



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, November 8, 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. DISTRICT, MINUTES, FINANCIALS– 15 min.
 - A. Board approval of Regular Meeting Minutes.
 - B. Board approval of RCD financial report and bills to be paid.
 - C. Board selection of Marin RCD Vice President.
3. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS – 45 min.
 - A. Board approval of to execute contract with Point Blue Conservation Science's STRAW program to install the planting project in the San Antonio Creek watershed.
 - B. Board decision on Gallagher/Lagunitas Creek Restoration Project Scope of Work.
 - C. Board approval of Technical Advisory Committee recommended projects for COW Phase-V Program.
4. MARIN COASTAL PERMIT COORDINATION PROGRAM – 15 min.
 - A. Board approval to authorize San Geronimo Creek: Restoring Coho Habitat Project (#2017-07) into the 2017 Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program and to open the public comment period for a period of 30 days.
5. POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT – 30 min.
 - A. Board approval of recommendations to the General Management Plan Amendment.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 10:45 a.m.

6. Partner Presentations & Updates -
 - **RCD STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION**: 10 min.
A DRAFT Marin RCD Strategic Plan is now complete. Please review it and provide comment.

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:

- **Fire Recovery Efforts:** Three staff attended fire recovery training provided by USDA NRCS in partnership with UC Cooperative Extension Service, Sonoma and Gold Ridge RCDs and Sonoma Farm Bureau. NRCS is receiving calls from Marin residents wanting assistance in completing property assessments to create defensible space. We have a collection of “After the Fire” fact sheets.
- **Urban Streams Program:** The USC conducted five site visits and assisted twenty-six stakeholders without a site visit being required. A presentation was given to the Mayor of San Rafael at the Gallinas Watershed Council board meeting in partnership with Marin County Flood Control District regarding the balance of creek cleaning with ecological integrity. USC provided a tour to a group of Sonoma State Restoration Ecology students with Trout Unlimited and MMWD regarding fisheries projects in Lagunitas Creek. Two creek clean-up events were successfully executed in the Sleepy Hollow Creek and Murphy Creek watersheds. USC has been educating and overseeing CA Conservation Corps members conducting restoration work on Larsen Creek for Lagunitas School District and SGV Community Center. The last monthly native plant propagation class took place in October which was well attended and included a potluck. A total of 159 individuals were educated over the last two months in the USC Program!
- **Marin Permit Coordination Program:** Staff has conducted two public meetings in the eastern Marin thanks to North Bay Watershed Association. Staff has also consulted with the water board and other local partners.
- **Carbon Farming Program** – 8 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. MCP selected 5 new carbon farm plans for 2018. RCD staff will work with the Seashore in the development of practices for carbon farm plans within the Park.
- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program:** A fence was completed and an alternative water development nearly complete. One planting project for this season.
- **Dairy CARES Program:** Staff completed 13 maps for dairy producers to assist with compliance with the Dairy General Order/Conditional Waiver. Two producers have called for help after closing date, MALT has assisted 1.
- **Americano Creek Watershed** – Gold Ridge RCD is partnering with CCI and Organic Valley on a Carbon Farm Plan for Ocean Breeze Dairy. Construction of the rainwater harvesting system at Valley Ford Cheese Co. has been delayed until permitting is completed – a building permit and a coastal permit. Permitting was delayed by fire recovery. Furlong will be the contractor on the project which will begin spring of 2018. Gold Ridge received a request from DFW to confirm the presence of the CA Threatened and Unresolved at the Federal level status listing of the Longfin Smelt in the Estero. It appears that the Longfin Smelt will be added to the CNDDDB listing.
- **Media/Outreach:** None
- **Grant Opportunities:** Marin RCD provided assistance to five individual producers with Carbon Farm Plans who wished to apply to the State’s Healthy Soils Initiative.

RCD staff has also been assisting two dairy producers in applications to the State's Alternative Manure Management Program.

- \$240k. State Coastal Conservancy – San Geronimo. *Awarded!*
- \$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*
- \$10k The Seed Fund – Permitting and Planning. *Pending.*
- **Finance Committee:** The Finance Committee met to discuss a cost share policy, review our last fiscal year financials for audit, discuss grants and proposals for next fiscal year, and how we might help neighboring districts with fire recovery.
- **District:** The CPA has reviewed and approved our June 30, 2017 Balance Sheet and the fiscal year audit has been scheduled. In lieu of the Sonoma County wildfires our staff discussed creating emergency contact cards for each of the employee. Updated website with Stemple Creek Watershed Enhancement Plan and working on resolving PayPal donation button.
- **Landowner's calling for assistance:** 6 agricultural and 31 urban landowners requesting assistance.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- BOS will vote on purchase of the Golf Course in SGV on Nov. 14th
- Nov 15-18 CA Association of RCDs Conference. Sacramento CA
- November 15th. Last day to respond to PRNS General Management Plan Amendment Alternatives.
- Holiday Gathering?

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- Supervisor Rodoni Letter of Support for proposed State Coastal Conservancy funded San Geronimo Restoration project.
- Thank you card from Main Street Moms for presentation on RCD.

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