



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, March 9th, 2016**

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

1. Regular Meeting opening at **1:00 pm**. Roll call and introduction of guests.

ACTION ITEMS

2. MARIN RCD – 30 min.
 - A. Board decision to elect Marin RCD officers to fill the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer.
 - B. Board decision to establish a subcommittee to review applications for directorship and bring candidates to an RCD Special Meeting for interview and appointment to the Marin RCD Board of Directors.
3. MINUTES AND FINANCIALS – 15 min.
 - A. Board approval of Regular Meeting Minutes.
 - B. Board approval of RCD financial reports and bills to be paid.
 - C. Board approval of cell phone reimbursement policy.
4. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS: PHASE IV, V & MEASURE A – 30 min.
 - A. Board approval to execute Change Order #1 with Prunuske Chatham Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$46,355 to provide technical services for COW IV.
 - B. Board approval to execute Change Order #1 with Gold Ridge RCD for an amount not to exceed \$18,000 for technical services in the development of plans for COW IV projects.
 - C. Board approval to execute Change Order #3 with Point Blue Conservation Science for an amount not to exceed \$16,000 for the Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed Program to work on COW III projects.
5. MARIN CARBON PROJECT – 10 min.
 - A. Request Board approval to execute Professional Services Contract to hire Sonoma RCD Project Manager for an amount not to exceed \$4,000 to assist Marin RCD staff in the development of a Rangeland Carbon Farming Template.
6. SAN FRANCISCO BAY CLEAN WATER, POLLUTION PREVENTION AND HABITAT RESTORATION BALLOT MEASURE – 10 min.
 - A. Request Board approval of letter of support for San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Ballot Measure.
7. GRANTS – 15 min.
 - A. Request Board approval to seek grant funding to complete Pine Gulch Pond #2 construction to accommodate maintenance requirements.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 2:55 p.m.

8. UPDATES/PROGRAMS/PRESENTATIONS – 30 min.

- **Tomales Bay Grazing Waiver** – Paul Modrell, SF Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
- **Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed** – Vanessa Wyant, Point Blue Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed
- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Jennifer Walser, District Conservationist
- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** – Jim Jensen, Stewardship Team

Program Updates:

- **Spring Tour:** Does anyone want a tour of Pine Gulch Ponds and carbon projects?
- **Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program** – No activity.
Marin Carbon Project – STRAW conducted carbon plantings at two sites: a riparian buffer and windbreak/hedgerow. RCD staff arranged a carbon farm planning training day with Bay Area RCDs and NRCS staff. A follow up soils field day is now being organized for the end of April. Eight farms were selected for carbon farm planning assistance in 2015. MCP created a timeline to accomplish the 8 plans in 2016. Nancy attended Healthy Soils Initiative meetings with state staff to develop program funding.
- **Black Mountain Roads** – Monitoring was conducted to assess roads during rain events.
- **Urban Streams**– The USC, with MCSTOPPP, organized and carried out a 56 person workshop in partnership with RWQCB, PCI, STRAW and AmeriCorps. Assisted Gold Ridge RCD with educational materials for their school program, presented to DFW on what MRCD's doing to conserve water in Marin and sent 50 packets of information regarding flooding and creek-related emergencies to the SGV Stewards. USC continues to organize a partnership between PRNS, PRNSA and the MRCD in an effort to have a volunteer-run native plant nursery. Presented to the Muir Beach Advisory Group and the Fairfax Planning Commission and in partnership with MCSTOPPP, organized a successful workshop in MV with STRAW and PCI teaching about erosion control, water quality, permitting and rainwater harvesting. USC assisted Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed group with a restoration day. Finally, the USC has been and will continue to be focused on writing a grant to Dept Fish and Wildlife to implement the Landowner Assistance Program projects in San Geronimo Valley.
- **Pine Gulch Restoration Project** – A construction check was conducted on November 24th by CA Dept. Fish and Wildlife engineer and contract manager. Projects are now being buttoned up and a Final Report is near completion.
- **Americano Creek Watershed** – Flurry of Feathers: Birds of the Estero Americano: Ag Heritage Outing to occur March 26th 8:30am – 11am in Valley Ford.
- **Tomales Bay/Walker Watershed** – All construction is complete. Planting season is nearing completion.
- **Dairy Waiver** – Staff participated in a call to evaluate the Draft General Order for Waste Discharge Requirements for dairies, chickens, horses, goats, etc. A Draft document will be provided for public comment within the year.
- **Media/Outreach:** No activity.
- **Grant Proposals:** Nancy met with UCCE to discuss community needs for carbon, dairy, grazing etc. Sarah is working on a CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife grant for the three San Geronimo projects presented to the RCD Board two years ago.
- **District:** Hank provided Personnel Policy Manual for review. Nancy has been working with County staff on budgeting for the Urban Streams position. Support will be needed in March (Nancy will be away).
- **Landowner Requests:** All landowners who applied for the COW and Carbon Farm programs have been selected. Letters were sent out to applicants notifying them of the status of their applications.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- March 23. Marin County BOS Budget Hearing.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- None

11. 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.

12. MEETING ADJOURNED