



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, May 10th, 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. CARBON FARMING – 5 min.
 - A. Board approval of Resolution 04-2017 authorizing Conservancy grant funding and execution by a representative of the Marin RCD of a grant agreement on terms and conditions required by the Conservancy.
4. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS (COW) – 45 min.
 - A. Board approval to plan and design the Stemple Creek Riparian Planting and Livestock Crossing Project.
 - B. Board approval of COW Selection Criteria used in ranking the 2017 COW projects.
 - C. Board approval of TAC recommended 2017 COW projects into the planning and design phase.
5. PINE GULCH INSTREAM FLOW ENHANCEMENT PROJECT – 45 min.
 - A. Board approval to pursue emergency contracting procedures pursuant to Public Contract Code §§1102 and 22050 to repair two ponds of the Pine Gulch Instream Flow Enhancement Project.
 - B. Board approval to execute contract #2017-02, a \$12,000 Professional Services Contract with Erickson Engineering to design, inspect and complete as-built drawings for two ponds.
 - C. Board approval to execute contract #2017-03, an \$18,000 Professional Services Contract with Miller Pacific Engineering Group to provide geotechnical services for the construction of two ponds.
 - D. Board approval to execute contract #2017-04, a \$31,665 Professional Services Contract with Prunuske Chatham Inc. to provide biological services in the installation of pond liners for two ponds.

- E. Board approval to execute contract #2017-05, a \$4,850 Professional Services Contract with Conservation Corps North Bay to assist professional staff with biological services and/or restoration maintenance at the Pine Gulch Instream Flow Enhancement Project.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 11 a.m.

6. Partner Presentations & Updates

- **RCD STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION**: 05 min
The District's current Long Range Plan is in the process of review and revision. We will review the edits for Goal 1 and possibly 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
- **Urban Streams Program**: The US Coordinator assisted many residents regarding soil bioengineering resources, regulatory process for bank stabilization projects, planting pallets, technical contact information and the emergency project process. As well, USC supported two watershed groups in Marin. USC presented on the Marin RCD's Permit Coordination Program to the Gallinas Sanitary District in hopes to acquire financial support for its renewal. Finally, USC supported MMWD in their smolt monitoring efforts and has been working on two proposals; CA Dept of Fish & Wildlife's FRGP (Fisheries Restoration Grant Program) and Coastal Conservancy's Prop 1 for the Landowner Assistance Program projects.
- **Finance Committee**: No report.
- **Marin Carbon Project** – 4 carbon farm plans are complete. 5 are underway. All will be complete by end of July.
- **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.
- **Americano Creek Watershed** – Gold Ridge RCD and Pasture Club will be pursuing funding for a couple of projects through the CDFG Alternative Manure Management Program. SludgeHammer has developed the [PondBot](#) which has potential for improving soil health, reducing nutrient loading and reducing GHGs. RCD is looking at some tank storage and spring development options for a dairy and looking for contractors to develop a rainwater catchment system.
- **Conserving Our Watersheds**: Twelve new projects were evaluated at site visits last week. They are presented as an action item at this board meeting.
- **Media/Outreach**: *Marin Farms a New Crop* by Mark Prado, Marin Independent Journal

- **Grant Proposals:** RCD staff is working on a proposal to the State Coastal Conservancy to provide funding to two streambank projects in San Geronimo Valley in addition to funding the Permit Coordination program with Las Gallinas Sanitation District.
 - \$25,902k. North Bay Watershed Association. *Pending*
 - \$159k. CA Dept. Fish and Wildlife-San Geronimo. *Pending*
 - \$152k. CA Dept. Fish and Wildlife – Walker Roads. *Pending*
 - \$600k. CA State Water Resources Control Board. Dairy Assistance. *Awarded!*
 - \$46k. CA Dept. of Conservation. *Awarded!*
 - \$9k. Let’s Give a Shuck. *Awarded!*
- **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 and met with Local Agency Formation Commission staff regarding RCD services outside of district boundaries.
- **Landowner Requests:** Staff received 18 requests for assistance in February (4 agricultural and 14 urban landowners)

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- May 9. CDQAAP Spring Workshop at Farm Bureau
- May 16 10a.m. Market Hall Project (Farmers Market) goes before Supervisors.
- May 18. Seed Fund Tour at Toluma Farms
- May 31.9-12. Ag Roundtable at Nicasio Druids Hall
- July 14. Nominations for Leopold Conservation Award

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- LAFCO Draft Amendments to Policies on Outside Service Extensions

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