



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, September 9, 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:

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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 - 10:15 a.m.

2. DISTRICT/ADMIN: (15 min)

- A. Board approval of regular Meeting Minutes. ~ *Cora Richard, Bookkeeper*
- B. Board approval of the Financial Report. ~ *Cora Richard, Bookkeeper*

3. PROGRAMS: (45 min)

- A. Board approval of Marin RCD Landowner Authorization Agreement template to be used in providing technical services to landowners participating in the Sonoma-Marine Ag Support Program. ~ *Sarah Skinker, Carbon Farming Program Manager (30 min)*
- B. Board approval to provide CEQA coverage for 4 projects and to close the 30-day public review of projects into the Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program (PCP) on October 10, 2026 contingent upon receiving no public comment. ~ *Sarah Skinker, Carbon Farming Program Manager (30 min)*

4. INFORMATIONAL: (10:30-11:30 a.m.)

- **Tribal Collaboration Update** ~ *Michelle Katuna, MRCD Tribal Liaison and Matthew Johnson Cultural Programs Manager and citizen, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria (FIGR)*

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
- Point Reyes National Seashore / The Nature Conservancy

RCD Program Updates (See staff report for details):

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

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- **Advancing Markets for Producers:** Selections for the new Agricultural Marketing for Producers (AMP) program are complete for the first round.
- **Justice Equity Diversity Inclusion (JEDI):** No report
- **Media/Messaging/Outreach:** Newsletter will now be distributed bi-annually.
- **Biomass Project:** The Marin Biomass Project is conducting outreach, seeking grant funding and pursuing implementation of recommendations in *The Marin Biomass Study*.
- **Permit Coordination Program (PCP):** See Item 3b. Also, following last month's presentation of the Vegetation Treatment Plan for All Hands Ecology's Martin Griffin, Cypress Grove and Tom's Point preserves, the CEQA action is expected to be agendized next month.
- **Urban Streams Program:** During the month of August, Phillips has tended to concerned streamside landowners in advance of the Super El Nino approaching. As well, she attended the monthly regulatory meeting, several meetings to coordinate samples of tires from Tomales Bay, and a Lag TAC subcommittee meeting. Additionally, she conducted several site visits. She also met with Marin Water's program manager to discuss roles and availability in place of Eric Ettlinger. Finally, Phillips attended the annual Coho Confab, a miniature conference in Mendocino to review coho recovery restoration projects.
- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program (COW):** COW MILC is the most recent Nonpoint Source Pollution Water Board grant. Six projects at dairies were selected in the Stemple Creek watershed and three in the National Seashore. Designs are mostly complete. Coordination with the Tribe is occurring. At historic A, B and C ranches in the Seashore the construction is currently out to bid, and a tour is scheduled for today. See agenda Item 7.
- **Carbon Farming Program:** We received 34 applications for the federal AMP grant, which are currently being ranked for implementation this fall.
- **Walker Creek Watershed:** Nothing to report other than amazing fish counts!
- **Funding Opportunities:** Marin Waste Management has awarded UCCE funding for a compost page!
- **Finance Committee:** Salaries were reviewed at the last meeting along with health care plans. The next FC meeting is scheduled for Sept 21th.
- **District:** Admin staff have been focused on FY25 financial audit which will not be a Federal audit this year! New health insurance is now provided for staff.
- **Landowner Assistance Provided:**
 - Urban Streams: 7 individuals requested assistance and were consulted, 7 individuals were educated in the USC Program, and 3 site visits were conducted.
 - Conserving Our Watersheds: 2 or 3 consultations
 - Carbon Farming: 30

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

7. **Optional public tour** to visit Point Reyes National Seashore Pond Decommissioning at B-Ranch at 1pm



MINUTES

DATE: **Wednesday, August 12th, 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 and Melissa Williams

Associate Directors: George Clyde, Guido Frosini and John Dolcini

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

Additional Attendees: Isaiah Thalmayer and Jessie Ditmore (STRAW), Scott Dunbar (MALT), Regina Pozzi (Marin Farm Bureau), Sally Pozzi (Resident), Rick Holland (Agroforestry Network), Kelli (?), Brian Peterson & Julia Berkey (All Hands Ecology) and Rachel Lane (Marin County Parks)

ACTION ITEMS:

2. DISTRICT:

D. Approval of response to Marin Civil Grand Jury Report, ["Measure A and Voter Choice: Rethinking Parks and Agriculture Funding in Marin"](#) ~ *Nancy Scolari, Executive Director*

This item was moved up and presented first

MOTION: Jerry; SECOND: Melissa; AYES: Terry, Jerry, David & Melissa; NOES: None; ABSENT: Mike; to have Nancy send the MRCD Board's comments to the Grand Jury.

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

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

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

MOTION: Melissa; SECOND: David; AYES: Terry, Jerry, David & Melissa; NOES: None; ABSENT: Mike; to approve the August 2026 Financial Report.

C. Board approval of the Marin RCD FY26/27 Annual Budget and presentation of Marin RCD vacancies and recruitment ~ *RCD Admin Team*

MOTION: David; SECOND: Melissa; AYES: Terry, Jerry, David & Melissa; NOES: None; ABSENT: Mike; to approve the Marin RCD FY26/27 Annual Budget.

3. PROGRAMS:

A. Board approval of Marin RCD Landowner Authorization Agreement template to be used in providing technical services to landowners participating in the Sonoma-Marín Ag Support Program. ~ *Sarah Skinker, Marin RCD Carbon Farming Program Manager*
This item is being moved to the September agenda.

4. INFORMATIONAL:

- **All Hands Ecology preserve's Vegetation Treatment Plans. Receive presentation on CEQA and coastal permit coordination.** ~ *Julia Berkey & Brian Peterson, AHE; Gerhard Epke, MRCD Water Quality Programs Manager*

Gerhard introduced AHE & gave us an overview of the project. This presentation is to give background info on the action item the Marin RCD board will be reviewing in September. Brian and Julia shared background on All Hands Ecology (formerly Audubon Canyon Ranch). AHE stewards 5,000 acres spanning 25 properties in Marin and Sonoma counties. Going forward there is a need for more active management of AHE's properties, primarily through prescribed burning and grazing. To be able to get government funding they need to go through CEQA, with Marin RCD as the lead agency.

Partner Updates:

- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**– Petaluma Field Office Staff
No staff present.
- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** – MALT Stewardship Staff
Scott shared that this year's stewardship assistance program opened July 1. MALT has approved 10 applications so far and there is still money available. The small grants program is still open and accepting applications. MALT will be announcing fall events soon (hikes, etc.).
- **Point Blue & Students & Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW)**– Point Blue Staff
Still in maintenance season. They are looking at doing a project at Mitchell Ranch. A lot of hiring going on for seasonal apprentices.
- **All Hands Ecology (formerly Audubon Canyon Ranch)** – Jim Jensen
Had a presentation earlier in this meeting.
- **Marin Farm Bureau** – Regina Pozzi
The Marin County Farm Bureau VIP meeting is on August 31st at noon at Marin French Cheese. They continue to work on septic revisions.
- **Marin Agricultural Commissioner**- Joe Deviney, Marin County Ag Commissioner
No staff present.
- **The Nature Conservancy**- Greg Richardson, The Nature Conservancy
No staff present. There is a webinar at noon today (Stewarding Pt Reyes' Grasslands: A Framework for Targeted Grazing) that Nancy and staff will be watching in the Farm Bureau conference room following this meeting.

RCD Program Updates (See staff report for details):

- **Richard L Plant Scholarship Fund** – *George Clyde, Marin RCD Associate Director*
A recipient was selected for this \$5k grant from Tomales High.
- **Nicasio Water Expansion**: John Dolcini, Marin RCD Associate Director
The ARC pipeline: MMWD approved a \$2.65 million agreement with the Army Corps. The Army Corps is going to design 18k feet (3.5 miles of the total 13 miles) of this pipeline. Overall status is that this project is still in prelim design/environmental review. Total cost is still about \$214 million
Seegar Dam at Nicasio Reservoir: Seegar Dam was recently evaluated and it was determined that it did not meet current standards. DSOD dropped the rating and directed Marin Water to upgrade the dam. No cost estimate on this yet, and construction is looking at 2031.
- **Justice Equity Diversity Inclusion (JEDI)**: FIGR is reviewing a new Tribal Consultation document for MRCD staff and will report back with feedback. The JEDI Committee met this

spring to discuss an RCD DEI statement and will continue the discussion this summer.

