



MINUTES

DATE: **Wednesday, June 10th, 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

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

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

Additional Attendees: Isaiah Thalmayer (STRAW), Jessie Ditmar (STRAW), Libby Kennedy (STRAW), Trevor Jensen & Giselle (STRAW), Scott Dunbar & Lauren Faccinto (MALT), Martha Davis (Nicasio Land Owners Association), Greg Richardson (The Nature Conservancy), Regina Pozzi (Marin Farm Bureau), Sally Pozzi (Resident/Marin Farm Bureau), Rick Holland (Agroforestry Network) and Scott Jennings (All Hands Ecology)

ACTION ITEMS:

2. DISTRICT:

A. Board approval of regular Meeting Minutes. ~ *Cora Richard, RCD Board & Operations Manager*

MOTION: Melissa; SECOND: Jerry; AYES: Terry, Mike, Jerry, David & Melissa; NOES: None; ABSENT: none; to approve May 2026 Board Minutes.

B. Board approval of the Financial Report. ~ *Cora Richard, RCD Board & Operations Manager*

MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Jerry; AYES: Terry, Jerry, David, Melissa & Mike; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; to approve the Financial Report.

C. Re-appoint members of the Marin RCD Finance Committee ~ *Nancy Scolari, Executive Director*

MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Jerry; AYES: Terry, Jerry, David, Mike & Melissa; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; to keep the Marin RCD President, Treasurer & ED appointed to the Finance Committee and add Cora Richard, Ops Manager

D. Adopt the Marin RCD Capitalization and Capital Asset Management Policy, effective in FY25 forward. ~ *Nancy Scolari, Executive Director*

MOTION: Jerry; SECOND: David; AYES: Terry, Jerry, David, Mike & Melissa; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; to approve the Marin RCD Capitalization and Capital Asset Management Policy.

E. Discussion to increase the number of elected Director seats from five to seven, effective upon completion of the required approval process per CA Pub Res Code § 9301 and establishing an implementation timeline established by the Board ~ *Nancy Scolari, Executive Director*

MOTION: Melissa; SECOND: David; AYES: Terry, Jerry, David, Mike & Melissa; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; to revisit this in a year, no action presently.

- F. Approve Resolution #2026-02 of the Marin RCD 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 services by the Marin County Elections Department. ~ *Nancy Scolari, Executive Director*

MOTION: Jerry; SECOND: David; AYES: Terry, Jerry, David, Mike & Melissa; NOES: None; ABSENT: None; to approve Resolution #2026-02.

3. PROGRAMS:

- A. Approve Resolution #2026-01 authorizing the Marin RCD entering into a funding agreement with the CA Wildlife Conservation Board and authorizing and designating representatives for the Riparian Habitat Corridor Project. ~ *Sarah Skinker, Carbon Farming Program Manager*

MOTION: Melissa; SECOND: David; AYES: Terry, Jerry, David & Melissa; NOES: None; ABSENT: Mike; to approve resolution #2026-01 authorizing the Marin RCD entering into an agreement with WCB and authorizing designated representatives.

4. INFORMATIONAL:

- **West Marin Compost Project** ~ *Nancy Scolari, Executive Director*

No update at the moment.

- **Advancing Markets for Producers Program** ~ *Sarah Skinker, Carbon Farming Program Manager*

This is the reimagined climate smart commodities grant from a few years ago. Applications will be open through June 30th. Review and selection will happen in July, and producer contracting with the County of Sonoma will take place in August.

- **North Coast Regional RCD Convening** ~ *Emilie Winfield, North Coast Soil Hub Director*

In early May the North Coast RCD's had a gathering, located in Anderson Valley, CA. There was about 55 people, from 11 RCD's. Emilie shared some photos of the great time everyone had!

Partner Updates:

- **The Nature Conservancy**- Greg Richardson, The Nature Conservancy

TNC is doing a lot of stewardship planning right now. They are working very closely with the park service. They are also getting closer to signing a cooperative agreement with MRCD. Continuing to work on incorporating grazing.

- **Marin Agricultural Commissioner**- Joe Deviney, Marin County Ag Commissioner

No staff present.

- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**– Petaluma Field Office Staff

No staff present.

- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** – MALT Stewardship Staff

Scott shared that MALT just closed their 99th easement! MALT has kicked off monitoring season, they are one third of the way through monitoring. Their stewardship program opens up July 1. They are currently closing out this year's stewardship assistance program. Fall event season will start in September.

- **Point Blue & Students & Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW)**– Point Blue Staff

Currently in maintenance season. They will be hiring a conservation educator soon.

- **All Hands Ecology (formerly Audubon Canyon Ranch)** – Jim Jensen

Jim was not present at this meeting, but Scott Jennings joined us. He came to our meeting to learn a little more about what the RCD does. He did say that at their Cypress Grove preserve they are continuing with their disturbance study and they just wrapped up this years veg monitoring.

- **Marin Farm Bureau** – Regina Pozzi

There will not be a June board meeting due to the Farm Bureau's presence at Western Weekend. Still ongoing is comments for the LAMP-septic update. Please save the date for the Farm Bureau's VIP lunch- August 31, 2026!

RCD Program Updates (See staff report for details):

- **Richard L Plant Scholarship Fund** – *George Clyde, Marin RCD Associate Director*

Postponing until next month because they have not awarded the candidates their funding yet.

- **Nicasio Water Expansion**: John Dolcini, Marin RCD Associate Director

The ARC pipeline is still the main priority to bring the Russian River water to Nicasio Reservoir. The projected cost has increased from 168 million to 214 million, and this is because they will be needing a second pump station. For Soulajule to Nicasio, they are planning to shelve the pipeline extension project, and the new plan is to upgrade pump stations. At Kent Lake there is no update.

- **Justice Equity Diversity Inclusion (JEDI)**: FIGR is interested in providing feedback on MRCD's Strategic Direction, with an extended feedback window. Feedback will be brought to the board. The JEDI Committee met this spring to discuss an RCD DEI statement and will continue the discussion this summer.

- **Media/Messaging/Outreach**: Fiona and Sarah sent out mailers to all ag zoned parcels informing people about the current round of funding for AMP as two other potential funding opportunities

- **Biomass Project**: The Marin Biomass Project is conducting outreach and pursuing implementation of recommendations in The Marin Biomass Study.

- **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**: Phillips has been providing support to Marin Water's smolt monitoring on Lagunitas. Phillips attended a series of meetings; Marin Prescribed Fire Cooperative, RCD's Strategic Implementation Plan retreat, NOAA re: Tomales Bay Tires (contract executed between County and MRCD), Valley Water biologist re: their process to assess fallen trees, and MCL's series of presentations of fires and fuels. Phillips attended the May 5th BOS meeting to address questions relating to the transfer of Zone 10 Flood Control funds to MRCD where the BOS approved the transfer. Preparation work is underway to collaborate on a volunteer restoration day in San Geronimo on Saturday, June 6th. Finally, Phillips reached out to 12 streamside landowners in SGV to notify them of SPAWN's offering of free native plants and planting services from their nursery for the watershed.

- **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. In the National Seashore, design is ~75% for manure pond decommissioning at historic A, B and C ranches. NEPA is underway. Targeting bid process

and a tour next month.

●**Carbon Farming Program:** Fiona has revamped the online application portal in preparation for the federal AMP grant which will fund fencing, cover cropping, seeding and compost.

●**Walker Creek Watershed:** No report

●**Funding Opportunities:** RCD staff are working on several grant proposals as identified on the Grants spreadsheet.

●**Finance Committee:** The next FC meeting is scheduled for June 15th.

●**District:** Admin staff have been focused on FY25 financial audit.

● **Landowner Assistance Provided:**

Urban Streams: 28 individuals requested assistance and were consulted, 3 individuals were educated in the USC Program, and 1 site visits were conducted.

Conserving Our Watersheds: 2 or 3 consultations

Carbon Farming: 6

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDANCE

- None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Holland shared that screwworm has been a huge problem on his 100-acre demonstration farm in Costa Rica. They are having to check their animals daily.

7. MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:15 a.m.