



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, June 8th, 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 – 15 min.
 - A. Board approval of Regular Meeting Minutes.
 - B. Board approval of NEW RCD financial report and bills to be paid.
 - C. Board approval of Resolution to Borrow up to \$350,000 in the next fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 to make full and timely payments for work completed by improved ranch practices.
3. MARIN COASTAL WATERSHEDS PERMIT COORDINATION PROGRAM – 30 min.
 - A. Board approval to close public comment period for proposed 2016/17 Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Projects.
 - B. Board approval of 2016/17 Marin Coastal Watershed Permit Coordination Projects.
4. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS – 30 min.
 - A. Board approval of project designs for 2016 Conserving Our Watershed projects.
5. CARBON FARMING – 30 min.
 - A. Board approval to execute \$50,000 contract with Carbon Cycle Institute to provide rangeland consulting services to Bay Area RCDs for the Conservancy Climate Ready Regional Carbon Farming grant.
 - B. Board approval to execute \$14,000 in contracts with two rangeland consultants to develop two carbon farm plans for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Regional Conservation Partnership grant.
 - C. Board approval of RCD-employed Rangeland Specialist Job Description.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 11:15 a.m.

6. UPDATES/PROGRAMS/PRESENTATIONS – 30 min.
 - **Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed** – Vanessa Wyant, Point Blue Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed.
 - **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Petaluma Field Office Staff
 - **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** – Jim Jensen, Stewardship Team

Program Updates:

- **Finance Committee:** The committee had its first meeting to review potential new policies and financial endeavors (Reserves, RCD Foundation, Fee for Service, etc.). This month's Draft Financial Report is an outcome of our initial meeting. Staff will investigate other financial strategies to be presented to the Board.

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- **Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program** – The Program requires re-authorization this year therefore new practices should be examined for inclusion. Staff will present new conservation practices at the July Board meeting. Fifteen restoration projects were included the 2016 Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program announcement which was posted in the Point Reyes Light and on the Marin RCD website last month. No public comments were received.
- **Marin Carbon Project** –A soil monitoring field day for RCD/NRCS staff was a great success! NRCS will be developing standardized soil monitoring protocol for RCD use. Three carbon farm plans are in progress. The Marin Climate Action Plan was reviewed to determine next steps for carbon farming role.
- **Black Mountain Roads** –Tasks remaining: fencing and minor erosion control work.
- **Urban Streams Coordinator**– The USC planned/organized a few activities: 1) a restoration event with the Marin Municipal Water District and AmeriCorps in Woodacre on June 18th, 2) a series of educational lectures with UC Cooperative Extension Service and the Seashore regarding native seed collection and propagation and 3) a lecture about urbanization and watershed impacts to a hydrology class offered by Northern CA Branch Chief of National Marine Fisheries Service, Bob Coey. (see USC report for details).
- **Americano Creek Watershed** – The Carbon Farm Planning process is open for applications <http://goldridgecd.org/projects.html> Moody Dairy is in planning stages for a rainwater catchment system.
- **Conserving Our Watersheds:** Staff worked on contract negotiations for COW PATI with the State Water Board. A Scope of Work is drafted for contract signature.
- **Media/Outreach:** No activity.
- **Grant Proposals:** Received MALT application for possible permit coordination program application. The Lexicon of Sustainability wants to pair up with Marin RCD to write a grant for the sustainable agriculture artwork throughout West Marin.
- **District:** Staff has been investigating County Creek Permits and Design Review compliance for restoration projects. Staff consulted with County Counsel re proposed consulting contract changes.
- **Landowner Requests:** 7 requests for landowner assistance.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- June 20th. Marin County BOS Budget Hearing to support Sarah Phillips!
- June 11-12. 11am-6pm Tabling at Sustainable Fairfax's EcoFest
- June 18. 9am-1pm Restoration in Woodacre RSVP to Daniel.Hossfeld@ccc.ca.gov
- June 25. 11am-2pm Educational Lecture Series at Nursery at PRNS
- July 12 morning session, new date for presentation to BOS

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- None

9. 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.

10. MEETING ADJOURNED