- Media/Messaging/Outreach:** Received some feel-good emails about our newsletter!

- Biomass Project:** The Marin Biomass Project and Marin Carbon Project hosted a Compost Working Group meeting to evaluate compost systems across the county.

- Permit Coordination Program (PCP):** Ongoing review of Vegetation Treatment Plan for All Hands Ecology's Preserves: Martin Griffin, Cypress Grove and Tom's Point. Exploring options for updating PCP analysis.

- Urban Streams Program:** During the month of July, Phillips has been focused on reviewing proposal(s) received for NOAA's Tomales Bay Tires Assessment as well as developing the agreement for facilitation of the Tomales Bay Stewardship Network. She joined two tours with partners to collaborate on restoration projects at Devil's Gulch (with State Parks, Trout Unlimited) as well as middle Lagunitas (with potential funders, PCI, and SPAWN on Parks land). Phillips conducted two site visits for streamside landowners and supported many others with watershed stewardship and regulatory assistance. Finally, she attended the BOS meeting in the approval of renewing the USC Program contract for another five (5) years.

- Conserving Our Watersheds Program (COW):** COW MILC is the most recent Nonpoint Source Pollution Water Board grant. Nine projects were approved by the TAG, six in Stemple Creek and three in the Seashore. The seashore projects involve decommissioning manure ponds. These and two Stemple projects, a culvert repair and a heavy use area protection, are getting close to implementation.

- Carbon Farming Program:** We received over 30 applications for the federal AMP grant on our new website application portal. The team will review and rank applications this month.

- Walker Creek Watershed:** Significant numbers of salmonids were counted at the outmigration smolt trap by CA Dept Fish & Wildlife (late March-early June).

- Funding Opportunities:** RCD staff are working on several grants: CDFA Healthy Soils, SCC Climate Resilience, Rural Climate Partnerships and USDA Conservation Innovation Grants

- Finance Committee:** The next FC meeting is scheduled for August 17. At the last meeting, the committee reviewed the fiscal year budget in preparation for this meeting.

- District:** ED is checking in on West Marin Compost facility agreements and potential next steps.

- **Landowner Assistance Provided:**

 - Urban Streams: 9 individuals requested assistance and were consulted, 8 individuals were educated in the USC Program, and 4 site visits were conducted.

 - Conserving Our Watersheds: 10 consultations, mostly around the new grazing requirements.

 - Carbon Farming: 35

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDANCE

- None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Rick Holland shared that Super El Nino is here.

7. MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:35 a.m.

Marin Resource Conservation District
Monthly Financial Summary
as of 9/03/2026

CASH		
Wells Fargo Balances as of 8/31/26		
	August	July
Checking - Operating Account	\$ 809,406	\$ 836,409
<i>Bills & Payroll Paid, through 9/03/26</i>	\$ -	\$ (5,392)
<i>Payments Received, through 9/03/26</i>	\$ -	
No-till Drill Account	\$ 14,986	\$ 14,986
Total Wells Fargo	\$ 824,392	\$ 846,002
County of Marin Preliminary Trial Balance as of 7/31/26		
	July	June
Checking	\$ 424,242	\$ 344,870
<i>Bills Paid, through 9/03/26</i>	\$ (510,118)	\$ (67,955)
<i>Payments received, through 9/03/26</i>	\$ 194,911	\$ 177,586
Total County	\$ 109,035	\$ 454,502
Total Cash	\$ 933,427	\$ 1,300,503

OTHER WORKING CAPITAL DETAILS		
Grants Receivable - Open grant invoices - (see page 3)	\$ 443,164	\$ 557,610
Retention Receivable - Due from Grantors	\$ 22,211	\$ 22,211
Prepaid Grant Funds Received:		
Measure A - 6/30/25 Bal., + funds rec'd this FY, - this FY exp	\$ (767,026)	\$ (860,336)
Overbrook Foundation (Marin Carbon Project)	\$ -	\$ (578)
Ombudsman Fund	\$ (16,536)	\$ (16,536)
Unpaid Bills - Pending to be Paid	\$ -	\$ (40,935)
Retention Payable to Vendors	\$ -	\$ -
PTO Liability as of 8/28/26 (if all staff cashed out PTO at once)	\$ (75,388)	\$ (74,607)
401k Liability as of 8/28/26 (MRCD employer match for 2026)	\$ (53,692)	\$ (44,221)
Current Bills To Pay (see page 4):		
Administrative Expenses 22.82%	\$ (16,343)	\$ (15,243)
Grant Expenses, current to be be paid 77.18%	\$ (55,288)	\$ (463,325)
Grant Expenses, to be paid when funded 0.00%	\$ -	\$ -
Net Working Capital	\$ 414,529	\$ 364,543

* - Wells Fargo bank balances are now current! There are sub-categories added for any liabilities which have not debited yet

** - The County account is reported as of 7/31/26. That is the most recent report we have received. They usually lag month.

Marin Resource Conservation District

Monthly Financial Summary

Grants Receivable - Money coming in. The RCD submits invoices to our grantors. Our work is paid on a reimbursable basis. The expected turnaround time for reimbursement varies but is usually 60-90 days.

Retention Receivable - Money coming in after grant is finalized. Some funders require a withholding of 5-10% of each invoice until the entire project is completed and approved. Once the funder is satisfied with the overall grant, the project is deemed complete and the remaining 5-10% is paid in full to the RCD.

Prepaid Grant funds - Received money upfront. This funding has been paid in advance of work being completed and is held in our accounts where, upon board approval, it is deducted from the balance.

Current Bills To Pay - Pay these bills now. These are bills where 1) the funder has provided payment, 2) the landowner/contractor cannot wait 60-90 days or 3) they support RCD operating expenses.

MARIN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Open Invoices
9/3/2026

Grantor	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	91 and over	Total
CA SCC Carbon	84,313			23,508	107,822
CDFA - HSP Block Grant (ZFP)		1,360	4,151		5,511
Marin County FY25/26 Allocation			125,000		125,000
Marin County Tomales Bay Tires			49,900		49,900
COW MILC SWRCB	80,839				80,839
SCC Wildfire			17,913	15,616	33,528
USDA AMP	13,891				13,891
USDA Cooperative Grant 2024	11,313				11,313
USDA GLCI (Grazing Lands)	15,206			153	15,359
TOTAL OPEN INVOICES	205,563	1,360	196,964	39,277	443,164
Retainers	1,765	0	6,060	14,386	22,211
TOTAL DUE	207,328	1,360	203,024	53,663	465,375
	45%	0%	44%	12%	100%

Note: Aging is based upon the date payments are expected.

Total due 91 days and over	91 and over
CA SCC Carbon	12/31/2025 23508
SCC Wildfire	9/30/2025 7656.46
SCC Wildfire	12/31/2025 7,959
USDA GLCI (Grazing Lands)* (partial balance open)	9/30/2024 153
Sub-total	\$ 39,277
Retainers	14,386
TOTAL	\$ 53,663

* - Payment from the federal government

Note: A number of grants are only invoiced quarterly. The actual amount of the total receivables is not reflected here as we do not use estimates. This reflects only invoices that have been submitted to grantors.

