



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, April 12th, 2017**

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

1. Regular meeting opening at **9:00 a.m. (NEW TIME!)**. Roll call and introduction of guests.

ACTION ITEMS

2. MINUTES, FINANCIALS- 10 min.
 - A. Board approval of Regular Meeting Minutes
 - B. Board approval of RCD financial report and bills to be paid.
3. DISTRICT – 15 min.
 - A. Board approval of letter to Marin County Board of Supervisors directing County Counsel to draft a ballot measure for a watershed restoration parcel tax.
 - B. Request to approve Resolution of the Board of Directors approving a request for financial assistance from the California Department of Conservation.
 - C. Request to approve Resolution of the Board of Directors approving an application for grant funds from the Wildlife Conservation Board for the Pine Gulch Water Rights and Instream Flow Enhancement Project.
4. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS (COW) – 10 min.
 - A. Board approval to execute a \$22,729 Professional Services Contract with Prunuske Chatham Inc. to provide planning services for COW V projects.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 9:45 a.m.

5. Partner Presentations & Updates
 - **RCD STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION PART 3**: 20 min
The District's current Long Range Plan is in the process of review and revision. We will review the Strategies for Goals 1 and 2.

Partner Updates – 15 min.

- **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 – 45 min:

- **Marin Permit Coordination Program Renewal** – Elise Suronen, Marin RCD
- **2017 Proposed Projects** – Elise Suronen, Marin RCD
- **Urban Streams Program:** The US Coordinator received six requests for site visits and even more requests for general guidance around permit compliance and creek health. The US Coordinator attended the annual Salmonid Restoration Federation conference in Davis which enabled an opportunity to grow professionally, learn up to date restoration techniques for salmonids and network in order to secure new partnerships/advisors in Marin. USC Program is currently seeking a different funding source to implement the Landowners Assistance Program since FRGP (Fisheries Restoration Grant Program) funds did not come through.
- **Finance Committee:** The Finance Committee has reviewed staff salaries and a proposed salary schedule. Retirement benefits have not been reviewed. A copy of the Marin RCD Financial Procedures were reviewed and are provided for your information.
- **Marin Carbon Project** – 4 carbon farm plans are complete. 5 are underway. All will be complete by end of July. Staff gave presentations to Hog Island Oyster staff and the Blue Circle in San Mateo County.
- **Dairy CARES:** Staff is completing a series of maps for seven dairy producers to assist with compliance with the Dairy General Order located in the SF Bay Region. The General Order for the North Coast Region is expiring and public meetings will be held in the near future.
- **Black Mountain Roads** – Fencing and erosion control work were completed by the landowner as a matching contribution to the grant. This project is now complete!
- **Americano Creek Watershed** – Gold Ridge RCD is proceeding with carbon farm plans for orchards. The design for the rainwater catchment / greywater project at the Valley Ford Cheese Company has been completed and construction is planned.
- **Conserving Our Watersheds:** Nine projects are complete! Four planting projects are now complete! Twelve new projects have been submitted by landowners for funding.
- **Media/Outreach:** *Reviled invasive taking root in San Geronimo Valley*, Samantha Kimmey, Point Reyes Light.
- **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. *Awarded!*
 - \$387K. CA Dept. Fish and Wildlife. *Not Awarded* ☹
 - \$600K. State Water Resources Control Board. Dairy Assistance. *EPA Freeze*
 - \$44,000. Ca Dept. of Conservation. *Pending*
- **District:** Staff provided a presentation the Marin RCD's Permit Coordination Program to the North Bay Watershed Association. Staff investigated requirements of the CA Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Program. Performance evaluations and salary comparisons were completed. Board and Staff have completed Tier 1 RCD compliance. Ethics Training is now completed for all directors!!!!
- **Landowner Requests:** Staff received 30 requests for assistance in February (12 agricultural and 18 urban landowners)

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- April 12. Dairy CARES, Western United Dairymen Drop In Session at Farm Bureau
- April 24. LAFCO Board Ballot for Regular Special District Member serving a 4 year term.
- May 9. CDQAAP Spring Workshop at Farm Bureau

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- Letters of Support were provided to Marin RCD from Marin Conservation League, Marin Ag Land Trust, UC Cooperative Extension, Marin County Supervisor Dennis Rodoni and Assemblyman Marc Levine for the Conservancy Climate Resiliency grant.
- LAFCO Draft Amendments to Policies on Outside Service Extensions
- Environmental Assessment/Public Comment Period for the Lagunitas Creek-Tocaloma/Jewell Floodplain and Riparian Enhancement Project
- Environmental Assessment/Public Comment Period for the Lagunitas Creek Winter Habitat and Floodplain Enhancement

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. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

California Government Code Section 54957.6

Designated Representative: Nancy Scolari, Executive Director

Employee Organization: Unrepresented

10. MEETING ADJOURNED