



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, February 8th, 2017**

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. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM**: Watershed Restoration and Beavers, Jerry Meral

ACTION ITEMS

3. MINUTES, FINANCIALS– 20 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 FY 15/16 Audit.
4. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS (COW) – 20 min.
 - A. Board approval of COW Technical Advisory Committee recommended Stemple Creek Riparian Restoration Project.
 - B. Board decision to identify qualifying practices and determine the landowner cost-share requirement for the next round of COW projects.
5. DISTRICT – 35 min.
 - A. Board approval of Marin RCD Vehicle Use Policy.
 - B. Board approval of Marin RCD Expenditure Reimbursement Policy.
 - C. Board approval of Marin RCD Fee for Service Policy.
 - D. Board approval of resolution declaring that volunteers, work-study and interns shall be deemed to be employees of the District for the purpose of providing workers' compensation coverage for said volunteers, work-study and interns while providing their services.
 - E. Board approval of Marin RCD Finance Committee to evaluate staff salary schedules and benefits and make a recommendation to the Board.
 - F. Board decision to re-name the Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 11:30 a.m.

6. Partner Presentations & Updates – 90 min.
 - **RCD STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION PART 1**: Reviewing Marin RCD's Mission, Goals and District Issues

Updates

- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Petaluma Field Office Staff
- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** –Jim Jensen, Stewardship Team
- **Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed** – Vanessa Wyant

RCD Program Updates:

- **International Ocean Acidification Meeting**: Terry Sawyer

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- **Urban Streams Program:** The USC has been busy preparing for a soil bioengineering workshop in collaboration with Regional Water Quality Control Board, MCSTOPPP, Friends of Corte Madera Creek, AmeriCorps and CA Urban Streams Partnership. As well, USC has conducted a handful of site visits with more to come in February. Planning meetings have been taking place in order to lay out the educational workshops and classes for 2017 via the USC Program. Finally, the collaborative nursery at Point Reyes Seashore is finally up and running with volunteers helping almost daily!
- **Finance Committee:** The Finance Committee has met and reviewed many of the action items listed on this agenda.
- **Marin Carbon Project** – 3 carbon farm plans are complete. 4 drafts are complete. 3 are being initiated. All will be complete by June.
- **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:** Nine projects are complete! Planting season is now underway. One of three projects has been completed by STRAW thus far.
- **Media/Outreach:** “MRCO awarded \$200,000 grant for carbon farming” by George Clyde in PReyes Light. “Marin RCD receives grant for carbon farming” by MALT
- **Grant Proposals:** RCD staff is currently working on a proposal to address roads in the Walker Creek watershed.
 - \$387K. CA Dept. Fish and Wildlife. *Pending*
 - \$400K. Wildlife Conservation Board. Pine Gulch. *Pending*
 - \$200K. State Coastal Conservancy. Carbon Farming. **Awarded!**
 - \$600K. State Water Resources Control Board. Dairy Assistance. *EPA Freeze*
- **District:** The fiscal audit is near completion. Staff has been working on Tier 1 RCD compliance. After this meeting, the following requirements remain to be met: Ethics Training for 2 directors, Nondiscrimination Training for all directors, Volunteer Policy, Strategic Plan and Annual Plan. If we meet Tier 1 minimum requirements, we will be eligible to receive \$30K from the Department of Conservation for other programs.
- **Landowner Requests:** 17 stakeholders requested assistance in December/January.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Marin RCD Anniversaries: Lynette Niebrugge’s 5-year, Michele Harris’ 5-year, Elise’s 4-year anniversary.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- LAFCO announces vacancy on Board for Alternative Public Member serving a 4 year term.
- Letter to Planning Commission regarding slaughter facilities.

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