MARIN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Bills to Pay

Sep-26

Name	Date	Memo	Aging	Open Balance
Administrative Expenses				
Destination HR	8/31/2026	HR Consulting Services August	3	\$ 462
Horizon Cable TV	8/1/2026	Internet	33	\$ 134
Pt Reyes 4th Investors, LLC	9/1/2026	September Office Rent, Suite 202	2	\$ 1,436
Pt Reyes 4th Investors, LLC	9/1/2026	September Office Rent, Suite 203	2	\$ 1,008
Nigro & Nigro	8/7/2026	Payment 1/2 for FY24/25 Audit	27	\$ 10,000
Smile Business Products	8/19/2026	Copier	15	\$ 173
US Bank Corporate	8/24/2026	Fireflies AI- note taking service (July)	10	\$ 63
US Bank Corporate	8/24/2026	RingCentral- Staff phone numbers (July)	10	\$ 354
US Bank Corporate	8/24/2026	Canva	10	\$ 18
US Bank Corporate	8/24/2026	Microsoft	10	\$ 40
US Bank Corporate	8/24/2026	Fireflies AI- note taking service (August)	10	\$ 63
US Bank Corporate	8/24/2026	RingCentral- Staff phone numbers (August)	10	\$ 2,143
US Bank Corporate	8/24/2026	Peet's (board meeting coffee)	10	\$ 26
US Bank Corporate	8/24/2026	Marin IJ (Board Vacancy Posting)	10	\$ 83
US Bank Corporate	8/24/2026	SpringAhead- Staff Timekeeping & Expense	10	\$ 200
US Bank Corporate	8/24/2026	Quickbooks- bookkeeping subscription	10	\$ 140
Total Administrative Expenses				\$ 16,343
Grant Expenses				
Abundance Ag Engineering	8/7/2026	COW MILC Engineering (July)	27	\$ 9,153
Abundance Ag Engineering	9/3/2026	COW MILC Engineering (August)	0	\$ 5,940
Dimensions Four Engineering	8/19/2026	COW MILC Engineering Site 1	15	\$ 1,832
Dimensions Four Engineering	8/19/2026	COW MILC Engineering Site 2	15	\$ 1,188
Katuna, Michelle	8/24/2026	Tribal Liason Consulting: SCC Carbon & COW MILC	10	\$ 3,718
Point Blue	8/26/2026	Measure A: Tol-TG-SoMar-SHome planting-monitoring	8	\$ 19,230
Point Blue	8/18/2026	Measure A: Project Designs for 3 projects	16	\$ 11,420
Point Reyes Light	8/19/2026	Legal Notice for COW MILC	15	\$ 87
Yee, Orlena	9/1/2026	MCP Project Manager	2	\$ 2,720
Total Grant Expenses				\$ 55,288
Total Bills to Pay				\$ 71,631

Grant Expenses, to be paid when funded

Marin RCD Grants

X	6	SWRCB 319H Water Quality in Lower Lagunitas	\$ 30,000	Awarded 05/2021	SPAWN	Assist with 2 road projects on ranches
X	7	GrizzlyCorps Member	TBD	Awarded 04/2021	Marin RCD	Intern to help with outreach, monitoring and DEI
X	8	CDFA Technical Assistance	\$ 60,000	Awarded 08/2021	Marin RCD	Assist producers in applications to Healthy Soils Program
X	9	NACD TA2021 Regional Soil Health Hub Coordinator	\$ 114,000	Awarded 04/2021	Marin RCD	North Bay Soil Health Coordinator for RCDs. Coordinate programs and staffing
X	10	COM Support for Carbon Farm Plans	\$ 50,000	Awarded 03/2021	Marin RCD	Development of 5 carbon farm plans plus match for grant #29
X	11	NFWF Monarch Habitat	TBD	Awarded 11/2021	Gold Ridge RCD	Support monarch habitat with landowners
	12	SCC Prop68 Climate Grant	\$ 1,000,000	Awarded 12/2021	Marin RCD	Farm plans, implementation, designs, ed workshops, no till drill and FIGR collaboration
X	13	Beaver Dam Analogues	TBD	On hold	TBD	Install Beaver Dam Structures at select locations in the Walker Cr watershed
	14	Lagunitas Restoration @ Coast Guard	TBD	On hold	TBD	Potential collaboration to enhance Lagunitas at the Coast Guard reach
X	15	MCF-Kurland Marin Carbon Project Coordinator	\$ 50,000	Awarded 05/2021	Marin RCD	coordinate and scale carbon farming in Marin county
X	16	MRCO Internship/Scholarship Fund	\$ 3,000	Awarded 07/2021	Marin RCD	support young dissadvantaged interns wishing to learn on-the job-skills
X	17	Edwards Mother Earth Foundation	\$ 592,000	Declined	CARCD	[Soil Hub] expand agroforestry component of carbon farm plans in the north coast region
X	18	PRNS Tech Assist for Ranchers	\$ 48,285	Awarded 09/2021	Marin RCD	Assistance to seashore ranchers for RDM sampling, conditional waivers, planning
X	19	OPR Marin Biomass Project	\$ 500,000	Awarded 06/2022	Marin RCD	Develop recommendations for biomass recovery and utilization processes, infrastructure, and investment
X	20	MALT Carbon Farming	\$ 90,000	Awarded 03/2021	Marin RCD	2 carbon farm plans and carbon farming implementation
X	21	COM Support for Carbon Farming	\$ 125,000	Awarded 12/2021	Marin RCD	support project development
X	22	UC Western SARE Soils Training	\$ 78,167	Awarded 03/2022	Marin RCD	[Soil Hub] Soil Health Assessment/Management Through California's North Coast Soil Hub
X	23	WCB Monarch Pollinator Habitat	\$ 250,000	Awarded 09/2022	CARCD	Install and monitor monarch/pollinator plants in riparian or hedgerow areas
X	24	USDA Climate Smart Commodities	\$ 3,585,745	Frozen/Resubmitted	Sonoma County	Plan, design, install, monitor GHG reduction and carbon sequestration projects
X	25	NACD TA2022 Regional Soil Health Hub Coordinator	\$ 124,000	Awarded 09/2022	Marin RCD	North Coast Soil Health Coordinator for RCDs. Coordinate programs and staffing
X	26	Planning Drought Resiliency	\$ 286,239	Declined	Marin RCD	Work with UCCE-MALT on drought resiliency watershed planning for producers
FY26/27 Rev	27	NRCS Grazing Lands	\$ 25,000	Awarded 04/2023	Gold Ridge RCD	[Soil Hub] Staff training on prescribed grazing/ grazing mgmt plans, workshops and education for producers
X	28	CDFA Conservation Planning (CAPGP)	\$ 182,000	Awarded 02/2023	Marin RCD	Carbon farm plans, grazing management plans, soil health management plans
FY26/27 Rev	29	COW MILC 319h Water Quality on the ranches-dairies	\$ 999,597	Awarded 07/2023	Marin RCD	Implement projects on the ranches in PRNS and Stemple watersheds
X	30	FHA Anadromous Organism Passage (AOP) grant	TBD	Declined	Mill Valley	Support Mill Valley StreamKeepers & City of Mill Valley with proposal for barrier retrofit for fish passage on Mill Creek.
X	31	OPR Marin Biomass Project	\$ 250,000	Awarded 05/2023	Marin RCD	Recommendations for biomass recovery and utilization processes, infrastructure, and investment
X	32	UC SAREP CA Farm Demonstration Network	\$ 53,730	Awarded 07/2023	UC SAREP (Conservation Works	[Soil Hub] Development & monitoring of field trials, education and outreach on soil health and climate-friendly ag
X	33	DOC Capacity Building	\$ 681,445	Declined	Marin RCD	[Soil Hub] Tools/technology for program and project mgmt - Salesforce integration; outreach
FY26/27 Rev	34	CDFA Healthy Soils Block Grant w/Zero Foodprint	\$ 45,000	Awarded 09/2023	Zero Foodprint	[Soil Hub] CDFA Healthy Soils Program TA and implementation - block grant pilot
X	35	NOAA Fisheries	\$ 8,000,000	Declined	Marin RCD	habitat restoration and coastal resilience. Focus on salmon restoration.
X	36	MCF-Kurland Marin Carbon Project Coordinator	\$ 50,000	Awarded 06/2023	Marin RCD	coordinate and scale carbon farming in Marin county
X	37	NACD TA2023 Regional Soil Health Hub Director	\$ 73,950	Awarded 01/2024	Marin RCD	[Soil Hub] North Coast Soil Health Coordinator for RCDs. Coordinate programs and staffing
X	38	OPR Enhancing Climate Resilience in North Bay	\$ 127,000	Declined	Gold Ridge RCD	Urban rebate program to construct rainwater catchment systems
X	39	OPR Community Economic Resilience Fund	N/A	Cancelled	Marin RCD	Feasibility study to build out biomass-related climate jobs (high road jobs)
X	40	MC Measure A FARE PRNS Weed Mgmt	\$ 100,000	Declined	Marin RCD	Comparative methods of removal of Scotch Broom on PRNS rangeland
FY26/27 Rev	41	SCC North Coast Wildfire Resilience Block Grant	\$ 250,000	Awarded 05/2024	Humboldt RCD	Equipment, fire prevention, training/workforce development, CEQA-NEPA permitting
X	42	NRCS Soil Hub Director	\$ 75,000	Awarded 06/2024	Marin RCD	[Soil Hub] Continuation of North Coast Soil Hub Director position
FY26/27 Rev	43	NACD TA2024 Regional Soil Health Hub Director	\$ 181,540	Awarded 12/2024	Marin RCD	[Soil Hub] Director to coordinate programs and staffing plus time for carbon farming team.
FY26/27 Rev	44	COM Tomales Bay Tire Removal	\$ 49,900	Awarded 5/2026	Marin RCD	Assessment on the removal of 100's of old tires in Tomales Bay
FY26/27 Rev	45	COM Zone 10-Inverness Flood Control	\$ 30,000	In Progress	Marin RCD	Address flood issues in Zone 10. Was approved at BOS meeting May 5th.
X	46	SWRCB COWGIRL	\$ 724,000	Declined	Marin RCD	Continuation of COW water quality program
X	47	Carbon Cycle Institute	\$ 24,440	Awarded 03/2025	Marin RCD	[Soil Hub] director involvement in Bay Area Reg Climate Planning & statewide hubs coordination
X	48	WRA Mitigation	\$ 250,000	Declined	Marin RCD	Possible funding source for Chileno Creek Restoration Project
X	49	Private Foundation	\$ 50,000	Declined	Marin RCD	[Soil Hub] Fill the federal funding gap for Soil Hub Director position
FY26/27 Rev	50	USDA Advancing Markets for Producers	\$ 2,000,000	Awarded 01/2026	Marin RCD	Implementation of soil health practices
X	51	NFWF Conservation Partners- Western Grazing Lands	\$ 85,000	Declined	Sonoma RCD	[Soil Hub] 3 carbon farm plans for rangeland operations
X	52	Renewable Natural Resources Foundation	\$ 200,000	Declined	UC Berkeley	Compost applications for a circular carbon and nutrient economy on rangelands

