



## MINUTES

DATE: **Wednesday, September 9, 2015**  
PLACE: Marin County Farm Bureau  
520 Mesa Road, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

1. **A regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Sally Gale Director, at 9:42am.** Roll call of directors: Hank Corda, Bob Giacomini & Steve Doughty.  
Staff: Nancy Scolari, Elise Suronen, Sarah Phillips & Michele Harris  
Additional Attendees: Michelle Cooper (Marin Agricultural Land Trust Stewardship Manager), John Parodi (Point Blue/STRAW Restoration Manager), Erica Mikesh (Sonoma-Marín RCD Engineer), Heather Furmidge (Resident), Drew Loganbill (Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Conservationist)

### ACTION ITEMS

#### 2. MARIN RCD MINUTES AND FINANCIALS

- A. Board approval of Minutes.  
MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Steve; AYES: Unanimous (Bob & Steve); NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve August minutes.
- B. Board approval of RCD financial reports and bills to be paid.  
MOTION: Steve; SECOND: Bob; AYES: Unanimous (Bob & Steve); NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve RCD financial reports and bills to be paid including Alhambra for \$79.36 & Izabal Bernaciak for \$2,000.

#### 3. DISTRICT

- A. Board approval of Marin RCD Injury and Illness Prevention Policy.  
MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Steve; AYES: Unanimous (Bob & Steve); NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve of Marin RCD Injury and Illness Prevention Policy.
- B. Board approval to appoint two board members to Ad Hoc Committee to review District policies and compliance with RCD requirements and provide recommendations to the RCD Board for implementation.  
MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Steve; AYES: Unanimous (Bob & Steve); NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none to have ED draw up suggestions and send out an email to board members for review. Policy changes will be authorized at RCD meetings.
- C. Board approval to submit grant proposal to the Proposition 1 State Coastal Conservancy and Wildlife Conservation Board grant programs.  
MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Steve; AYES: Unanimous (Bob & Steve); NOES: none; ABSTENTIONS: none to approve grant proposal to the Proposition 1 State Coastal Conservancy and Wildlife Conservation Board grant programs.
- D. Request Board approval to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Gold Ridge and Sonoma Resource Conservation Districts to share a regional engineering position.

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Steve; AYES: Unanimous (Bob & Steve); NOES: none; ABSTENTIONS: none, to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Gold Ridge and Sonoma Resource Conservation Districts to share a regional engineering position.

#### 4. CARBON FARMING

- A. Request Board approval Resolution 03-2015 approving and authorizing execution of a \$325,000 contract with the State Coastal Conservancy to work on North Bay regional carbon farming programs.

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Steve; AYES: Unanimous (Bob & Steve); NOES: none; ABSTENTIONS: none, to approve Resolution 03-2015 approving and authorizing execution of a \$325,000 contract with the State Coastal Conservancy to work on North Bay regional carbon farming programs.

- B. Request Board approval to execute \$118,030 contract with Point Blue Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed for carbon sequestration plantings at 2 carbon farm sites.

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Steve; AYES: Unanimous (Bob & Steve); NOES: none; ABSTENTIONS: none, to approve to execute \$118,030 contract with Point Blue Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed for carbon sequestration plantings at 2 carbon farm sites.

#### 5. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS:

- A. Request Board approval to execute \$9,000 Contract for Services with Prunuske Chatham Inc. to provide technical expertise in the selection of projects for the Conserving Our Watersheds Program, Phase IV.

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Steve; AYES: Unanimous (Bob & Steve); NOES: none; ABSTENTIONS: none, to execute \$9,000 Contract for Services with Prunuske Chatham Inc. to provide technical expertise in the selection of projects for the Conserving Our Watersheds Program, Phase IV.

- B. Request Board approval to execute \$10,000 contract to hire Gold Ridge RCD Project Manager to provide technical assistance for Conserving Our Watersheds Program, Phase IV.

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Steve; AYES: Unanimous (Bob & Steve); NOES: none; ABSTENTIONS: none, to execute \$10,000 contract to hire Gold Ridge RCD Project Manager to provide technical assistance for Conserving Our Watersheds Program, Phase IV.

- C. Request Board approval of Conserving Our Watersheds Program, Phase IV financial assistance cap.

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Steve; AYES: Unanimous (Bob & Steve); NOES: none; ABSTENTIONS: none, to approve keeping our current 75% contribution and then amending that motion to adopt a 60% contribution for Conserving Our Watershed Program, Phase IV financial assistance cap.

- D. Board approval of Resolution 04-2015 authorizing entering into a \$600,000 agreement with the State of California and designated representatives to sign the agreement and any amendments for the Conserving Our Watersheds V: Planning Assistance to Timely Implementation Project.

