



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, December 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.
2. Administer Oath of Office to Terry Sawyer, Steve Doughty and Michael Moretti.

ACTION ITEMS

3. 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 decision to purchase new copier/printer.
 - D. Board decision to purchase volunteer workers compensation insurance.
4. DISTRICT – 15 min.
 - A. Board approval to revise the Marin RCD Financial Policy to include Executive Director approval of small contracts.
 - B. Board approval of letter of support, addressed to the Planning Commission, in favor of Mobile Slaughter Units and Brick-and-Mortar facilities on ranches.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 10:30 a.m.

5. Partner Presentations & Updates – 60 min.

Presentations

- Urban Streams Coordination Program Results- Sarah Phillips, MRCD Urban Streams Coordinator
- A look at Carbon Farm Plan Mapping – Lynette Niebrugge, MRCD Soil Scientist
- Vegetation Survival Monitoring Results – Vanessa Wyant, Point Blue Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed

Updates

- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Petaluma Field Office Staff
- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** –Jim Jensen, Stewardship Team

RCD Program Updates:

- **Urban Streams Coordinator** – Throughout the last three months the USC juggled electrofishing monitoring training with MMWD, implemented a restoration project, planned for collaborative workshops in 2017, lead a creek clean-up event, conducted four site visits and presented to a variety of audiences. USC also attended a workshop to learn more about rainwater harvesting, hands-on, for larger systems. To learn more about Sarah's recent adventures, please review the USC Board Report
- **Finance Committee:** A new meeting will be scheduled for January.
- **Marin Carbon Project** – Four carbon farm plans are in progress and will be completed by the end of December.

- **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:** Eight (8) projects are complete! One project is underway (a fence); 3 plantings are scheduled for winter; three (3) project will start in 2017.
- **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 one additional grant proposal in the next month. CA Association of RCDs is seeking funding to compliment the Healthy Soils Initiative/Carbon Farming programs in addition to establishing an RCD funding program.
 - \$387K. CA Dept. Fish and Wildlife. *Pending*
 - \$400K. Wildlife Conservation Board. Pine Gulch. *Pending*
 - \$200K. State Coastal Conservancy. Carbon Farming. *Pending*
- **District:** After a very thorough interview process, it was decided that a rangeland specialist would not be hired at this time. The fiscal audit is near completion. RCD staff attended the annual CA RCD conference.
- **Landowner Requests:** 29 stakeholders requested assistance throughout Sept-Nov

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- BOS approval of the Local Costal Plan has been postponed. A later date will be determined.

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