



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, September 13, 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.
2. Oath of Office: Administer Oath of Office to newly appointed RCD Board Member - Peter Martinelli
3. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM: CSMART (Collaboration: Sea-level Marin Adaptation Response Team): 30 min.**
Alex Westhoff, Marin County Community Development Agency

ACTION ITEMS

4. DISTRICT, MINUTES, FINANCIALS– 20 min.
 - A. Board approval of Regular and Special Meeting Minutes.
 - B. Board approval of RCD financial report and bills to be paid.
 - C. Board approval of Resolution authorizing a MRCD agent to sign all invoices and reports for submittal to the Department of Conservation.
 - D. Board approval of Resolution authorizing submittal of an application for all CalRecycle Grants for which MRCD is eligible.
 - E. Board approval to reappoint George Clyde to the position of Associate Director.
5. PINE GULCH INSTREAM FLOW ENHANCEMENT – 30 min.
 - A. Board approval of Resolution of Commendation to the North Bay Chapter of Trout Unlimited for their participation in the Pine Gulch Creek Instream Flow Enhancement Project.
 - B. Board approval of Resolution of Commendation to the Marin Agricultural Land Trust for their participation in the Pine Gulch Creek Instream Flow Enhancement Project.
6. CA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT & PERMITS – 15 min.
 - A. Board approval to execute Contract #2017-10 with Prunuske Chatham Inc. to provide CEQA consultation services to renew the Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program.
 - B. Request Board approval of Categorical Exemption under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Class 33 – CCR §15333 for the Conserving Our Watershed Ranch Habitat Improvement Project (#2017.06).
7. COUNTY MEASURES – 15 min.
 - A. Request Board approval of Measure-A Status Report and 2017/18 Work Plan.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 10:30 a.m.

8. Partner Presentations & Updates -

- Conditional Grazing Waiver - Rene LeClerc, SF Regional Water Quality Control Board
- 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 Goals 4 & 5.

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 – 15 min:

- **Urban Streams Program**: The USC is continuing plans to conduct restoration on Larsen Creek with Lagunitas School, with recent confirmation from a private donor in the watershed to fund the project. USC has carried out 4 site visits, assisted 16 stakeholders, attended the Coho Confab Conference, conducted electro-fishing with CDFW and carried out the highest attended monthly plant propagation class as of yet! USC is currently in the planning stages for at least two creek clean-up events this fall and a rainwater harvesting workshop to aid in stormwater management and water quality improvement in urban areas.
- **Carbon Farming Program** – 6 carbon farm plans are complete. 4 are underway. All will be complete in 2017. Over 400 Solicitation notices were sent out, 10 applications have been received. September 18 – 21 MCP will conduct site visits for selection of at least 4 new carbon farm plans. Staff presented to the Marin County Climate Action Plan Subcommittee. The County has offered to provide assistance!
- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program**: One fence and one alternative water development complete. One fence starting and one water development continues. One planting project for this season.
- **Dairy CARES Program**: Staff is completing a series of maps for 12 dairy producers to assist with compliance with the Dairy General Order located in the SF Bay Region. 12 of 12 dairy facility maps have been completed. On September 26 Staff and Dairy Quality Assurance will host workshop to assist dairy producers with Waste Management Plans.
- **Americano Creek Watershed** – No update.
- **Media/Outreach**: “Peter Martinelli Joins the Marin RCD Board of Directors” Sonoma-Marín Farm News and Marin IJ (Thanks George!). “Farmland Can Sequester Carbon from the Atmosphere” Voice of America
- **Grant Opportunities**: Grant Opportunities: Marin RCD considered an RCD application to the State's Healthy Soils Initiative however the program requirements are difficult to meet. Instead, staff will be focusing on providing assistance to individual producers who have Carbon Farm Plans who wish to apply to the producer program independently. The Alternative Manure Management Program is

also available to producers if they have 100% design plans in place. The maximum grant is \$750k (see attached fact sheets for these programs) We are working with UCCE and the County to determine permitting requirements.

- \$50k. Gamble Foundation – Permit Program. *Pending*
- \$40k. CalRecycle – Farm & Ranch Clean Up Program. *Pending*
- \$195k. CA Dept. Fish and Wildlife - San Geronimo. *Pending*
- \$152k. CA Dept. Fish and Wildlife – Walker Roads. *Pending*
- \$240k. State Coastal Conservancy – San Geronimo. *Pending*
- **Finance Committee:** The Finance Committee did not meet.
- **District:** RCD staff has initiated an email outreach database. Let us know what you think! We are also working on an RCD project tracking database. Closing out FY!
- **Landowner’s calling for assistance:** (4 agricultural and 20 urban landowners) Investigated flood problem on Franklin School Road

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome our new employee Darrylin Mollath!
- Our own George Clyde received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary for his contributions to habitat restoration and limiting the disturbance of wildlife around Tomales Bay.
- Bob Giacomini is being honored as the “Italian-American Citizen of the Year” at the 2017 Annual Marin Columbus Day Civic Celebration.
- September 18th. Pathogen Reduction Applications due to RCD!
- September 19th. Healthy Soils Incentives Program
- September 26th. Dairy Quality Assurance Waste Management Workshop for Producers.
- September 30th. Murphy Creek Clean-up (email Sarah for details!)
- Thurs, September 14th 10:30 am-12:00 pm at Novato Sanitary District at 500 Davidson St. Novato, CA – MRCD Permit Coordination Renewal Workshop (during the NBWA Joint Technical Committee Meeting)
- Thurs, September 28th 9:00 am-11:00 am at Marin County Civic Center Room 410 B at 3501 Civic Center Dr, San Rafael, CA - MRCD Permit Coordination Renewal Workshop

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- CDFA letter providing comment on the DRAFT Alternative Manure Management Program

11. 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.

12. MEETING ADJOURNED