Marin RCD Grants

X	53	Caltrans Mitigation Funds	\$	670,928	Died	Marin RCD	Fresh Run Farm Pond 1A Leak Repair
FY26/27 Rev	54	NACD TA2025 North Coast Soil Hub	\$	206,985	Submitted 01/2026	Marin RCD	[Soil Hub] North Coast Soil Health Director Coordinate programs, staffing, and TA.
X	55	Community Projects Earmark - Huffman's Office	\$	300,000	Declined	Sonoma RCD	[North Coast RCDs] TA to ag and forest landowners; North Coast Soil Hub coordination
	56	CDFA Health Soils Block Grant (subawardee)	\$	460,000	Submitted 05/2026	Humboldt RCD	[Soil Hub] Regional Healthy Soils Block Grant for project implementation
	57	Cal Fire Forest Health Grant (Prop 4)	\$	303,349	Submitted 06/2026	Parks Conservancy/One Tam	Invited to Apply after pre-app submitted May 2026, application submitted.
FY26/27 Rev	58	Mighty Arrow Family Foundation	\$	75,000	Awarded 04/2026	Marin RCD	[Soil Hub] General operating support for North Coast Soil Hub regional collaborative
FY26/27 Rev	59	G Foundation	\$	50,000	Submitted 04/2026	Marin RCD	From Vision to Action: Implementing the Comms Plan and Operationalizing the Strategic Plan
	60	SCC Prop 4 Climate Resilience	\$	750,000	Submitted 08/2026	Sonoma RCD	[Soil Hub] Climate Resilience projects in key watersheds in the North Coast. bring experts together to review work to date and determine/recommend future restoration sites. Put in for drone mapping
	61	DOI PRNS Cooperative Agreement	\$	41,000	Awarded 07/2026	Marin RCD	support as well? Implementation: wet crossings at JJ's, Walker Creek ranch projects
	62	WCB TNC PRNS Cooperative Agreement	\$	10,000	Awarded 08/2026	Marin RCD	Implementation and rangeland- water quality monitoring in the Seashore
FY26/27 Rev	63	COM Community Grants & Investment Program- TBSN	\$	9,500	Awarded fall 2025	Marin RCD	Advisor to Seashore planning process
	64	DOC SALC Planning			Submitted 06/2026	Marin County	Tomales Bay Stewardship Network
	65	Prop 4 Middle Lagunitas LWD with PCI	TBD		Exploration	Marin RCD	Financing for climate-smart ag, including monitoring and reporting protocol and pilot project
	66	NFWF Conservation Partners- Western Grazing Lands F	\$	60,000	Submitted 07/2026	Gold Ridge RCD	Funding planning and design for middle Lagunitas (SPAWN project) process-based project, pulling in wood for complexity on NPS lands. Going to prepare pre-application to SCC in next 2-3 months with PCI.
FY26/27 Rev	67	COM FARE	\$	20,000	Awarded 04/2026	Marin RCD	3 cfps but could open this up to bird monitoring?
FY26/27 Rev	68	Kurland	\$	60,000	Awarded 12/2025	Marin RCD	[MCP] - Cultivating Collaborative Agricultural Climate Action in Marin
	69	WCB Prop 4	\$	600,000	Submitted Resolution	Marin RCD	[MCP] - Project Coordin.
	70	TBD	TBD		Exploration	Marin RCD	Carbon Riparian Projects
	71	Rural Climate Partnership	\$	100,000	Submitted 06/2026	Marin RCD	Lower reach of Lagunitas - assessment needed to help direct future projects
	72	USDA Conservation Innovation On-Farm Trials Grant	\$	75,000	Submitted 08/2026	UC Berkeley	[Soil Hub] General operating support for North Coast Soil Hub regional collaborative
	73	COM County Op - USC Contract	\$	1,600,000	Awarded 07/2026	Marin RCD	Compost applications for a circular carbon and nutrient economy on rangelands
	74	CalVTP Lead Agency	\$	10,000	agreement ends 2030	All Hands Ecology	Urban streams work plus RCD operating over 5 years
	75	Caltrans Mitigation Funds for Fish Passage Project			Exploration	Marin RCD	Fee For Service agreement for CalVTP CEQA and Permit Coordination
	76	Marin Agricultural Land Trust (MALT)	\$	10,000	Exploration	Marin RCD	Proposed some fish projects to Caltrans - WAITING ON CALTRANS
	77	USDA Conservation Innovation Classic Grant	\$	70,000	Submitted 07/2026	Napa RCD	Contract for integration of MALT CCAMP, AMP into MRCD's CFP for new easement
	78	Marin Waste Mgmt	\$	5,000	Awarded 08/2026	UCCE	[Soil Hub] Regional soil health database development
	80	Carbon Cycle Institute	\$	50,000	In Progress	Marin RCD	Compost webpage
							[Soil Hub] Regional Hub Coordination and Statewide RCD Hub Network Participation

This spreadsheet is populated/managed by staff who are submitting/manaing grant applications.

ACTION: PROGRAMS

3A. Board approval of Marin RCD Landowner Authorization Agreement template to be used in providing technical services to landowners participating in the Sonoma-Marín Ag Support Program. ~ Sarah Skinker, Marin RCD Carbon Farming Program Manager

URGENCY:

Urgent. We should approve this agreement in the next month since producers will be required to implement their conservation practices this fall.

BACKGROUND

Sonoma-Marín Ag Support Program

The Marin RCD is a subrecipient of the Sonoma-Marín Ag Support Program, which is funded by the USDA Advancing Markets for Producers Program. In March 2026, the County of Sonoma was awarded the Advancing Markets for Producers funding (re-vamped from the previously cancelled USDA Climate Smart Commodities Program). This grant will run through June 2028, with another round of funding scheduled for 2027.

The County of Sonoma is awarding funds whereas the Marin RCD is only providing technical assistance in meeting NRCS requirements. NRCS conservation practices included in this first round of funding aim to support soil health, including compost application, range seeding, cover crops, and fencing. These specific practices were prioritized due to ease of implementation. They are located on established agricultural lands, do not require any new ground disturbance or regulatory permits.

Marin RCD's Role

Marin RCD's role in this grant is to provide the following:

- Develop the program alongside the County of Sonoma and RCDs of Sonoma County
- Manage the Technical Advisory Committee that selects implementation practices, reviews and approves practice rebate amounts and selection criteria (complete)
- Create application portal, solicit for projects (complete)
- Screen, rank and select producer applications (complete)
- Provide technical assistance including initial site visits, project verification and monitoring for selected projects (Fall 2026)
- Report to the County of Sonoma with required paperwork and verification documents for each project (Winter 2026)

Program Structure

Producers that are selected for this program will be required to enter into three agreements:

- Marin RCD Landowner Authorization Agreement (**attached**)

- Sonoma-Marín Ag Support Program Disbursement Agreement (County of Sonoma)
- Producer Maintenance & Monitoring Cost-Share Verification Form (County of Sonoma)

Marin RCD's role, as described above, is included in detail in the Landowner Authorization Agreement. Producers must sign the two additional agreements through the County of Sonoma to receive reimbursement directly from them. Included in the predetermined reimbursement rates is a 20% technical assistance fee, to be paid to Marin RCD by producers within 30 days of reimbursement receipt. Marin RCD Board reviewed these rates at the June 2026 board meeting. This 20% fee will cover Marin RCD part in providing technical assistance as described above. Producers selected in this first round of funding will be required to implement their practices within one year of signing their agreements with Marin RCD and the County of Sonoma. Producers are not permitted to implement until these agreements are signed.

