



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, June 14, 2017**

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

1. Regular meeting opening at **9:00 a.m.** Roll call and introduction of guests.

ACTION ITEMS

2. MINUTES, FINANCIALS– 10 min.
 - A. Board approval of Regular and Special Meeting Minutes
 - B. Board approval of RCD financial report and bills to be paid.
3. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS (COW) – 45 min.
 - A. Board approval to award two cost proposals for projects draining into the Nicasio Reservoir: 1) a riparian fence and 2) a water development.
 - B. Board approval of TAC recommended 2017 COW projects into the planning and design phase.
4. MARIN COASTAL PERMIT COORDINATION PROGRAM (PCP) – 45 min.
 - A. Board approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the North Bay Watershed Association and their fiscal agent, the Marin Municipal Water District to provide financial assistance in the development of the PCP.
 - B. Board approval to execute contract #2017-07, a \$27,252 Professional Services Contract with Prunuske Chatham Inc. to execute Phase II of the PCP recertification.
 - C. Board request to issue a Notice of Exemption for Point Reyes National Seashore Projects 2017.01-04 under California Environmental Quality Act Class 3 §15303 and §15333.
 - D. Board request to authorize Point Reyes National Seashore Projects 2017.01-04 into the 2017 PCP and to open the public comment for a period of 30 days.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 11:00 a.m.

5. Partner Presentations & Updates
 - **RCD STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION** : 15 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 begin Goal 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** – The PCP Administrative Project Description is under review and edit by Marin RCD’s partners.
- **Urban Streams Program:** One site visit was conducted in Fairfax related to creek bank erosion and 18 stakeholders were assisted or supported with resources and answers to their questions. The first of six free native plant propagation classes was held on May 20th at the Bear Valley Visitor Center’s Red Barn Classroom to learn about Integrated Pest Management, pollinators and habitat-gardening. As well, USC with Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed group, College of Marin and Marin County’s Flood Control Department came together to conduct restoration at the school’s Lot 15 area along Murphy Creek.
- **Finance Committee:** No report.
- **Marin Carbon Project** – 4 carbon farm plans are complete. 5 are underway. All will be complete by end of July. One tour was provided for the Seed Foundation.
- **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** – The Valley Ford Cheese Company rainwater catchment project continues to move forward and Gold Ridge RCD will be hosting a bid tour on Friday, June 30th at 10 am. The Pond Bot project has been submitted to CA Dept. of Food and Ag for consideration.
- **Conserving Our Watersheds:** One riparian fence was completed. One water development will begin soon. Two Requests for Cost Proposals went out to bid. Twelve new projects were evaluated; projects are presented as an action item at this board meeting.
- **Media/Outreach:** RCD staff provided Clean Water Act budget information to Marin Conservation League, Indivisible West Marin and Bay Nature Magazine
- **Grant Proposals:** The Urban Streams Coordinator (USC) submitted proposals to CA Dept of Fish & Wildlife’s Fisheries Restoration Grant Program and State Coastal Conservancy Prop 1 to implement two Landowner Assistance Program projects.
 - \$25,902k. North Bay Watershed Association. *Awarded!*
 - \$195k. CA Dept. Fish and Wildlife - San Geronimo. *Pending*
 - \$152k. CA Dept. Fish and Wildlife – Walker Roads. *Pending*
 - \$239,994. State Coastal Conservancy – San Geronimo. *Pending*
- **District:** Staff provided a presentation on the Marin RCD’s Permit Coordination Program to the North Bay Watershed Association. Staff attended the County’s Annual Ag Summit.
- **Landowner Requests:** Staff received 23 requests for assistance in February (4 agricultural and 19 urban landowners)

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- June 10-11: Fairfax's EcoFest at the Pavilion (USC will be tabling with Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed)
- June 20: Native Plant Propagation Class at Red Barn classroom at Bear Valley Visitor Center 10am-12pm (about seeds!)
- June Drop In Session for Dairy compliance with General Order. Petaluma.
- June 28: Spring Carbon Farm Tour
- June 28. 10:30am-12pm: Petaluma River TMDL meeting. NRCS, Petaluma.
- June 29: Carbon Farm Tour with Patagonia
- July 14: Nominations for Leopold Conservation Award

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter supporting Lawson's Landing/NRCS Wetlands Dune Complex proposal to State Coastal Conservancy

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. MEETING ADJOURNED