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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Brown's Creek Watershed District Board

FROM: Karen Kill

RE: Brown's Creek Restoration Project Expansion

DATE: June 12, 2024

## Background/Issue

BCWD has contracted and begun work on the Brown's Creek restoration project from McKusick Road to just downstream of the Brown's Creek State Trail. Through the public outreach materials, adjacent property owners Jody & Pat Rooney have contacted the district expressing interest in expanding the buckthorn and other woody removals and replacement with native, beneficial vegetation onto their property. The BCWD contractor is not expected to work east of Neal Ave until later in July, so the timing would still be possible under the current restoration work.



Fig 1 – Brown's Creek restoration project area – Rooney property for potential inclusion in red circle

## Managers:

The next steps will be to get direction from the managers. If interested, staff would conduct a site visit to access the area and coordinate with the Rooney's to determine the exact area of restoration.

## **Requested Action**

- Authorize the administrator to enter into an agreement with Jody and Patrick Rooney for vegetation removal and replanting with native vegetation.
- Authorize a change order with Geomorphic Restoration not to exceed \$5,000 from 947-0022