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Steve; AYES: Unanimous (Bob & Steve); NOES: none; ABSTENTIONS: none, to approve of Resolution 04-2015 authorizing entering into a \$600,000 agreement with the State of California and designated representatives to

sign the agreement and any amendments for the Conserving Our Watersheds V: Planning Assistance to Timely Implementation Project.

## 6. PINE GULCH INSTREAM FLOW ENHANCEMENT

A. Request Board approval to execute \$53,814.23 contract with Point Blue Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed for riparian restoration work at Pine Gulch Instream Flow Enhancement Project site.

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Steve; AYES: Unanimous (Bob & Steve); NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to execute around \$30,000 minus some materials & mileage contract with Point Blue Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed for riparian restoration work at Pine Gulch Instream Flow Enhancement Project site.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### 7. UPDATES/PROGRAMS/PRESENTATIONS

Guest Presentations:

- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Drew, NRCS. Drew reports that they are working on their EQIP obligations. They have 45 contracts funded and they are catching up on engineering back log.
- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** – No report.
- **Climate Smart - Point Blue Conservation Science/STRAW** – John Parodi, Point Blue/STRAW. John reports Riparian restoration is more important than ever. There is a planting tool Climate Smart restoration toolkit on their website.  
[WWW.pointblue.org](http://WWW.pointblue.org)

Program Updates:

- **Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program** – All permits have been received for the year. The most challenging permit is the County Creek permit which has steep fees and compliance requirements. Staff will need to look into opportunities to facilitate the approval process for county authorization.
- **Urban Stream Coordinator** – The USC has been busy planning and organizing a series of hands-on workshops and presentations that will be taking place throughout the months of September through December. Additionally, the USC attended a week long field course in Sagehen, CA with UC Berkeley to study fluvial geomorphology and stream ecology. Lastly, the USC attended a two-day certification workshop in Monterey with regard to rainwater harvesting through the American Rainwater Harvesting Systems Association. See USC Report for more information.
- **Pine Gulch Restoration Project** – Several construction meetings were held with engineering staff. Budget modifications have been necessary due to wet soils and wetland requirements. Construction challenges have caused changes to project designs and therefore permits have been modified to accommodate changes. Modifications prevent creek diversions for one farm however the project must be monitored to ensure water availability in future years. The project remains on schedule.
- **Marin Carbon Project** – Sent out 700 solicitation notices to landowners and received 20 applications which were ranked by committee using selection criteria. Nine sites will proceed to the next level of evaluation which will include site visits. Six sites will be chosen this year.
- **Americano Creek Watershed** – Sonoma County has adopted riparian corridor zone code changes. Gold Ridge RCD is using grant funding to implement work including

installing riparian fence on an unnamed tributary to Americano Creek in the Estero Americano. They are also working with Sonoma Co Ag and Open Space on a tour.

- **Tomales Bay/Walker Watershed** – 1 Tomales Riparian project is in progress. 1 Tomales Grade Stabilization project is scheduled this month. 1 Dillon Beach Grade Stabilization repair is scheduled for this month. 1 Lagunitas Road project is in progress.
- **Media/Outreach:** “Edible” magazine for the Carbon Project.
- **Grant Proposals:** Working on Prop 1 grant proposal concepts. See above.
- **District:** Closing fiscal year and preparing for audit. Holiday Party.
- **Landowner Requests:** Attended no site visits. Sixteen requests for carbon planning/technical assistance were received. Assisted one landowner with permits.

## 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- September 12<sup>th</sup>. Water Quality Workshop. Miller Creek. 1-3:30pm.
- September 26<sup>th</sup>. Presentation to Murphy Creek residents. 10-11:30am.
- October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Creek Clean-Up with Sleepy Hollow HOA. Time TBD.
- October 17<sup>th</sup>. Creek Clean-up with San Geronimo Valley Stewards. 10am-12pm.
- October 21<sup>st</sup>. Honoring Ag Diversification. Dance Palace. 11am-6pm.
- October 24<sup>th</sup>. Water Conservation Workshop at San Domenico. 10am-1pm.
- November 7<sup>th</sup>. Wool Symposium. Dance Palace. 10am-6pm.
- November 14<sup>th</sup>. Willow Work Day at Sally Gales. 9:30am-2:30pm.
- Soil Bioengineering/Erosion Control/Rainwater Harvesting Workshop in December at Spirit Rock Center 12p-3p

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter to Dairy Operators regarding renewal of Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements

## 10. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

## 11. MEETING ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned by Bob/Steve at 11:57am