



MINUTES

DATE: **Wednesday, July 12, 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 President at 9:30am

Roll call of directors: Mike Moretti & Terry Sawyer (left at 11:40), Associate Directors: Richard Plant & George Clyde, Staff: Nancy Scolari, Elise Suronen, Lynette Niebrugge & Sarah Phillips. Additional Attendees: Zach Mendes (Marin Agricultural Land Trust, Stewardship Project Manager), Eric Rubenstahl (Marin Agricultural Land Trust, Stewardship Project Manager), Jim Jensen (Marin Agricultural Land Trust, Stewardship Project Manager), Nicole Casartelli (San Domenico High School), Lee Erickson (Erickson Engineering), Jason Hoorn (Gold Ridge RCD, Project Manager), Dylan Voeller (Point Reyes National Seashore), Brook Cole (Natural Resources Conservation Service). Kathie Lowrey (Prunuske Chatham Senior Planner)

ACTION ITEMS

2. MINUTES AND FINANCIALS

A. Board approval of Regular Minutes.

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

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

MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous (Terry & Mike) NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve RCD financial reports and bills to be paid.

C. Board approval of Resolution to Borrow up to \$350,000 in the 17/18 Fiscal Year to make full and timely payments for work completed by improved ranch practices.

MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Unanimous (Terry & Mike) NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve of resolution to Borrow up the \$350,000 in the 17/18 Fiscal Year to make full and timely payments for work completed by improved ranch practices.

D. Board approval of letter requesting County financial support of RCD programs in the amount of \$100,000.

MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Unanimous (Terry & Mike) NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve of letter requesting County financial support of RCD programs in the amount of \$100,000.

E. Board approval of Marin RCD FY 17/18 Annual Budget.

MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Unanimous (Terry & Mike) NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve of Marin RCD FY 17/18 Annual Budget.

3. GRANTS & FUNDING

A. Board request to sponsor grant proposal to Cal Recycle's Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Clean Up Program to clean up Stemple Creek tributary.

MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous (Terry & Mike) NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to request to sponsor grant proposal to Cal Recycle's Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Clean Up Program to clean up Stemple Creek tributary.

4. PINE GULCH INSTREAM FLOW ENHANCEMENT

- A. Board approval to execute Construction Contract #2017-18 with Rege Construction Inc. to install two liners for the Pine Gulch Instream Flow Enhancement Project pursuant to Public Contract Code §22050.
 MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Unanimous (Terry & Mike); NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve to execute Construction Contract #2017-18 with Rege Construction Inc. to install 1 (Warren's) liner for the Pine Gulch Instream Flow Enhancement Project pursuant to Public Contract Code §15303. The other pond (Peter's) will be tabled until the next meeting
5. MARIN COASTAL PERMIT COORDINATION PROGRAM (PCP)
- A. Board approval of Notice of Exemption under CEQA, §15303 for a riparian fence installation on a tributary to Nicasio Reservoir.
 MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous (Terry & Mike) NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none to approve of Notice of Exemption under CEQA, §15303 for a riparian fence installation on a tributary to Nicasio Reservoir.
- B. Board approval to close the 30-day public comment period for the 2017/18 Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program projects located within the Point Reyes National Seashore.
 MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Unanimous (Terry & Mike) NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none to approve to close the 30-day public comment period for the 2017/18 Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program projects located within the Point Reyes National Seashore.
- C. Board approval to include additional conservation practices into the 2017 Draft Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program California Environmental Quality Act Initial Study.
 MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Unanimous (Terry & Mike) NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none to approve to include additional conservation practices into the 2017 Draft Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program California Environmental Quality Act Initial Study.
6. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS (COW)
- A. Board approval of Technical Advisory Committee for second round of COW funding.
 MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Unanimous (Terry & Mike) NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none to approve of Technical Advisory Committee for second round of COW funding to include Mike Moretti, Leslie Ferguson, David Lewis, Kristan Flynn, PCI Engineer & a STRAW employee.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. Partner Presentations & Updates

- RCD STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION: The District's current Long Range Plan is in the process of review and revision. Please provide comments on revised goals.

Partner Updates

- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service** –Brook Cole reports that Jennifer Walser is on detail in Kentucky. They have an intern on staff. They currently have no engineering back log!
- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** – Jim Jensen reports that they are still working on monitoring about 80 easements. They will have 3 or 4 easements projects that are smaller coming up in the next couple months. Still battling distaff & thistles. They are encouraging land owners to apply NRCS funding.
- **Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed** – No report

RCD Program Updates:

- **Urban Streams Program:** The USC is continuing plans to conduct restoration on Larsen Creek with Lagunitas School, has carried out five (5) sites visits, assisted 10 stakeholders, educated more than 25 residents while tabling at Fairfax's EcoFest, attended the quarterly Lagunitas TAC meeting, and led a CDFW Technical Review Team tour for a Landowner Assistance Program project on San Geronimo Creek. Please see USC's Board Report attached for more information.
- **Finance Committee:** The Finance Committee reviewed the proposed FY 17/18 Budget.
- **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 Patagonia.
- **Dairy CARES:** Staff is completing a series of maps for nine 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. Gold Ridge RCD held a bid tour on June 30th.
- **Conserving Our Watersheds:** One water development began. One fence and one water development will start late July. Three out of the four landowners recently adopted into the COW Program met with RCD staff to discuss the program process.
- **Media/Outreach:** RCD staff provided budget information to the Point Reyes Light.
- **Grant Proposals:** Marin RCD is asked to submit a proposal to the Gamble Foundation. Marin Carbon Project is discussing a submittal to the Healthy Soils Initiative. Staff attended a meeting organized by Senator McGuire to receive information and feedback on the State's Alternative Manure Management Program. Staff is setting up site visits for the Walker Roads Team Assessment. RCD staff held Walker Roundup meeting to determine next steps for projects in the watershed.
 - \$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 attended a MALT tour at Black Mountain Ranch and presented on the roads project.
- **Landowner Requests:** Staff received 22 requests for assistance in June (4 agricultural and 18 urban landowners)

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Steve Doughty has resigned from the RCD Board after 16 years ☹
- Michele Harris, our accountant, is also moving on ☹
- July 8, 10-2pm. Native Plant Propagation Class, "Thinking Like Nature" at Red Barn, Bear Valley Visitor Center
- July 15, 9:30am. Fairfax Creek Clean-up Event. Meeting at Peri Park in Fairfax.
- July 26, 3-5pm. Tomales Bay Watershed Council. Pacific Coast Learning Center
- July 14. Nominations for Leopold Conservation Award.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- None

10. 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.

11. MEETING ADJOURNED 12:07pm