



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, July 8th, 2015**

PLACE: Marin County Farm Bureau, 520 Mesa Road, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

1. Regular Meeting **opening at 9:30 am**. Roll call and introduction of guests.

ACTION ITEMS

2. MARIN RCD, MINUTES AND FINANCIALS – 20 min.
 - A. Board approval of Minutes
 - B. Board approval of RCD financial reports and bills to be paid
 - C. Board approval of Resolution to borrow \$1,350,000 Million Dry Period Loan from the Marin County Board of Supervisors to support District operations and programs in FY 15/16.
 - D. Board approval of FY 15/16 Marin RCD Annual Budget.

3. MARIN RCD INSURANCE – 15 min.
 - A. Request Board approval to transition to Special District Risk Management Authority to provide property/liability and workers compensation program insurance.
 - B. Board approval of Resolution No. 02-2015 approving the form of and authorizing the execution of a sixth amended joint powers agreement and authorizing participation in the Special District Risk Management Authority Property/Liability Program and Workers' Compensation Programs.

4. MARIN COASTAL PERMIT COORDINATION PROGRAM – 10 min.
 - A. Board approval to close public comment period for 2015/16 Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Projects, pending no further comments are received by July 10th, 2015.

5. CARBON FARMING – 20 min.
 - A. Request Board approval to execute a \$30,000 contract with the Carbon Cycle Institute to assist RCD Staff in the development of carbon farm plans funded by the MALT - USDA NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program.
 - B. Request Board approval of Selection Criteria used in the ranking of farms/ranches where carbon farm plans will be completed.

6. BLACK MOUNTAIN RANCH ROAD REPAIR – 20 min.
 - A. Request Board approval to execute \$67,165 contract with Gold Ridge RCD for project management and biological monitoring for the Black Mountain Creek Sediment Reduction and Fish Passage Project.
 - B. Request Board approval to execute \$23,048 contract with Stetson Engineers for engineering designs and review for two culvert replacement sites and one stream crossing decommissioning site for the Black Mountain Creek Sediment Reduction and Fish Passage Project.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS –11 a.m.

7. UPDATES/PROGRAMS/PRESENTATIONS – 45 min.

- **Barn Preservation** – Sally Hatcher
- **Point Blue: Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed** – Vanessa Wyant, Project Mgr.
- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Kristan Flynn, Rangeland Manager
- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** –Jim Jensen, Stewardship Team

Program Updates:

- **Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program** Report – A permit report was completed by Lynette for past projects. The report is provided to permitting agencies and describes the projects undertaken and follow up monitoring conducted to determine the success of each project. One request was received by Graton Rancheria for project locations of PCP projects.
- **Urban Stream Coordinator** – Throughout the month of June, the USC conducted three site visits, assisted many residents as a result of the Marin Project Coordination (MPC) meeting and referrals from Department of Fish and Wildlife. Sarah presented the USC Program to the Board of Supervisors at their June 16th meeting as well as attended a two-day project National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration design and evaluation workshop. For additional information, please see BOD report.
- **Pine Gulch Restoration Project** – Performed construction meetings with engineering staff. Several budget modifications have been necessary due to wet soils and archaeological discoveries. Groundbreaking ceremony was a success!
- **Marin Carbon Project** – Initiated planning with San Mateo RCD for Carbon Farm workshop. Attended one carbon farm plan site visit. 2 windbreak/hedgerows are scheduled for fall.
- **Americano Creek Watershed** – Water flow was disconnected in June and therefore water quality testing has ceased until first flush. Gold Ridge RCD is recommended to receive funding for compost application for soil health, ag rainwater catchment systems and implementation of the Valley Ford Wood Mill project.
- **Tomales Bay/Walker Watershed** – 1 Chileno Grade Stabilization repair is complete. 1 Tomales Riparian project is in progress. 1 Tomales Grade Stabilization project is scheduled for fall. 1 Dillon Beach Grade Stabilization repair is scheduled for this summer. 1 Lagunitas Road project is scheduled for fall.
- **Media/Outreach:** “Bolinás Farmers Break Ground” by Samantha Kimmey, Point Reyes Light. “Marin farmers agree not to pump water out of creek to help endangered fish” by Richard Halstead, Marin Independent Journal. KWMR guest speaker – Pine Gulch Project.
- **Grant Proposals:**
 - 11th Hour Foundation. \$45K. *(Awarded!)*
 - Regional Carbon Farming. USDA NRCS CIG. \$30K. *(Awarded!)*
- **District:** Reviewed insurance options. Investigated Construction season income and County loan options. Completed 2015/16 Budget. Presented at Farmers Guild Meeting.
- **Landowner Requests:** Four requests for carbon planning assistance were received.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Aug 10. TomKat Ranch Carbon Plan Workshop.
- Aug 29. 12-2. Marin Carbon Project Steering Committee Meeting. MALT Office.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- SB 367 Ag Climate Benefits Act Letter of Support

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment for any matter not listed on this agenda, provided that no Board action is to be taken. All statements that require a response will be referred to staff to be placed on the next agenda.

11. MEETING ADJOURNED