



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, September 14th, 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. A moment to remember Bill Barboni, RCD Director who served from 1973–1995.

ACTION ITEMS

2. MINUTES AND FINANCIALS – 30 min.
 - A. Board approval of Regular Meeting Minutes.
 - B. Board approval of RCD financial report and bills to be paid.
 - C. Board approval of Marin RCD Fiscal Year 2016/17 Budget.
 - D. Board approval of a Draft Marin RCD Reserves and Investment Policy.
3. DISTRICT – 15 min.
 - A. Board approval or Resolution 02-2016 to participate in an effort to assess the feasibility of creating a North Coast RCDs Joint Powers Authority.
4. FENCE AND PLANT POLICY – 30 min.
 - A. Board direction in establishing a policy for creek projects that would provide financial services only to landowners who agree to both fencing and planting.
5. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS (COW) – 30 min.
 - A. Board approval to execute Contract Amendment with Gold Ridge RCD in the amount of \$13,426 to hire Jason Hoorn to provide construction management services.
 - B. Board approval to execute \$42,000 MOU for engineering services for eight COW projects.
 - C. Board approval of Point Blue Conservation Science Student and Teachers Restoring a Watershed planting designs and cost proposals for three projects.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 11:30 a.m.

6. Partner Presentations & Updates – 30 min.
 - **Coastal Monitoring Program** – Greg Andrews, Marin Municipal Water District
 - **Carbon Farming** – Jeff Creque, Carbon Cycle Institute
 - **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 conducted two site visits and assisted others via email and phone. USC attended the regular monthly county permit coordination meeting (Marin Project Coordination). Additionally, USC met with the County Community Development Agency and Dept. Public Works to begin discussions to

streamline permitting and interdepartmental coordination. Finally, USC has been working with many partners to address San Domenico's eroding fire roads. Please see full report for more information.

- **Finance Committee:** A Reserves/Investment Policy is drafted for board review. A Fee for Service Policy is put on hold pending approval of other board policies. See Finance Committee Minutes.
- **Marin Carbon Project** –Five carbon farm plans are in progress and will be completed by the end of October. A rangeland carbon farm plan template is currently under review by NRCS 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:** Two projects were completed. One project is underway. Two are planned to start in September.
- **Pine Gulch Instream Flow:** \$400k proposal was submitted to the Wildlife Conservation Board.
- **Media/Outreach:** None.
- **Grant Proposals:** Staff submitted a \$400k proposal to install liners at two Pine Gulch ponds. CDFG Dairy Cares has awarded Marin and Sonoma RCDs \$50k to assist dairies with compliance with the dairy waiver.
- **District:** We are now interviewing for a Rangeland Specialist position. Staff are now closing books for the fiscal year.
- **Landowner Requests:** 8 request for technical assistance within the urban streams program.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sept 7-8. CA Adaptation Forum. Nancy is presenting on Carbon Farming.
- Sept 22nd. 1-5pm. State of the Bay Tour of Millerton Ranch
- Sept 23rd. 8am-5pm. State of the Tomales Bay Conference. Inverness Yacht Club
- Sept 24th. 9am-1pm. Paddle the Bay and BBQ.
- Saturday, Sept 24th, 10am-12pm. Plant Propagation Series, Class IV, Location TBD
- Oct 29. Bolinas Museum Ag Tour. Carbon Farming Tour presented by RCD and MALT; and potential art debut
- Oct 11. Marin Conservation League. Nancy will present on the implementation of conservation practices on ranches.
- Nov 2-3. Dairy Quality Assurance Program/RCD/CDFG Workshops for dairy waiver compliance. Point Reyes Station and Petaluma.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- County DPW letter requesting participation to identify priorities in bridge retrofits.

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