Monterey County Board of Supervisors Referral Submittal Form

Referral No. 2024.04 Assignment Date: 03/12/24 (Completed by CAO's Office)

SUBMITTAL - Completed by referring Board office and returned to CAO no later than 10:00AM on Wednesday prior to Board meeting:

Date:	Submitted By:		District #:			
23 February 2024	Supervisor Glenn Church	2				
Referral Title: Mainte	enance of Little Bear Creek: Permit	ts/Floodplain Issues				
Referral Purpose:						
1. To analyze and address floodplain issues in the Little Bear Creek area and						
2. To address expedited permit processes for cleaning and long-term maintenance of Little Bear Creek						
Brief Referral Description (attach additional sheet as required):						
The community of Bolsa Knolls has grown along Little Bear Creek which runs a length of approximately 12 miles. The Creek has multiple owners and managers, including private residents and agricultural landowners.						
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This referral requests research and analysis of the cause of floodplain issues in the Little Bear Creek drainage, including a drainage study, analysis of the impact of upstream area agricultural practices, creek maintenance,						
potential funding med	chanisms to conduct maintenance a	and a process to expedite perm	itting for creek			
maintenance. There are complicated permitting requirements for cleaning out vegetation and removing upstream						
debris, including silt running off agricultural fields to the northeast. The entities that currently own Little Bear						
Creek have experienced various levels of effect navigating the permit requirements imposed by the various						
jurisdictional entities with authority over the Creek. To maximize the resiliency of the community of Bolsa						
Knolls, especially in times of flood risk, it is imperative that all property owners along Little Bear Creek can						
perform maintenance in a timely, legal manner. To this end, we suggest analyzing causes of floodplain issues and devising a system of expedited creek maintenance permitting, including potential funding mechanisms, that will						
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REFERRAL RESPONSE/COMPLETION - Provided by Department to Board Offices and CAO:						
Referral Response Date: Board Item		No.: Referrals List Deletion:		st Deletion:		

Note: Please cc Claudia Escalante and Karina Bokanovich on all CAO correspondence relating to referrals.