



## MINUTES

DATE: **Wednesday, February 11th, 2026**

PLACE: **Marin Farm Bureau Conference Room, 520 Mesa Road, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956**

**1. A regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Terry Sawyer, President, at 9 a.m.**

Roll call of Directors: Terry Sawyer, Gerald Meral, David Sherwood, Melissa Williams and Mike Moretti (arriving at 9:10)

Associate Directors: George Clyde, John Dolcini, Paul Ingle and Guido Frosini

Staff: Nancy Scolari, Cora Richard, Preston Duncan, Gerhard Epke, Lee Farese, Sarah Skinker, Sarah Phillips, Fiona O'Neill, Elise Suronen, Emilie Winfield

Additional Attendees: Albert Straus (Straus Dairy), Isaiah Thalmayer (STRAW), Jessie Ditmar (STRAW), Jordan Dixon (STRAW), Chad White (Marin Biomass Project), Scott Dunbar & Lily Verdone (MALT), Martha Davis (Nicasio Land Owners Association), Greg Richardson & Rodd Kelsey (The Nature Conservancy), Dylan Voeller (NPS), Jim Jensen (All Hands Ecology), Joe Deviney (Marin Ag Commissioner), Sophia Carter & Tess Elliot (PR Light), Rebecca Burgess (Fibershed)

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

**2. DISTRICT:**

- A. Board approval of regular Meeting Minutes. ~ *Cora Richard, Bookkeeper*  
MOTION: David; SECOND: Jerry; AYES: Terry, Jerry, Mike, David & Melissa; NOES: None; ABSENT: none; to approve January 2026 Board Minutes.
- B. Board approval of the Financial Report. ~ *Cora Richard, Bookkeeper*  
MOTION: Melissa; SECOND: David; AYES: Terry, Jerry, Mike, David & Melissa; NOES: None; ABSENT: none; to approve the Financial Report and direct the monthly Finance Committee to talk through how we are approving employee expenses now that our reimbursement system has changed due to new payroll system.

**3. PROGRAMS:**

- A. Request the Board execute Amendment #3 to Professional Services Agreement #C05-2022 (CDW LLC) that adds \$75,000 to the contract. These changes are proposed to align with the revised budget and plan for the project. ~ *Chad White, Marin Biomass Project Manager*  
MOTION: Mike; SECOND: David; AYES: Terry, Jerry, Mike, David & Melissa; NOES: None; ABSENT: none; to execute Amendment #3 to Professional Services Agreement #C05-2022
- B. Board decision to convene an ad hoc committee in developing a scope of work between Marin RCD and The Nature Conservancy to determine potential roles and/or contractual agreements for services in the Point Reyes National Seashore. ~ *Nancy Scolari, Executive Director and Greg Richardson, The Nature Conservancy*

MOTION: Terry; SECOND: David; AYES: Terry, Jerry, Mike, David & Melissa; NOES: None; ABSENT: none; to convene an ad hoc committee to draft a SOW to be presented to the Board with no contractual obligation.

#### 4. INFORMATIONAL:

- COW MILC grant update. Status of the Stemple Creek and Drakes Bay dairy project with a focus on the manure pond decommissioning plans in the Seashore. ~*Gerhard Epke, Water Quality Program Manager*  
Work began in January 2025 and is slated for completion in September 2027. Gerhard shared project overviews and asked for a Board member to fill Sally's now vacant spot on his Technical Advisory Group.
- MALT Strategic Framework ~*Lily Verdone, MALT Executive Director*  
Lily shared MALT's recent strategic plan, which is more of a framework than a plan. The process to complete this framework took 6 months.

#### Partner Updates:

- **The Nature Conservancy**- Greg shared that The Nature Conservancy will have a website in the next week or so. They continue to hold community check-ins. These community check-ins are on Thursday afternoons, 3-6:30pm and are located at the Health and Human Services Center. They are in the process of signing contracts with a grazer who was awarded the grazing lease in response for the Request for Proposals. More info to come.
- **Marin Agricultural Commissioner**- Joe Deviney, Marin County Agricultural Commissioner. Joe was not present at this point in the meeting.
- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**– Petaluma Field Office Staff  
No NRCS staff present at this meeting.
- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** – MALT Stewardship Staff  
Their small grants application period ends this Friday (2/13).
- **Point Blue & Students & Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW)**– Point Blue Staff  
Point Blue has a couple of projects that are nearly finished. They will be holding more planting days and welcomed folks to join.
- **All Hands Ecology (formerly Audubon Canyon Ranch)** – Jim Jensen  
Jim shared that AHE continues prescribed burn planning. Burning a lot of gorse. They have many outings planned with environmental staff.
- **Marin Water Expansion** – John Dolcini (Marin RCD Associate Director)  
Marin Water has secured 2 million dollars for potential expansion projects.

#### RCD Program Updates (See staff report for details):

- **Federal Funding**: The new Agricultural Marketing for Producers (AMP) proposal was accepted and the Marin and Sonoma RCDs are expected to amend existing contracts to plan for new work under this funding in the ensuing year.
- **Justice Equity Diversity Inclusion (JEDI)**: No report
- **Media/Messaging/Outreach**: Our newsletter was mailed!
- **Biomass Project**: The Marin Biomass Project is finalizing its integrated Study and expects to release it in this month. Upon release of the Study, the team will start

undertaking outreach and will emphasize next steps to implement Study's recommendations.

- **Permit Coordination Program (PCP):** Ongoing review of Vegetation Treatment Plan for All Hands Ecology's Cypress Grove and Tom's Point. Exploring options for updating PCP analysis.
- **Urban Streams Program:** Things are moving and grooving in the Program. S. Phillips attended many meetings with partners and carried out the annual Lagunitas TAC field trip. Things are slowly moving forward with County agreements relating to Tomales Bay tire assessment, Zone 10 funds transfer in Inverness, and Tomales Bay Stewardship Network. Phillips went out to scout a potential project site along Pine Gulch Creek as well as scoped a potential site for a restoration workshop. Finally, Sarah is working with Larry Minikes to provide support to the Program and he will serve as the Volunteer Urban Streams Liaison for current efforts in need.
- **Carbon Farming Program:** The team is revamping the funding application portal for farmers in preparation for the new federal AMP grant. RCD was awarded a microgrant from CA Native Plant Society for the CF team to conduct a spring field day to build staff skills in native forb and grass identification on rangelands.
- **Walker Creek Watershed:** No report
- **Funding Opportunities:** RCD staff is currently in communications with CalTrans regarding mitigation funds to fix one of the Pine Gulch Creek Instream Flow Enhancement ponds.
- **Finance Committee:** The next FC meeting is scheduled for March 17th. An agenda will be posted this month. The February meeting was cancelled as it conflicts with a holiday and staff is gearing up for FY25 audit.
- **District:** Admin staff have been focused on FY25 financial audit. A Draft Strategic Plan was completed. Staff are getting used to new timekeeping and HR services.
- **Landowner Assistance Provided:**
  - Urban Streams: 12 individuals requested assistance and were consulted, 47 individuals were educated in the USC program, 3 site visits.
  - COW: 2 or 3 consultations
  - CF: 4

## 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDANCE

- None

## 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

## 7. MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:38 a.m.