Thus far, Marin RCD has received a total of 24 applicants for 58 projects totaling \$2.8M in round 1. We anticipate we will be entering into approximately 25 contracts for these projects in the next two years.

Landowner Authorization Agreement

The Board is being asked to approve a Landowner Authorization Agreement template (LOA) for these projects. It is different from our standard template because it does not include the responsibility of project implementation. Furthermore, it requires the landowner to reimburse the Marin RCD for technical services which has never been done before in previous agreements.

This agreement has been reviewed and approved by Marin County Counsel and the County of Sonoma. Goldridge and Sonoma RCDs have reviewed the agreement and added feedback which has been incorporated.

TODAY'S ACTIONS:

ITEM 3A

Option 1: Approve the AMP Landowner Agreement

Option 2: Approve conditionally based on incorporating additional proposed feedback/changes

Option 3: Do not approve an agreement at this time

STRATEGIC PLAN: (Alliance with [RCD strategic plan](#) and grant goals)

Approval of this initiative is consistent with following strategic goals:

GOAL 2: ENHANCE WATERSHEDS AND PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES

GOAL 3. SUPPORT INNOVATION AND DEEPEN PARTNERSHIPS

GOAL 4. CONNECT PEOPLE WITH NATURE AND WITH THE RCD

FUNDING & FINANCIAL CONTROL:

Staff time is funded through reimbursements made by the County of Sonoma and technical assistance payments made by landowners in the program.

Total grant award (County of Sonoma): \$9,358,659.32

Marin RCD Subaward: \$410,733 (staff time, travel)

Payments to Marin RCD Producers: \$1,661,557.56 (\$332,312 of which goes to Marin RCD – 20% technical assistance included in rebate)

Marin RCD Matching Contribution: \$150,000 (Measure A – implementation round 2)



**SONOMA MARIN AG SUPPORT PROGRAM
AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES**

This Agreement for Services is made and effective _____(the "effective date") by and between _____ ("LANDOWNER") and the Marin Resource Conservation District ("MRCD"), a division of California state government.

PERTINENT FACTS

1. The County of Sonoma has entered into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Advancing Markets for Producers (AMP) program to administer the Sonoma-Marine Ag Support Program (Program), which supports incentive programs for conservation practices and related marketing efforts for eligible agricultural producers across Sonoma and Marin Counties.
2. The Program requires that conservation practices be verified as complete and compliant with Program requirements before the County of Sonoma disburses incentive payments to a participant by a qualified third party.
3. MRCD has entered into an agreement with the County of Sonoma to serve as this third-party verifier for Program participants located in MRCD's service area, and to provide those participants with technical assistance in planning and implementing conservation practices. Payment for third party services is included in the incentive payments that Sonoma County will pay directly to the LANDOWNER; therefore, the LANDOWNER will pay MRCD for these third-party services.
4. LANDOWNER has applied to the Program for conservation practice incentive payments, which meet the criteria established by the Program's technical advisory committee and Program objectives.
5. LANDOWNER has been selected to participate in the Program as established by the County of Sonoma. LANDOWNER is the fee owner of, or has a beneficial interest in, certain real property located in Marin County, California, as follows:

The real property at: _____

Property APN# _____ (hereafter referred to as the "Property").
Specific project location map included in Exhibit B.

6. LANDOWNER desires to participate in the Program and to enjoy the benefits conferred on the Property by the Program activities and has therefore entered into a Sonoma-Marín Ag Support Program Disbursement Agreement with the County of Sonoma in the amount of \$ _____ for a term of _____ to _____, as described in Exhibit A "Project Plan".
7. Because the County of Sonoma's incentive payments are calculated to fund both Project implementation and MRCD's technical assistance, LANDOWNER agrees to forward to MRCD the portion of each payment attributable to that assistance, as described in Section 3 of this Agreement.

AGREEMENT

Accordingly, in consideration of the mutual promises and obligations contained in this Agreement, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Term of Agreement

This Agreement is effective as of the effective date set forth above and shall remain in effect through the Completion Date identified in the County of Sonoma Disbursement Agreement referenced in Pertinent Fact 6, one year from the effective date, _____. Thereafter, the agreement shall remain in effect solely to the extent necessary to complete any any post-installation monitoring, maintenance-period verification, or reporting obligations expressly required by the Program or the County of Sonoma Disbursement Agreement, and shall terminate upon completion of those obligations, unless earlier terminated pursuant to Section 6.

2. Scope of Services

MRCD agrees to provide all of the services described in "Exhibit A: Project Plan" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

The parties acknowledge that MRCD serves the Program in multiple capacities: it participates in selecting LANDOWNER and other applicants for Program funding, it provides paid technical assistance to LANDOWNER under this Agreement, and it verifies completed Project conservation practices for purposes of the County of Sonoma's reimbursement to LANDOWNER. MRCD's verification determinations under this Agreement shall be made independently of, and shall not be influenced by, the technical assistance payment described in Section 3.

3. Payment to MRCD

LANDOWNER shall pay MRCD a technical assistance fee equal to twenty percent (20%) of the Project cost. The technical assistance fee is included in the predetermined practice incentive rebate payable to LANDOWNER under the Program and is not an additional amount payable by the County of Sonoma. The total technical assistance fee payable to MRCD for the Project is \$ _____ (see Exhibit A, Section 3.0, Budget).

LANDOWNER shall remit the technical assistance fee to MRCD within thirty (30) days after receiving the corresponding reimbursement from the County of Sonoma. If the County reimburses LANDOWNER in more than one payment, LANDOWNER shall remit to MRCD twenty percent (20%) of each reimbursement within thirty (30) days after receipt, until the total technical assistance fee stated above has been paid in full.

If LANDOWNER fails to make any payment when due under this Section, MRCD may exercise any remedy available at law or in equity, including suspending or declining to provide further technical assistance to LANDOWNER under this Agreement or any future Program agreement until all amounts due to MRCD have been paid.

LANDOWNER

4. Grant of Permission and Property Access

LANDOWNER authorizes MRCD to provide technical assistance and verify implementation of the Project conservation practices on the Property, as provided in Exhibit A.

Upon reasonable advance notice to LANDOWNER, LANDOWNER grants MRCD and its employees, agents, and representatives permission to enter the Property as reasonably necessary to:

- (a) visit the Project site before implementation to verify location, take photos, and confirm additional project details;
- (b) observe and verify the implementation of Project conservation practices; and
- (c) conduct any post-installation monitoring or verification required under this Agreement or the Program.

LANDOWNER acknowledges that at times MRCD staff may be accompanied by employees, representatives or agents of one or more of MRCD partners funding the Project.

5. Notification

- (a) Property Access. MRCD shall provide LANDOWNER with reasonable advance notice before entering the Property pursuant to Section 4. Notice of Property access may be provided by telephone, email, or other means agreed upon by the parties using the contact information provided below.
- (b) Any other formal notification under this Agreement shall be made in writing and mailed by first class mail, return receipt requested, to the address shown below.
- (c) Any notification under this agreement shall be provided to the parties at the following address and phone number:

MRCD

Marin Resource Conservation District
PO Box 1146
Point Reyes Station, CA
(415) 663-1170

LANDOWNER

LANDOWNER Name: _____
LANDOWNER Address: _____
LANDOWNER City/State/Zip: _____
LANDOWNER Phone: _____

MRCD Email: _____

LANDOWNER Email: _____

Contact information may be changed by written notice to the other party.

6. Termination of Agreement

This Agreement can be terminated only upon the following conditions:

- (a) Upon the mutual written agreement of MRCD, LANDOWNER or;
- (b) MRCD may, without incurring liability for breach of the agreement, terminate this Agreement upon ten (10) days written notice, in whole or in part, if MRCD determines that continued operation of the Agreement will result in the violation of a federal, state or local statute or regulation, if MRCD determines that termination would be in the public interest, or if the grant funding intended by MRCD for use for the Project is terminated, or;
- (c) LANDOWNER may terminate the Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to MRCD, or;
- (d) If LANDOWNER defaults in the performance of any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, or materially breaches any of its provisions, and fails to cure the default or breach within fifteen (15) days after service on LANDOWNER of written notice of the default, then MRCD may terminate this Agreement without further notice.

