



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, December 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.

ACTION ITEMS

2. DISTRICT, MINUTES, FINANCIALS– 15 min.
 - A. Board approval of Regular and Special Meeting Minutes.
 - B. Board approval of RCD financial report and bills to be paid.
3. MARIN COASTAL PERMIT COORDINATION PROGRAM – 15 min.
 - A. Board approval to close public comment period on December 16 and authorize San Geronimo Creek: Restoring Coho Habitat Project (#2017-07) into the 2017 Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program.
 - B. Board approval of CEQA Notice of Exemption for Nicasio Planting Project.
 - C. Board approval of Scope of Work and CEQA Notice of Exemption for Gallagher/Lagunitas Creek Restoration Project
4. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS – 30 min.
 - A. Board approval of resolution authorizing entering into funding agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board and authorizing a designating a representative for the Upgrading Dairies and Ranches Sustainably in TMDL Watersheds grant.
 - B. Board approval of Technical Advisory Committee recommended projects for COW Phase-V Program.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 10:00 a.m.

5. Partner Presentations & Updates -
 - **2017 STRAW Monitoring Results for Restoration Projects** – Isaiah Thalmayer, STRAW Project Manager

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** – Isaiah Thalmayer

RCD Program Updates – 15 min:

- **Fire Recovery Efforts:** Staff met with the Fire Battalion Chief to inform her of RCD assistance options and to learn about Marin's Fire Safe program.
- **Urban Streams Program:** The USC conducted two site visits and assisted twelve stakeholders without the need to conduct a site visit. Between the site visits, providing a lively presentation in San Rafael and teaching Lagunitas School kids about restoration, a total of 139 individuals were educated in the USC Program for the month. A total of 104 plants consisting of 25 native species were planted along Larsen Creek with Lagunitas School's Open Classroom students. Invasives were removed and erosion control methods were employed in advance of the planting day by the CA Conservation Corps. USC will be meeting with State Coastal Conservancy in December to review the project site that has been recommended for \$200K in funding so stay tuned for that!
- **Carbon Farming Program** – 8 carbon farm plans are complete. 3 are underway. All will be complete in 2017. 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:** One alternative water development is complete while another is nearly complete. Two planting projects for this season.
- **Dairy Waiver:** The deadline to submit paperwork under the Dairy Waiver is December 30th.
- **Americano Creek Watershed** – No report.
- **Media/Outreach:** "Soil Power: The Dirty Way to a Green Planet" Jacques Leslie, New York Times. "Taking Climate-Friendly Farming To Scale" John J Berger, HuffPost
- **Grant Opportunities:** Marin RCD provided assistance to four individual producers with Carbon Farm Plans who wished to apply to the State's Healthy Soils Initiative. All four were awarded funding! RCD staff also assisted two dairy producers in applications to the State's Alternative Manure Management Program. Award results are pending.
 - \$40k. CalRecycle – Farm & Ranch Clean Up Program. *Awarded!*
 - \$195k. CA Dept. Fish and Wildlife – USC, San Geronimo. *Pending*
 - \$152k. CA Dept. Fish and Wildlife – Walker Roads. *Pending*
 - \$10k. The Seed Fund – Permitting and Planning. *Awarded & doubled!*
 - \$100k. County of Marin – Operating. *Awarded!*
 - \$200k. State Coastal Conservancy – USC, San Geronimo. *Pending*
- **Finance Committee:** A meeting was not held.
- **District:** Our audit is schedule to take place in January. Staff attended the CA RCD conference in Sacramento.
- **Landowner's calling for assistance:** 0 agricultural and 14 urban landowners requesting assistance.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- February 6 & 8. Glenn Ranch Revegetation by STRAW.

- Our own Drew Loganbill was selected as Conservation Planner of the Year by CA NRCS!
- Our Urban Streams Program Manager was elected to serve as the Chair to the Lagunitas TAC, 2018-2020 term.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- RCD comment letter on the PRNS General Management Plan Amendment.

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