



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, March 11, 2026**

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

REMOTE OPTION: Members of the public may participate remotely by Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87864206727> or by phone: +16699009128,,87864206727# meeting ID: 878 6420 6727. Please contact Elise Suronen at (415) 663-1170 ext. 314, or sarahs@marinrcd.org if you have concerns about accessibility. **(Note that we may move agenda items in this meeting to meet time constraints of participants.)**

1. Regular meeting opens at **9:00 a.m.** Roll call, introduction of guests

ACTION ITEMS: 9:15 - 10:30 a.m.

2. DISTRICT/ADMIN: (50 min)

- A. Board approval of regular Meeting Minutes. ~ *Cora Richard, Bookkeeper*
- B. Board approval of the Financial Report. ~ *Cora Richard, Bookkeeper*
- C. Board approval of resolution to designate the Executive Director as Paychex Trustee ~ *Nancy Scolari, Marin RCD Executive Director*
- D. Board approval of resolution to designate the Board and Operations Manager as Paychex Administrator ~ *Nancy Scolari, Marin RCD Executive Director*
- E. Board approval of 2026-2031 Marin RCD Strategic Direction ~ *Elise Suronen, Impacts Director*
- F. Board review and discussion of DRAFT Emergency Rapid Response Funding Policy ~ *Nancy Scolari, Executive Director*

3. PROGRAMS: (20 min)

- A. Request the Board approve Amendment #3 to Professional Services Agreement #C10-2022 (Orlena Yee) that adds \$63,000 to the contract to provide coordination services for the Marin Carbon Project and to ratify Amendment #2 which added \$60,000 in October 2024 for the same purpose. ~ *Nancy Scolari, Executive Director and Orlena Yee, Marin Carbon Project Coordinator*

4. INFORMATIONAL: (10:30 a.m.)

Partner Updates: 3 min each

- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)– Petaluma Field Office Staff
- Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP – MALT Stewardship Staff
- Point Blue & Students & Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW)– Point Blue Staff
- All Hands Ecology/ACR - Jim Jensen, Tomales Bay Land Steward and Preserve Mgr
- Marin Farm Bureau - Farm Bureau Representative
- Marin County Weights and Measures - Joe Deviney, Ag Commissioner

RCD Program Updates (See staff report for details):

- **PR National Seashore-Nature Conservancy Ad Hoc Committee**, *Nancy Scolari, Marin RCD Executive Director*
- **Measure A Ad Hoc Committee**, *Nancy Scolari, Marin RCD Executive Director*
- **Water Expansion**: *John Dolcini, Marin RCD Associate Director*
- **Federal Funding**: The new Agricultural Marketing for Producers (AMP) program is now entering the planning phase. Announcements for applicants are expected in the Summer.
- **Justice Equity Diversity Inclusion (JEDI)**: FIGR is interested in providing feedback on MRCD's Strategic Direction, with an extended feedback window beyond this month's board meeting. Feedback will be brought to the board.
- **Media/Messaging/Outreach**: None
- **Biomass Project**: The Marin Biomass Project is finalizing its integrated Study. 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**: This Program is up for contract renewal so Phillips. has been collecting letters of support (see attached). Phillips gave a presentation of the Program's 11.5 years to Marin Conservation League that was well-received. The County grant for Tomales Bay support is now approved. Phillips has been providing support on a Redwood Creek bridge replacement project with Mill Valley StreamKeepers, and providing support to Gallinas Watershed Council. Many site visits were requested by landowners and the county flood control department with regard to fallen trees in the creeks of west Marin after recent storm events. This has resulted in ongoing communications with county departments where their codes are in conflict with each other; therefore Phillips is simplifying the code for landowners wishing to undertake creek care post-storm events. Phillips also attended a People's Watershed Collective (new group in San Geronimo Valley) to assist in restoration activities on Roy's Riffles and is working with AmeriCorps to collaborate on a volunteer restoration day in San Geronimo. Finally, Phillips recently created new connections in Sausalito's DPW to obtain access for willow sources to support restoration efforts in southern Marin.
- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program (COW)**: COW MILC is the most recent Nonpoint Source Pollution Water Board grant. Of the six projects at dairies selected in the Stemple Creek watershed, three are in the design and permitting phase and three are entering implementation. The grant also funds practices in Drakes Bay watershed of the National Seashore. Design is 60% and NEPA review with NPS is underway for manure pond decommissioning at historic A, B and C ranches. An application for COW GIRL phase IX was resubmitted to the Water Board in December and a field trip for the EPA and State Board staff is being planned for March 26th.
- **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 are working with the North Coast RCDs in applying for a \$1.5M USDA Community Projects Earmark through Huffman's office where Marin RCD's share would be \$300K.
- **Finance Committee:** The next FC meeting is scheduled for March 16th.
- **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: 11 individuals requested assistance and were consulted, 43 individuals were educated in the USC Program, and 7 site visits were conducted.
 - Conserving Our Watersheds: 2 or 3 consultations
 - Carbon Farming: 4

5. 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.

6. MEETING ADJOURNED