



MINUTES

DATE: **Wednesday, September 13, 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, Peter Martinelli, Bob Giacomini, & Terry Sawyer, Associate Director: George Clyde. Unofficial Associate Director: Richard Plant. Staff: Nancy Scolari, Elise Suronen, Darrylin Mollath & 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), Vanessa Wyant (STRAW), Eric Young (Trout Unlimited), Alex Westoff (Marin County Community Development Agency), and Rene LeClerc (SF Regional Water Quality Control Board).
- 2. Oath of Office:** Peter Martinelli took the Oath of Office, administered by Sally Gale.
- 3. INFORMATION ITEM:** CSMART (Collaboration: Sea Level Marin Adaptation Response Team). Alex Westhoff presented the Board with a thorough introduction to the effects and plans the County of Marin is developing to prepare for rising sea level. His presentation included why the sea is rising, where sea level rise may affect Marin County, capital improvement projects that are being forecast in anticipation of the rising sea level, and more. The purpose of this presentation was to gather concerns from the agricultural community to be included in the CSMART's planning efforts.

ACTION ITEMS

4. MINUTES AND FINANCIALS

- A. Board approval of Regular and Special Meeting Minutes.
MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none to approve the minutes.
- B. Board approval of RCD financial reports and bills to be paid.
MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve RCD financial reports and bills to be paid.
- C. Board approval of Resolution (08-2017) to authorize a MRCD agent (Sarah Phillips) to sign all invoices and reports for submittal to the Department of Conservation.
MOTION: Peter; SECOND: Bob; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve Sarah Phillips, an agent for MRCD, to sign all invoices and reports for submittal to the Department of Conservation.
- D. Board approval of Resolution authorizing submittal of the application for all CalRecycle Grants for which the MRCD is eligible.
MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve the submittal of the application for all CalRecycle Grants for which MRCD is eligible.
- E. Board approval to reappoint George Clyde to the position of Associate Director.

MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve reappointing George Clyde to the position of Associate Director.

5. PINE GULCH INSTREAM FLOW ENHANCEMENT

- A. Board approval of Resolution of Commendation to the North Bay Chapter of Trout Unlimited for their participation in the Pine Gulch Instream Flow Enhancement Project. (photos taken)

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Peter; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve the Resolution of Commendation to the North Bay Chapter of Trout Unlimited for their participation in the Pine Gulch Instream Flow Enhancement Project. Eric Young (Trout Unlimited) accepted commendation and gave a short speech thanking the Marin RCD for the impact they are make on the community.

- 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. Eric Rubenstahl accepted commendation.

6. CA ENVIRONMENT QUALITY ACT & PERMITS

- A. Board approval to execute Construction Contract #2017-10 with Prunuske Chatham Inc. to provide CEQA consultation services to renew the Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program.

MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Bob; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve to execute Construction Contract #2017-10 with Prunuske Chatham Inc. to provide CEQA consultation services to renew the Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program.

- B. 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).

VOTE TAKEN: AYES: Unanimous; NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve the 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

- A. Board approval of Measure-A Status Report and 2017/18 Work Plan. Update given by Elise.

MOTION: Not required.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8. Partner Presentations & Updates -

- **Conditional Grazing Waiver** – Rene LeClerc, SF Regional Water Quality Control Board presented a brief explanation of the Grazing Waiver Implementation efforts.
- **RCD Strategic Planning Session:** The District’s current Long Range Plan is reviewed and revised. Small edits are made to (4) Flora and Fauna and (5) Outreach and Education.
- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** –Jim Jensen, Stewardship Team updated the Board on their monitoring of projects including Millerton Creek Ranch(at the Highway 1 bridge construction site) where a Tidewater Goby was found.
- **Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed** – Vanessa Wyant explained STRAW’S present cycle of summer maintenance and monitoring the survival of their plants, as they say good-bye to their summer interns. Vanessa Wyant announced she will be moving to Seattle after working with Point Blue for 10 years. We are sad to see her go!

RCD Program Updates –

- **Urban Streams Program:** The USC is continuing plans to conduct clean-up on Fairfax (completed) Murphy Creek (Sept 30) and Sleepy Hollow (October 7). They have conducted five (5) free plant propagation workshops (May-October). The USC is breaking ground next month on a project on Larsen Creek. They have received a donation of \$15K from a private land owner in San Geronimo Valley to be used in this project. Next week Sarah will be spending time electro-fishing with the goal of getting closer to applying for the Section 10(A01(A) permit to assist in monitoring salmonids. Please see USC's Board Report attached for more information.
- **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. Terry .George and Mike would like to join the site visits.
- **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 eleven 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. September 26 Staff and Dairy Quality Assurance will host workshop to assist dairy producers with Waste Management Plans.
- **Media/Outreach:** “Peter Martinelli Joins the Marin RCD Board of Directors” Sonoma-Marine Farm News and Marin IJ (thanks George!). “Farmland Can Sequester Carbon from the Atmosphere” Voice of America.
- **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.
 - \$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 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 12:10p.m.