



## MINUTES

DATE: **Wednesday, March 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 9:32am.**  
 Roll call of directors: Mike Moretti, Terry Sawyer & Steve Doughty. Associate Directors: George Clyde, Richard Plant. Staff: Nancy Scolari, Lynette Niebrugge, Elise Suronen, Sarah Phillips & Michele Harris. Additional Attendees: Laurette Rogers (Point Blue/STRAW), Ariel De Lara (Natural Resources Conservation Science), Erica Mikesch (RCD Engineer), Eric Ettlinger (Marin Municipal Water District), Dylan Voeller (Point Reyes National Seashore), Jennifer Walser (Natural Resources Conservation Science), Heather Furmidge (Point Reyes Resident), Judy Teichman (Local Resident), Vanessa Wyant (Point Blue/STRAW), Leslie Ferguson (State Water Resources Control Board), Dennis Rodoni (Marin County Supervisor, 4<sup>th</sup> District)
2. **INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION:** - Presentation by RCD staff to Supervisor Rodoni introducing Marin RCD programs and partners.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### 3. MINUTES AND FINANCIALS

- A. Board approval of Minutes.

MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Steve; AYES: 3 (Mike, Terry & Steve); NOES: none;

ABSTENSIONS: none to approve February minutes.

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

MOTION: Steve; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous (Mike, Terry & Steve); NOES: none;

ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve RCD financial reports and bills to be paid.

#### 4. DISTRICT

- A. Board approval of a recommendation of the Finance Committee to initiate the RCD staff health insurance reimbursement as budgeted in the FY 16/17 budget line item.

MOTION: Steve; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous (Mike, Steve & Terry); NOES:

none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve of a recommendation of the Finance Committee

to initiate the RCD staff health insurance reimbursement as budgeted in the FY 16/17

budget line item thereby reimbursing staff a sum not to exceed \$450 per month.

- B. Board approval of a recommendation of the Finance Committee to adopt the County of Marin's Paid Time Off formula and Holiday benefits.

MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous (Mike, Steve & Terry); NOES:

none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve of a recommendation of the Finance Committee to adopt the County of Marin's Paid Time Off formula and Holiday benefits.

- C. Board decision to change to start time of the regular monthly board meetings to 9am.

MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Terry; AYES: (Mike & Terry); NOES: (Steve); ABSTENSIONS:

none, to change start time of the regular monthly board meetings to 9am.

#### 5. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS

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

MOTION: Steve; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Unanimous (Mike, Steve & Terry); NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to table until the next meeting.

- B. Board approval of adding Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed representative to the 2017 COW Technical Advisory Committee.

MOTION: Steve; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous (Mike, Steve & Terry); NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve of adding Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed representative to the 2017 COW Technical Advisory Committee.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### 6. Partner Presentations & Updates

- RCD STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION PART 2: Reviewing Marin RCD's Mission, Goals and District Issues. The Board and meeting attendees discussed and amended each goal. Nancy will prepare a draft for review for a future meeting.

#### Updates

- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Jennifer Walser– Jennifer reports they are still accepting applications for EQUIP. They are working on a soil survey. There is a consideration for funding for Contributions Agreements. There is interest in their emergency watershed protection program. The hiring freeze is still on.
- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** – No report
- **Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed** – Vanessa Wyant – Vanessa reports they will almost have completed all Marin RCD's plantings.

#### RCD Program Updates:

- **International Ocean Acidification Meeting:** Terry Sawyer – 800 attendees to discuss water temperature, atmospheric river, PH & agricultural impacts.
- **Urban Streams Coordinator** – The USC has continued to take the required steps to be able to apply for the 'fish relocation' permit from National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Five site visits were conducted and 11 streamside residents were assisted that did not require site visits. Additional site visits have been scheduled for March due to so many homeowners in distress over bank erosion from this season's heavy rain events and a driving need to understand the permitting process. Finally, in addition to attending stakeholder meetings, the USC has been planning this year's native riparian plant propagation classes for residents, more collaborative riparian restoration projects with new partners and looking into additional funding for rebate-incentivizing programs.
- **Finance Committee:** The Finance Committee has met and reviewed health insurance, Paid Time Off benefits and Financial Procedures. Recommended benefits are on this agenda for approval. The committee will be meeting in late March to review and discuss a Salary Step Schedule and Retirement benefits. A copy of the Marin RCD Financial Procedures is available upon request.
- **Marin Carbon Project** – 3 carbon farm plans are complete. 4 drafts are complete. 3 are being initiated. All will be complete by June. Staff attended the CA Climate & Ag Network Conference.
- **Dairy CARES:** Staff will be completing maps for dairy producers in the next two months to assist with compliance with the Dairy General Order.
- **Black Mountain Roads** –Tasks remaining: fencing and minor erosion control work.
- **Americano Creek Watershed** – Gold Ridge RCD is proceeding with carbon farm plans for orchards.
- **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:** Clyde in Point Reyes 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. We are currently working on Hog Island Oyster Company’s Earth Day “let’s give a shuck” event.
    - \$400K. Wildlife Conservation Board. Pine Gulch. *Recommended*
    - \$100K. County of Marin Urban Streams Coordinator. *Awarded!*
    - \$387K. Ca Dept. Fish and Wildlife. *Pending*
    - \$600K. State Water Resources Control Board. Dairy Assistance. *EPA Freeze*
  - **District:** The fiscal audit is near complete. Performance evaluations are underway. 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, Long Range Plan and Annual Plan. If we meet Tier 1 minimum requirements, we will be eligible to received #30K from the Department of Conservation for other programs.
  - **Landowner Requests:** 19 stakeholders requested assistance in February (1 gully, 1 levee, 1 road, 16 urban residents).
7. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- March 21. 4-6:30. Solutions to Climate Change in our Rural Landscape. Blue Circle. San Mateo.
  - April 5. Dairy CARES Drop In at Farm Bureau
  - April 24. LAFCO Board Ballot for Regular Special District Member serving a 4 year term.
8. CORRESPONDENCE
- Healthy Soil Letter Recommendations to Secretary Karen Ross, CDFA
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 12:00pm