7. Effect of Termination

LANDOWNER shall pay MRCD for technical assistance and verification work actually performed by MRCD through the date of termination, in accordance with Section 3.

Sections 10 (Records and Audit), and 12 (Liability) shall survive termination of this Agreement.

8. Interference with LANDOWNER Rights

MRCD shall exercise reasonable care when entering and conducting activities on the Property and shall not unnecessarily disturb the Property or unreasonably interfere with LANDOWNER's use and enjoyment of the Property. Activities reasonably necessary to provide technical assistance or to implement, inspect, monitor, or verify the Project or Project conservation practices shall not constitute a violation of this provision.

MRCD shall conduct its activities in a manner that does not unreasonably interfere with the rights or activities of LANDOWNER or third parties on the Property, except to the extent reasonably necessary to exercise MRCD's rights and perform its obligations under this Agreement.

LANDOWNER shall not unreasonably interfere with or restrict MRCD's access to the Property or its ability to provide technical assistance or conduct the inspection, monitoring, and verification activities authorized by this Agreement.

9. Laws and Regulations

MRCD and LANDOWNER shall comply with all federal, state and local laws and regulations in implementing the Project.

10. Records and Audit

MRCD and LANDOWNER shall each maintain accurate records relating to the Project, including invoices, receipts, and documentation of conservation practices installed, for a minimum of three (3) years following the Completion Date, or such longer period as may be required by the County of Sonoma or USDA.

LANDOWNER shall make Project records reasonably available to MRCD, the County of Sonoma, USDA, and their authorized representatives for inspection or audit upon reasonable request, as may be required for the Program.

11. LANDOWNER's Title to the Property

MRCD's exercise of the rights and permission granted herein shall never give rise to any claim of title to LANDOWNER's Property on the part of MRCD or parties claiming through or under it.

12. Liability

The parties agree LANDOWNER will not be legally or financially responsible for any actions by MRCD or its designees done or omitted to be done on LANDOWNER's property pursuant to this Agreement.

LANDOWNER will indemnify and hold MRCD, MRCD's agents or employees, its contractors or subcontractors employed by MRCD on the Project, their agents, employees, and funders harmless from all claims, demands, or liability arising out of or encountered in connection with this Agreement or the prosecution of work under it, whether such claims, demands, or liability are caused by LANDOWNER, LANDOWNER's agents or employees, or contractors employed by LANDOWNER on the Project, their agents or employees, or products installed on the Project by LANDOWNER or LANDOWNER's contractors, excepting only such injury or harm as may be caused solely and exclusively by MRCD's fault or negligence. Such indemnification shall extend to claims, demands, or liability for injuries occurring after completion of the Project as well as during the work's progress.

MRCD shall maintain, at its own expense, commercial general liability insurance and professional liability (errors and omissions) insurance in amounts consistent with MRCD's standard practice for Program-funded technical assistance engagements, and shall provide evidence of such coverage to LANDOWNER upon reasonable request.

LANDOWNER shall maintain, at its own expense, liability insurance applicable to the Property, which may consist of commercial general liability, farm or ranch liability, homeowners liability, or other comparable coverage, with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate, or such other limits as MRCD may approve in writing. Upon request, LANDOWNER shall provide MRCD with reasonable evidence of such coverage. LANDOWNER shall promptly notify MRCD of any cancellation or material reduction in coverage of which LANDOWNER receives notice.

13. Miscellaneous Provisions

(a) Governing Law - The interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California.

(b) Severability - If any provision of this Agreement is found to be void, invalid or

unenforceable, it will be reformed to comply with applicable law or stricken if not so conformable, so as not to affect the validity and/or enforceability of the remainder of this Agreement.

(c) Entire Agreement - This Agreement, including Exhibit A, constitutes the entire agreement between MRCD and LANDOWNER regarding its subject matter and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, whether written or oral. This Agreement may be amended only by a written instrument signed by both parties.

(d) Assignment - Neither party may assign or transfer this Agreement, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the other party, except that LANDOWNER's obligations under this Agreement shall bind LANDOWNER's successors and assigns with respect to the Property.

(e) Counterparts; Electronic Signatures - This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and may be executed and delivered by electronic signature or scanned copy, which shall be as effective as an original signature.

(f) Independent Contractor Status - MRCD's personnel are not employees or agents of LANDOWNER, and LANDOWNER's personnel and contractors are not employees or agents of MRCD, for any purpose under this Agreement.

LANDOWNER:

Signature	Print Name	Date
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LANDOWNER:

Signature	Print Name	Date
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Signature	Print Name	Date
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(If joint tenants, tenants in common, etc., all must sign; if owned by Corporation, may need Board Resolution authorizing Secretary to sign; if Partnership, depends on partnership agreement. Note re: Corporation – pursuant to California Corporations Code §313, a corporation or nonprofit corporation is bound by an agreement that is signed by one of the following (a) the

Chairperson of the Board, President or Vice President and one of the following (b) the Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, the Chief Financial Officer or any Assistant Treasurer.

MARIN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

Signature

Print Name

Date

President, Board of Directors

Exhibit A

Project Plan

1.0 Project Background

MRCD is a subrecipient of the Sonoma-Marín Ag Support Program, funded by the USDA Agricultural Marketing for Producers Program, which provides rebates for specific conservation practices that follow USDA NRCS specifications.

MRCD agrees to provide technical assistance for the Project. MRCD shall perform its technical assistance and verification services in a manner consistent with the level of skill and care ordinarily exercised by similarly situated resource conservation professionals performing similar services under similar circumstances. This may include site visits to determine project location and scope, assisting with vendors, seed mixes, compost application rates, and fencing types.

2.0 LANDOWNER/MRCD Responsibilities

The LANDOWNER agrees to:

- Complete a separate signed agreement with the County of Sonoma to coordinate reimbursement for project completion.
- Meet and confer with the MRCD for site visits pre- and post-implementation to verify implementation and project details
- Permit access to the property upon notice from the MRCD.
- Permit the MRCD to perform site visits as needed to ensure Project construction and completion according to standards and specifications.
- Abide by a schedule agreed to between LANDOWNER and the MRCD that provides for the completion of all phases of the Project by the Completion Date.
- Provide MRCD with advance notice of the commencement date of construction activities on the property and the anticipated time needed for the construction activities.
- Implement the agreed upon practice(s) within 1 year of the effective date of this contract.

The MRCD will:

- Provide technical assistance for the project.
- Provide LANDOWNER no less than 24-hour notice by telephone to gain access for layout, inspections and similar activities.
- Abide by a schedule as agreed to between LANDOWNER and the MRCD that provides for the completion of all phases of the Project by the Completion Date.
- Meet and confer with the LANDOWNER for layout of any Project component affecting

- ranch activities (i.e. fences, gates, crossings, etc.).
- Provide management assistance to the LANDOWNER for pre-construction Project layout, designs and specifications.
- Provide project verification to County of Sonoma.

3.0 Project Budget

Total rebate amount (to be paid to LANDOWNER by County of Sonoma): *\$15,000*

Technical assistance to be paid to MRCD (20% of amount above): *\$3,000*

Practice	Rate	Unit	Amount	Payment
<i>Ex: Fencing (permanent, 5 strand barbed wire)</i>	<i>\$15</i>	<i>per foot</i>	<i>1000 feet</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>
			Total:	<i>\$15,000</i>

4.0 Practice Plan & Criteria

Practices will comply with the following NRCS Conservation Practice criteria:

Example: Pasture/Hay Planting

Pasture and Hay Planting will be completed across ___ acres managed as pasture and/or hay fields within the property described in Pertinent Facts #5. The target seeding rate will be X pounds per acre, consisting of the following seed mix: [ADD SEED MIX DETAILS].

The following **ADMINISTRATIVE** steps must be completed **prior to the start of implementation**:

1. *Seed mix and seeding rate confirmed with the MRCD.*
2. *Agreement fully executed with both the MRCD and Sonoma County.*
3. *Supporting MRCD staff with CPA-52 form completion.*
4. *CPA-52 form is approved by USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service.*
5. *Invoice or order confirmation, showing the amount of seed and seed mix purchased is provided to the MRCD.*
6. *Sonoma County has issued a Notice To Proceed for the project, confirming that all pre-project steps have been completed.*

The following **IMPLEMENTATION** steps must be completed **prior to reimbursement**:

1. *Pasture and Hay Planting must occur by one year from the effective date. The MRCD should be notified of any deviations from this scope of work or schedule.*
2. *Pasture and Hay Planting will occur when soil moisture is adequate for germination and establishment.*
3. *Noxious weed species will be controlled prior to planting to the extent feasible and necessary to achieve good establishment.*

Failure to follow the conditions of this agreement may disqualify the awardee from receiving the rebate award.

