



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, October 12th, 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, FINANCIALS AND BOARD- 15 min.
 - A. Board approval of Regular Meeting Minutes.
 - B. Board approval of RCD financial report and bills to be paid.
 - C. Board approval to reappoint George Clyde to the position of Associate Director.
3. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS (COW) – 30 min.
 - A. Board approval to review proposals and award two fencing contracts for Tomales Bay water quality improvement projects.
 - B. Board approval to award \$70,000 contract to Point Blue: Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed for 5 planting days, 10 classroom lesson days and 3 years of maintenance and monitoring obligations.
4. MARIN COASTAL PERMIT COORDINATION PROGRAM RENEWAL – 15 min.
 - A. Board approval to allocate \$20,000 in Measure-A funding to CEQA development and to execute a \$60,000 Prunuske Chatham Inc. contract to renew Marin Coastal CEQA & Permit Coordination Program.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 10:45 a.m.

5. Partner Presentations & Updates – 30 min.
 - **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 coordinated and implemented another plant propagation class, the fourth one held in 2016 (free and open to the public in partnership with Pt. Reyes Seashore, its Association and recently with SPAWN as a new collaborator). The USC has been conducting electro-fish training with the Marin Municipal Water District. This training supports hours required by the National Marine Fisheries Service to obtain a Section 10 permit. The Tomales Bay Watershed Council's State of Tomales Bay Conference was supported by the USC through the creation of the flyer and assistance before and during conference day. USC is preparing for two creek clean-ups in early October; one in Sleepy Hollow and the other in Kentfield in addition to the final plant propagation class for 2016.
- **Finance Committee:** A new meeting is pending Terry's return.

- **Marin Carbon Project** – Four 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. RCD staff presented at the CA Adaptation Conference.
- **Black Mountain Roads** –Tasks remaining: fencing and minor erosion control work.
- **Americano Creek Watershed** – Gold Ridge RCD is proceeding with carbon farm planning.
- **Conserving Our Watersheds:** Three projects were completed. One project is underway. Four are planned to start in October.
- **Media/Outreach:** None.
- **Grant Proposals:** Staff is currently writing a proposal with Sonoma RCD to the EPA/State Water Board Clean Water Act program that will assist the Tomales Bay and Sonoma Creek dairies in carrying out projects to comply with the Dairy General Order. Dairies in these watersheds are selected because they are within priority watersheds of the State. RCD staff is pursuing two additional grant proposals in the next month. CA Association of RCDs is seeking funding to compliment the Healthy Soils Initiative/Carbon Farming programs.
 - \$400K. Wildlife Conservation Board. Pine Gulch. *Pending*
 - \$200K. State Coastal Conservancy. Carbon Farming. *Pending*
- **District:** Board and staff attended the State of the Bay Conference! We are now interviewing for a Rangeland Specialist position. Staff are now closing books for the fiscal year. Audit will be conducted this month.
- **Landowner Requests:** 10 request for technical assistance within the urban streams program. 3 landowner requests for assistance within Carbon and COW programs.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Oct 11. Marin Conservation League. Ranching in the Park: Nancy will present on the implementation of conservation practices on ranches.
- Oct 25. Marin Conservation League. Ranching in the Park: Hopes and Dreams
- Nov 2-4. Coastal Commission Hearings. Marin Local Coastal Plan
- Nov 2-3. Dairy Quality Assurance Program/RCD/CDFG Workshops for dairy waiver compliance. Point Reyes Station and Petaluma.
- Nov 16-18. CA Association of RCDs Conference. Ontario
- Nov 21 deadline. Draft RCD Accreditation Program Regulations available for comment.
(<http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/RCD/publications/Pages/Regulations.aspx>)

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- None

8. 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.

9. MEETING ADJOURNED