



## AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, April 11, 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 – 15 min.

- A. Board approval of regular meeting minutes.
- B. Board approval of RCD financial report and bills to be paid.

3. RESOLUTIONS – 10 min.

- A. Board Resolution Number 04-2018 of the governing body of the Marin Resource Conservation District, declaring that governing body members and volunteers shall be deemed to be employees of the district for the purpose of providing workers compensation coverage for said certain individuals while providing their services.
- B. Board Resolution Number 05-2018 of the governing body of the Marin Resource Conservation District, proposing an election be held in its jurisdiction; requesting the Board of Supervisors to consolidate with any other election conducted on said date, and requesting election service by the Marin County Elections Department.

4. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS (COW) – 20 min.

- A. Board approval of revised scope of work for COW Project #2018-03 to include a feeding manger and exclude earth work.
- B. Board approval of riparian fence design and cost estimate for COW Project #2017-05.

5. MARIN PERMIT COORDINATION PROGRAM (PCP) – 30 min.

- A. Board approval to open 30-day review of 2018 proposed projects into the Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program and accept the proposed projects on May 11, 2018 contingent upon receiving no public comment.

6. CARBON FARMING PROGRAM – 30 min.

- A. Board approval of Selection Criteria used in the ranking of proposed carbon farming projects.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 11:00 a.m.**

7. Presentations & Updates:

Presentations – 15 min.

- An introduction to RCD Project Tracker – Nancy Scolari

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:** USC conducted three site visits, attended a soil bioengineering training by the Regional Board, carried out a rainwater harvesting workshop in San Geronimo Valley, led about 100 Geography of Hope Conference attendees in an educational talk followed by restoration on Lagunitas Creek planting of over 130 trees and attended the Tomales Bay Watershed Council's Science Symposium. Lastly, the USC was nominated to lead a group of Marin County land managers in the education and eradication of Japanese knotweed. The group is called MKAT (Marin Knotweed Action Team).
- **Pine Gulch Ponds & Instream Flow Enhancement Project:** Licenses must be prepared to follow up on permits. Changes of Petitions are required.
- **Carbon Farming Program:** 9 carbon farm plans are complete. 3 are underway. MCP selected 4 new carbon farm plans, 5 plans will be written in 2018. The Seashore will not permit planning to occur on the ranches prior to the completion of their environmental review process. The MCP Implementation Task Force reviewed carbon project selection criteria to present to the RCD Board for approval.
- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program:** Six projects are in the design phase.
- **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:** Terry was interviewed on KWMR and described the RCD's role in the Tomales Bay watershed. RCD Staff was interviewed by Aquarium of the Pacific's Seafood for the Future program.
- **Grant Opportunities:** Staff will be assisting dairy producers with grant applications alongside UCCE staff. Staff is working on a USDA CIG grant to support soil sampling for one demonstration project. 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 rebate program description was created and submitted to an attorney to prepare for a Department of Industrial Relations formal determination to exempt prevailing wage requirements when using a rebate program.
- **District:** Working on our Annual Report
- **Landowner's calling for assistance:** 0 agricultural and 8 urban landowners requesting assistance.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- April 3. April 4.
- April 6. Leslie Ferguson, SF Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board and Gail Seymour, CA Department of Fish and Wildlife receive the Marin Conservation League Ted Wellman Water Award!
- April 11-14. Salmonid Restoration Federation Conference in Fortuna, CA
- 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
- April 23. Tomales Bay Watershed Council's Semi-Annual Meeting (Marconi Center)
- April 24. 1:30pm. Marin County Local Coastal Program Amendment Hearing. Civic Center
- 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**