Exhibit B

Project Map

[Map with specific project location verified onsite by RCD staff to be included here]

ACTION: Marin Permit Coordination Program – Carbon Farming Projects

Board approval to provide CEQA coverage for 4 projects and to close the 30-day public review of projects into the Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program (PCP) on October 10, 2026 contingent upon receiving no public comment. ~ *Sarah Skinker, Carbon Farming Program Manager*

Urgency:

Urgent. The projects are ready for final design and permitting, and all of them will be ready for implementation this winter pending no public comment.

Background:

These conceptual projects have already been approved in previous Board actions. This action is to approve CEQA compliance. Every project requiring state or local permits or funded by a CA public agency must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In 2004 MRCD initiated its Permit Coordination Program, or PCP, to streamline CEQA by prescribing the use of NRCS Conservation Practices under certain conditions. The PCP has been updated four times since then. Its basis is an Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration [that can be found on the District's website](#).

The MRCD received 4 applications for riparian restoration projects after solicitation was sent to all Marin County producers, and all but 1 were selected due to the costly and time intensive site preparation that would be required to implement that project (beyond the scope of the available budget and timeline). STRAW will fund the implementation of these projects through the Wildlife Conservation Board ROOTS grant, and the MRCD will fund implementation using Measure A funds. See attached spreadsheet for more details on each project.

The Walker Creek Ranch project was written into the California Association of RCD's Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) block grant, focused on pollinator habitat and native plant education at the outdoor school. The design and implementation is funded by both WCB and Measure A.

All projects will follow NRCS conservation practice standards and meet the required PCP size limitations. STRAW will follow PCP mitigation measures during implementation. Cultural resources consultants have been retained and have begun reviewing the projects. The Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria (FIGR) are in communication with staff around cultural resources review and planning for cultural monitors to observe implementation at least at the Walker Creek project thus far.

With the Board's approval, to initiate a comment period, staff will submit a short description of the proposal to The Point Reyes Light for public viewing. The public can comment on the scope and objectives of the individual projects. If no comments are received, then the projects are automatically adopted into the PCP on October 11. Any comments received will be presented at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Previous Board Actions:

1. Board approval to enter into agreement with CARCD to award WCB block grant funding (March 2024)
2. Board approval to enter into agreement with Marin County to receive Measure A funding (October 2022)

Actions:

Option 1: (Staff Recommendation) Board approval of initiating a 30-day public comment period for the attached 2026 project list and automatically including it into the PCP pending no public comment.

Option 2: Board does not approve of projects, or all of the projects, into the CEQA program, and requires staff to modify projects for another round of public review.

Impact:

The suite of 3 riparian restoration projects aims to improve bank stabilization, habitat for wildlife, enhanced native plant populations, and decreased sedimentation. The Walker Creek Ranch project will provide small clusters of native landscaping in high traffic areas to provide pollinator habitat and native plant community education for the outdoor school participants. These areas will be located in high traffic locations on campus.

STRATEGIC PLAN: (Alliance with [MRCD strategic plan](#) and grant goals)

Approval of this action item is consistent with following strategic goals:

GOAL 2: ENHANCE WATERSHEDS AND PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES

GOAL 3. SUPPORT INNOVATION AND DEEPEN PARTNERSHIPS

GOAL 4. CONNECT PEOPLE WITH NATURE AND WITH THE MRCD

Funding & Financial Control:

1. Riparian Restoration Projects (final budgets, yet to be determined)
 - a. Implementation: Point Blue-Wildlife Conservation Board ROOTS Program
 - b. Maintenance & Monitoring: MRCD-Measure A
 - c. Projects: #2026-02, #2026-03, #2026-04
2. Walker Creek Ranch Project: CARCD-Wildlife Conservation Board and MRCD-Measure A
 - a. Project #2026-01

The Marin Watersheds Permit Coordination Program (PCP) has and will continue to provide the catalyst for high-quality pollutant and erosion control and habitat restoration projects throughout the program								
Site Number	Watershed	Envir. Setting and Vegetation	Project Goals	Proposed Practice(s)	Project Actions and Sizing	Expected Permits	Potential for Listed Species	Funding Source
2026-01	Walker Creek	Outdoor school campus on a working ranch. Project areas will be located in high foot traffic areas between existing buildings, parking lots, the dining hall and other educational programming areas.	Provide landscape enhancement, pollinator habitat and educational opportunities connected to native plants.	Tree & Shrub Establishment (612)	Repair 2 existing raised beds and plant 5 small clusters of landscaping areas with 80 native plants.	n/a (Coastal Zone)	Negative	WCB, Measure A
2026-02	Novato Creek	Biologically diverse open range land just northwest of Stafford Lake. The tributary is located in the lowland pasture of actively grazed land and is already fenced.	Enhance water quality, erosion control and native habitat by planting native riparian species.	Fence (382) Riparian Forest Buffer (391)	Improve existing fence and plant 360 plants on 1100 linear feet of creek.	n/a	Negative	WCB ROOTS (STRAW), Measure A
2026-03	Tomales Bay	Narrow section of Frink Creek tributary which runs under Marshall-Petaluma road to a sink. Lowland sheep pasture currently inhabited by coyote brush and hemlock.	Stabilize the bank, enhance water quality, provide shade for grazing animals and provide habitat and native plant species in lowland sheep pasture.	Prescribed Grazing (528) Tree & Shrub Establishment (612)	Plant 290 plants on 660 linear feet of creek and manage invasive species encroachment by implementing a sheep grazing plan once plants are established.	n/a (Coastal Zone)	Franciscan thistle	WCB ROOTS (STRAW), Measure A
2026-04	Walker Creek	Wide bank tributary of Chileno Creek than runs parallel to Chileno Valley Road, located on an active dairy farm. Currently inhabited by invasive blackberry.	Mitigate invasive species encroachment, support native plant and wildlife populations, and support water quality in Chileno Creek by planting diverse native species.	Fence (382) Riparian Forest Buffer (391) Brush Management (314)	Remove invasive blackberry, repair existing fence, and plant 700 plants on 1411 linear feet of creek.	n/a	Baker's Larkspur	WCB ROOTS (STRAW), Measure A

Marin RCD Staff Report

August 1-30, 2026

District

- **ED Report**

- District
 - Completed salary adjustments for all staff.
 - Assisted with UCCE Waste Management grant
 - Completed Civil Grand Jury Response and mailed
- Contracts - Reviewed/Authorized/Signed. (New contracts above \$50k must go before the Board)
 - \$3,000 AbilityOps to organize [Monday.com](https://www.monday.com) and Strategic Plan information
 - \$25,000 Marin Municipal Water District for fisheries monitoring support
 - All Hands Ecology Contract Amendment - transfer of <\$9k between tasks
 - \$40,000 Integral Consulting - Tomales Bay Tires Study
 - Reviewed/edited AMP Landowner Agreement
- Meetings/Conferences: RCD Staff and Finance Committee, Sonoma County/RCDs re Advancing Markets for Producers grant, BOS meeting-Measure A, staff meetings

- **Board & Operations Manager Report:**

- Finance Committee Meeting (*FC: David Sherwood, Terry Sawyer, Cora, Nancy*)
 1. Presented different health benefit plans (ICHRA & Group) with a cost analysis. A decision was made to choose group healthcare and which employees are eligible.
- Cora and Andrea Drew (CPA consultant) continue to prepare for the FY 24/25 audit. We determined that we are under the threshold for a single audit! Andrea made a multitude of folders for backup for the books and Cora is continuing to upload items. FY 24/25 audit was rescheduled again, to take place the last week of September.
- (With Andrea) Started work on re-doing staff's billing rates to bring them in line with how federal grants want to see the rates constructed.

- **Program Operations**

- Elise continues to develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) as the needs arise. New procurement SOPs for the new procurement policies Elise has drafted (see "Policies" section below) and an invoicing SOP is next.
- ON HOLD - Nancy, Elise, Preston, and Fiona are evaluating database systems to improve access to up-to-date data for communications needs. More than 40

organizational metrics, including the Core Organizational Metrics, are being refined to guide this effort. Fiona has created a centralized spreadsheet—now housed in Monday.com—to help staff easily access required Core Organizational Metrics information and support ongoing implementation. This effort is on hold until the Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) is operationalized come Sept 2026.

