



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, March 14, 2018**

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 – 45 min.
 - A. Board approval of regular meeting minutes.
 - B. Board approval of RCD financial report and bills to be paid.
 - C. Board approval of the Marin RCD Fiscal Year 16/17 Annual Audit.
3. RCD ENDORSEMENTS – 30 min.
 - A. Board request to endorse the California Water Bond Initiative of 2018.
 - B. Board request to endorse Proposition 68: California Clean Water and Safe Parks Act.
4. RESOLUTIONS – 10 min.
 - A. Board Resolution Number 01-2018 of the Board of Directors of the Marin Resource Conservation District approving and authorizing execution of contract with the CA State Coastal Conservancy for the Restoring Coho Habitat in San Geronimo Creek Project.
 - B. Board Resolution Number 02-2018 of the Board of Directors of the Marin Resource Conservation District approving and authorizing execution of a contract with the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife for the San Geronimo Valley Landowner Assistance Program- Restoring Coho Habitat Project.
 - C. Board Resolution Number 03-2018 of the Board of Directors of the Marin Resource Conservation District approving and authorizing execution of a contract with the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Walker Creek Watershed Assessment and Erosion Prevention Planning Project.
5. PINE GULCH PONDS & INSTREAM FLOW ENHANCEMENT PROJECT – 10 min.
 - A. Board approval to execute \$3,036 contract #C05-2018 with Conservation Corps North Bay to maintain the Pine Gulch Riparian Restoration site.
6. MARIN PERMIT COORDINATION PROGRAM (PCP) – 90 min.
 - A. Board approval to award a contract to complete archaeological review on four (4) 2018 restoration projects.
 - B. Board review and approval of Marin Permit Coordination Program Initial Study for the 30-day agency and public review.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 10:00 a.m.

7. Presentations & Updates:
Partner Updates – 15 min.

- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Petaluma Field Office Staff
- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** – Jim Jensen, Stewardship MANAGER!
- **Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed** – Isaiah Thalmayer, Restoration Manager

RCD Program Updates – 15 min:

- **Urban Streams Program:** The USC met with land/resource managers in Marin County to begin a collaborative approach toward eradicating Japanese knotweed from the Lagunitas Creek watershed. USC also created a new urban creek maintenance guidance document and provided a presentation to Gallinas Watershed Council and Miller Creek Watershed Stewards about urban streams maintenance. USC conducted one steelhead spawner survey with MMWD staff and is working with SPAWN and a resident on a reach-scale, instream habitat improvement project. Finally, USC attended two workshops in February; a soil bioengineering workshop with the SF Regional Water Quality Control Board and a workshop organized by MCL about fire and fuel management in Marin.
- **Carbon Farming Program** – 9 carbon farm plans are complete. 2 are underway. MCP selected 4 new carbon farm plans, 5 plans will be written in 2018. RCD staff is working with the Seashore in the development of practices for carbon farm plans within the Park. The MCP Implementation Task Force is reviewing carbon project selection criteria to present to the RCD Board for approval.
- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program:** No report.
- **RCD Project Tracker** – RCD staff has been uploading information to track RCD projects. A presentation will be provided at a future meeting.
- **Americano Creek Watershed** – Gold Ridge RCD is working with Carbon Cycle Institute and Organic Valley on a Carbon Farm Plan in Valley Ford. The Valley Ford Cheese Co. rainwater catchment project will be constructed soon.
- **Media/Outreach:** “Private Residence In San Geronimo Is Site Of Coho Salmon Restoration Project” by GClyde in Farm Bureau News. “CA Funds Alternative Manure Management Projects”, BioCycle Magazine. “West Marin ranch gets grant to reduce greenhouse gas”, Marin IJ.
- **Grant Opportunities:** RCD was asked by an Anonymous funder to submit a proposal. A proposal was submitted to provide outreach and information to landowners in the Walker Creek watershed in addition to assisting ranchers in the seashore with conservation mapping. A second proposal was submitted to USDA NRCS to fund technical services across Sonoma and Marin RCDs. Staff is considering a few other grant opportunities for dairy manure and soil health projects. The County is deliberating continuation of Urban Streams.
 - \$195k. CA Dept. Fish and Wildlife – USC, San Geronimo. *Awarded!*
 - \$152k. CA Dept. Fish and Wildlife – Walker Roads. *Pending*
 - \$200k. State Coastal Conservancy – USC, San Geronimo. *Awarded!*
 - \$50K. Anonymous Foundation – Walker Creek Outreach and Seashore. *Pending*
 - \$25K. USDA NRCS – Biological and Permitting Services. *Pending*
- **Finance Committee:** A meeting was held on March 7th to review the annual audit, future grant opportunities and existing grant programs. A rebate program will be investigated.

- **District:** Completed Annual Audit. Initiated Annual Report for website publishing. Nancy presented to the Rotary Club of Ross Valley.
- **Landowner's calling for assistance:** 0 agricultural and 0 urban landowners requesting assistance.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- March 9. Deadline to apply for CDFA Healthy Soils Technical Assistance Program
- March 30. Deadline to apply for CDFW Fisheries Restoration Grant Program
- April 13. Deadline for producers to apply to CDFA Healthy Soils Program
- April 16. Deadline to apply for CDFA Small Dairy Climate Change Research Program
- April 17. Deadline to apply for NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant Program
- May 11. Sonoma Marin Ag Roundtable. Location TBD.

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