contribute to the District’s “local sponsor” match for a potential Section 206 funded capital improvement project for marsh habitat restoration in partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Construction Status: The District’s contractor, Minnesota Dirt Works, began the culvert replacement work on June 24, 2016. The culvert under the south driveway at 4650 Creekwood Trail has been replaced. The culvert under the north driveway at 4680 Creekwood Trail is scheduled to be replaced on June 28, 2016. Minnesota Dirt Works anticipates being finished with the culvert replacements by July 1, 2016, and will finish any necessary site repair the following week as needed.

Easement Status: The Agreement has been executed by all nine landowners and the District. The Agreement is legally binding and states that the landowners will convey a conservation easement over a portion of their property to the District. To date the District has received signed easements from five of the nine landowners which totals 75.66 in conservation easements received. The remaining four landowners are working through mortgage consent/subordinations from their mortgage lenders. Once these four landowners have sign off from their mortgage lenders they will execute the conservation easement for their property.

If there are questions in advance of the meeting, please contact Tiffany Schaufler at 952-641-4513 or at tschaufler@minnehahacreek.org.

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