



MINUTES

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

PLACE: Marin County Farm Bureau 520 Mesa Road, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

1. A regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Sally Gale Director, at 9:36am.

Roll call of directors: Mike Moretti, Bob Giacomini, Terry Sawyer. Associate Directors: George Clyde, Richard Plant. Staff: Nancy Scolari, Lynette Niebrugge, Elise Suronen & Michele Harris. Additional Attendees: John Parodi (Point Blue/STRAW Restoration Manager), Eric Rubenstahl (Marin Agricultural Land Trust Stewardship Project Manager), Zach Mendez (Marin Agricultural Land Trust Stewardship Project Manager), Ariel De Lara (Natural Resources Conservation Science), Kate Lundquist (Occidental Arts & Ecology Center), Brock Dolman (Occidental Arts & Ecology Center), Erica Mikesh (RCD Engineer), Jeff Stump (Marin Agricultural Land Trust Director of Conservation), Eric Ettlinger (Marin Municipal Water District), Jim Jensen (Marin Agricultural Land Trust Stewardship Project Manager), Michelle Cooper (Marin Agricultural Land Trust Stewardship Manager), Dylan Voeller (Point Reyes National Seashore), Jerry Meral (Beavers), Brook (Natural Resources Conservation Science).

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

Jerry is interested in determining interest in re-establishing a beaver population in Marin County. He would like organizational support for a resolution of the Board of Supervisors asking state legislative delegation to introduce legislation allowing for beaver relocation. If we would like any more information or have input, please email Jerry at jerrymeral@gmail.com

ACTION ITEMS

3. MINUTES AND FINANCIALS

A. Board approval of Minutes.

MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Terry; AYES: 3 (Mike, Terry & Bob); NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none to approve December minutes.

B. Board approval of RCD financial reports and bills to be paid.

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Unanimous (Mike, Terry & Bob); NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve RCD financial reports and bills to be paid Including The Barn project for \$1,358, Ceci Dale-Cesmat for \$865.42 & Smile for \$96.37.

C. Board approval of Marin RCD FY 15/16 Audit.

MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Unanimous (Mike, Terry & Bob); NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve of Marin RCD FY 15/16 Audit.

4. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS

A. Board approval of COW Technical Advisory Committee recommended Stemple Creek Riparian Restoration Project.

MOTION: To table until next month's meeting.

B. Board decision to identify qualifying practices and determine the landowner cost-share requirement for the next round of COW projects.

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous (Mike, Bob & Terry); NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to modify landowner cost-share requirement for the next round of COW projects to 75% RCD contribution and a 25% contribution from NRCS, MALT & Landowners. Landowner contributions for riparian wildlife projects will be waived.

5. DISTRICT

A. Board approval of Marin RCD Vehicle Use Policy.

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous (Mike, Bob & Terry); NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve of Marin RCD Vehicle Use Policy.

B. Board approval of Marin RCD Expenditure Reimbursement Policy.

MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Bob; AYES: Unanimous (Mike, Bob & Terry); NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve of Marin RCD Expenditure Reimbursement Policy.

C. Board approval of Marin RCD Fee for Service Policy.

MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous (Mike, Bob & Terry); NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve 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.

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Unanimous (Mike, Bob & Terry); NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve 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.

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Unanimous (Mike, Bob & Terry); NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve 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.

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous (Mike, Bob & Terry); NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve to re-name the Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program to Marin Permit Coordination Program.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. UPDATES/PROGRAMS/PRESENTATIONS

MRCD Presentations and Guest Updates

- RCD STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION PART 1: Reviewing Marin RCD's Mission, Goals and District Issues. Recommend adopting Humboldt's Plan and come up with our own goals to incorporate within.
- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP - Jim Jensen** - Jim reports they are working on outreach and have been taking calls from landowners about storm damage.
- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service - Brook** - Brook reports no changes in EQIP 2017. They will be accepting applications for EQIP starting March 17th. They are also fielding potential Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP) applicants.
- **Point Blue Conservation Science/STRAW - John Parodi** - John reports that they have planted several species and everything is on track.

RCD Program Updates:

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

- **Urban Streams Coordinator** – 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 plans.
 - **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.
 - \$400K. Wildlife Conservation Board. Pine Gulch. *Pending*
 - \$200K. State Coastal Conservancy. Carbon Farming. **Awarded!**
 - \$387K. Ca Dept. Fish and Wildlife. *Pending*
 - \$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 12:05pm