# SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT

**TO:** Board of Directors **AGENDA NO. V-E**

**FROM:** Steve Mack, General Manager

**Meeting Date : March 3, 2016**

**SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING DISTRICT PROPERTY AT 17448 RIVER LANE, GUERNEVILLE AND APPROVAL OF WILLING SELLING LETTER**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive a presentation by the General Manager on progress with sale of the District property at 17448 River Lane, Guerneville and provide direction to staff, including possible approval of a motion to prepare and submit a willing selling letter.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** none

**DISCUSSION:**

17448 River Lane, Guerneville, is a property of approximately one acre in Vacation Beach, Guerneville. It was formerly the site of a District well which has been long abandoned. The Board has discussed issues regarding this property at the September meeting, heard from a neighboring property's owners, Mr. and Mrs. O'Flynn, and a subcommittee comprising Rich Holmer and Sukey Robb-Wilder was appointed to assist the General Manager to investigate this item more fully. In February I discussed my efforts to inform the Russian River Recreation and Parks District (RRR&PD) and the neighborhood about this possibility and was directed to keep at it.

Progress:

I called Hans Bruhner about the matching grant possibility - he expressed thanks for the contact and said he would be contacting others. I have not heard back from him or Mr. Herrold who I had contacted earlier.

I have received communications from the RRR&PD about their interest in meeting with the Open Space District to discuss the matching grant program. That meeting was held on February 24 with Jennifer Kuszmar of the Open Space District, John Uhniak and Steve Jackson of RRR&PD, and me at the Open Space District Office in Santa Rosa. From that meeting I have learned:

RRR&PD is interested in purchasing the property in conjunction with the Open Space District matching funds program. RRR&PD Board members still have some outstanding issues to work out (exact location of parcel boundaries, particularly on the River side), but they appeared very interested when we met at the Open Space District meeting.

Applying for the matching funds is the RRR&PD's responsibility. The conservation easement and recreation covenant is between RRR&PD and the Open Space District.

The action/direction required by the Board for this meeting is to affirm that we are a willing seller. My understanding is that the terms and conditions do not need to be agreed to at this time. The Board may wish to move into closed session to discuss this and such a session is agendized for this meeting. Time is of the essence for this as the grant/funding application must be submitted by March 31.