



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, August 10th, 2016**

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. MINUTES AND FINANCIALS – 10 min.
 - A. Board approval of Regular Meeting Minutes.
 - B. Board approval of RCD financial report and bills to be paid.
 - C. Board approval of E.D.'s report of executive actions following July's cancelled meeting.
3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE – 10 min.
 - A. Board review and approval of Marin RCD Conflict of Interest Code.
4. MARIN COASTAL WATERSHEDS PERMIT COORDINATION PROGRAM – 45 min.
 - A. Board approval of conservation practices and geographic boundary for the new 2017 Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program.
5. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS (COW) – 20 min.
 - A. Board approval of cost proposals for two 2016 COW Projects.
 - B. Board approval to execute \$3,482 Prunuske Chatham Inc. Contract Amendment to include biological and engineering inspection services.
 - C. Board approval to execute \$5,000 Erickson Engineering Professional Services Contract for design services for one project.
6. EDUCATION – 15 min.
 - A. Board decision to proceed with the planning process for the funding, planning and permitting of educational art to showcase Marin agricultural producers and their land stewardship efforts.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 11:15 a.m.

7. Partner Presentations & Updates – 30 min.
 - **Safe Harbor Agreements** – Dan Wilson, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service
 - **USDA Farm Service Agency** – Lisa Velasquez, Executive Director
 - **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Petaluma Field Office Staff
 - **Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed** – Vanessa Wyant, Point Blue
 - **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** – Jim Jensen, Stewardship Team

RCD Program Updates:

- **Urban Streams Coordinator** – The USC presented to the Board of Supervisors on July 12th, which was well-received. Additionally the USC organized and implemented

another free native plant propagation class at the Pt Reyes Seashore which included 20 participants conducting seed cleaning, seed collecting and taking native seed home to enjoy. Please see full report for more information.

- **Finance Committee:** A Reserves/Investment Policy and a Fee for Service Policy have been drafted and will be reviewed by the committee before presentation to the Board.
- **Marin Carbon Project** –Five carbon farm plans are in progress. A rangeland carbon farm plan template is currently being developed for distribution to the public. It is currently under review by partners.
- **Black Mountain Roads** –Tasks remaining: fencing and minor erosion control work.
- **Americano Creek Watershed** – Proceeding with carbon farm planning. One dairy is in the design stage for a rainwater catchment system.
- **Conserving Our Watersheds:** New COW PATI contract with State Water Board is now signed. One project is in progress in Walker Creek. Two projects in Keys Creek are planned to start in August. Three other projects are projected to start in Sept.
- **Pine Gulch Instream Flow:** Consultants and contractors are investigating solutions and cost estimates to manage the two leaky ponds.
- **Media/Outreach:** Sonoma RCD writes article on windrows/hedgerows for Sonoma Marin Farm News.
- **Grant Proposals:** Staff is following 10 grant opportunities (see board packet). One \$20,000 proposal was submitted to MALT SAP for assistance with the permit coordination program. One proposal was submitted to the Dairy Cares program for assistance to producers complying with the dairy waiver. Staff is looking into a submittal to install liners at two ponds.
- **District:** Staff testified at County Budget hearings in support of Urban Streams program. New shared Rangeland Specialist position has been announced. We are now accepting applications. Staff are now closing books for the fiscal year.
- **Landowner Requests:** 1 request for technical assistance with CDFA State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Aug 1st. STRAW Watershed Week. Carbon Farming presentation.
- Aug 8th. CA Resource Recovery Association Conference. Nancy will present on Marin Carbon Project and composting.
- Aug 16th. 2-4pm. Marin RCD Finance Committee Meeting.
- Sept 7-8. CA Adaptation Forum. Nancy is presenting on Carbon Farming.
- Oct 11. Marin Conservation League. Nancy will present on the implementation of conservation practices on ranches.
- Oct 29. Bolinas Museum Ag Tour. Carbon Farming Tour presented by RCD and MALT; and potential art debut

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- Marin RCD letter to Marin Ag Commissioner related to Noxious Weed Ordinance.
- Marin RCD letter to support to Northern CA RCDs for RCD project tracking software.
- County DPW letter requesting participation to identify priorities in bridge retrofits.

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