- To improve internal systems, we are engaging [Monday.com](https://monday.com) consultants to help us operationalize the SIP and a few other processes.

- **Policies**

- Elise has created a new suite of Purchasing & Procurement Policies
 - This consists of 6 policies and 1 resolution that have been handed over to the ED for review, followed by counsel and Financial Committee review prior to Board review and adoption.
- Staff have drafted an Emergency Project policy. The board commented on this policy last month and staff need to incorporate their comments into the document. Elise is holding off on this policy until the Purchasing & Procurement Policy Suite is finalized because it will inform how we handle Emergency Projects.
- Dena drafted a Workplace Violence Policy for Nancy's review.

- **Staff Development**

- A complete list of staff training and take-aways can be [found at this link](#).
- Working with HR consultant in creating new RCD Admin Operations role. On hold

- **Diversity Equity, Inclusion and Justice**

- MRCD JEDI Committee met in May to discuss the internal Tribal Engagement Policy and the possibility of creating an organizational DEI statement. Future meetings will be scheduled to continue the conversation.
- Sarah, Preston and Michelle continue to meet monthly with Matthew Johnson, Cultural Programs Manager with the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, to discuss new and ongoing collaboration opportunities and draft a policy document related to Tribal engagement.
- Michelle drafted Tribal Consultation Policy and has submitted it to FIGR for review

- **Strategic Direction**

- Strategic Direction (SD) was Board approved in March 2026.
- The RCD is inviting the Tribe to review it within the next year.
- Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) shared with Board in July 2026

- On Aug 31, 2026, Elise met with a consultant to operationalize the SIP into [Monday.com](#) to create bimonthly or quarterly progress reports to the Board. Staff will test this system in late September 2026.
- **Communications (Media/ Messaging/Outreach)**
 - **Communications Plan: Board approved Comms Plan** Actions in May 2026.
 - **Newsletter:** (*Jerry Meral, Nancy Scolari and Elise Suronen*) We are moving from quarterly to biannual newsletters, as it is a better schedule for MRCD's project and for staff capacity
 - District Residents: no more opts outs at this time
 - **Digital newsletter:** Contacts up to 426 from 422, Open rate 67%; 8% click rate.
 - **Website:** Elise is updating the Impacts page, and will finalize video to publish on our website to communicate Marin RCD's impact over the past 65 years. 🙌
- **Grant List:** (See [grant status spreadsheet](#) for a full list of out-standing grants)

See below for Marin RCD Studies, Programs & Project updates:

Walker Creek Study (Sarah Phillips, PM)

- **Lower Walker Creek Estuary Study (100% complete):** Closed on March 31, 2024. This grant from CA Dept of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) was to study the Walker Creek estuary and evaluate opportunities for fisheries enhancement.
 - Nothing new to report. Still considering the benefit of dividing the project sites for individual funding to make the proposals more competitive.
 - Significant salmonid outmigration count by CA Dept Fish & Wildlife at trap on Brazil Ranch.

Biomass Project (Chad White, PM)

The Marin Biomass Project was developed in response to increasing biomass flow generated by wildfire prevention activities and by landfill diversion efforts in the County overseen, respectively, by the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA) and by Zero Waste Marin

(ZWM). It was also developed in response to the Marin Resource Conservation District (MRCD)'s work to advance carbon farming and advance climate-smart practices as a member of the Marin Carbon Project. MWPA's work generates biomass flows. ZWM's work guides diversion of biomass flows from landfill and Marin's compost procurement responsibilities. MRCD's staff work with agricultural producers in west Marin whose operations are potential sites of compost application to land. The project looks for synergy across the work of these organizations and the capacity to create a shared platform for sustainable utilization, rather than waste, of a range of biomass types: woody biomass from forests and woodlands, source-separated organics, and mixed construction and demolition materials, food scraps, yard trimmings, and agricultural biomass. The goal is to ensure that biomass utilization pathways support wildfire prevention and landfill diversion, while also reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

The Project is designed to foster cooperation among stakeholders in biomass utilization, particularly the public authorities who oversee and the private organizations that manage biomass management infrastructure and processes. A forum called the "Marin Biomass Collaborative" was created to support rapid implementation of recommendations developed through the Study. The Marin Biomass Project is also in a cohort of five pilot projects selected in 2021 by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), now Land Use and Climate Investment (LCI). It has been awarded \$900,000 in grant funding to identify solutions that overcome barriers to biomass feedstock utilization. Technical analysis and project management funded under this grant have been awarded through RFPs for consulting contracts.

Activity in the last month:

- The Project is creating roundtables based recommendations in Chapter 5 of *The Marin Biomass Study: Pathways to Improved Utilization and a Regenerative Biomass Economy* (See <https://www.marinrcd.org/marin-biomass-project>). The objective of these roundtables is to facilitate stakeholder alignment and drive detailed implementation plans for development of biomass utilization opportunities.

Conserving Our Watersheds Program
Gerhard Epke PM

- **COW (MILC) Phase VIII funded by 319(h) Water Board (50 % complete)**

- Water Board agreement executed and initiated in January 2025, ends fall 2027.
- MRCD's scope includes practices at dairies that support the Stemple Creek-Estero de San Antonio sediment & nutrients TMDL, and towards enhancing the high water quality of Drakes Bay watershed, South of the Point Reyes peninsula.
- In December 2025 project solicitation postcards were sent to all the known dairies in the Stemple Creek watershed. Responses turned into six applications.
- A Technical Advisory Group revised ranking criteria, conducted site visits, affirmed qualifying criteria and ranked applications.
- All six Stemple Creek applications were approved and moved into design phase.
- In Point Reyes National Seashore, RCD and the Park Service have worked together to design simple and cost-effective treatments to decommission the manure ponds at the three departing dairies within Drakes Bay watershed.
- CEQA was completed in November following a public comment period, with inclusion of the nine sites into the RCD's PCP program.
- One Stemple site was completed early this year and is being monitored, the others are ready or close to ready for implementation. One site involves a culvert replacement and received permits from CDFW, USACE and is waiting for final approval from the Water Board.
- Bidding and implementation is being paused for a review of the archeology protections and alignment with the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria.
- In the seashore, manure pond decommissioning design and biological studies are complete. NEPA and cultural resources consultation are wrapping up. The project is out to bid. Landowner agreements and board approval of the winning construction bid will be needed. An optional tour is scheduled for after the board meeting this month.

Marin Permit Coordination Program
Gerhard Epke PM

The Marin Permit Coordination Program (PCP) often refers to an Initial Study- Mitigated Negative Declaration used by Marin RCD to move projects through CEQA programmatically. The PCP prescribes environmental protections for a suite of NRCS conservation practices, thereby streamlining the design and approval process for landowners and ranchers pursuing restoration projects. Other aspects of this program include being contracted as a CEQA lead agency for other restoration projects and assisting landowners with permits for public trust agencies.

- **2026 PCP List**

Four restoration planting projects will be presented to the board for inclusion into the PCP this month. The projects are coming through the RCD's Carbon Farming program and will be adopted automatically next month pending no public comment. The list will be posted on the RCD website and in the newspaper.

- **All Hands Ecology preserves Vegetation Treatment Plans**

MRCD was contracted by All Hands Ecology (AHE, formerly Audubon Canyon Ranch) to act as CEQA lead on a vegetation management plan tiered off of the California Board of Forestry's Vegetation Treatment Plan (CalVTP) Environmental Impact Report. MRCD scope of work involves CEQA document review and submission for the preserves at Martin Griffin, Cypress Grove and Tom's Point, as well as some permit coordination with the Coastal Commission.

MRCD staff have reviewed and provided comments on the two Project Specific Analyses, one for Martin Griffin and one for both Cypress Grove and Tom's Point.

Staff have met on-site and reviewed the plans with AHE staff and representatives of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria on two occasions. Staff have also consulted on Coastal Permits with the County and Coastal Commission, and have a permitting strategy outlined. An initial informational presentation was on the August agenda and subsequent CEQA determination action item will come before the MRCD board, presumably next month while additional tribal consultation occurs.

- **COW MILC Agency Consultation and Permits**

One COW MILC project in Stemple Creek needs agency permits because of work in the creek. A 1600 Lake and Streambed Alteration permit was applied for from the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife. A Nationwide 3a maintenance permit was awarded from the US Army Corps, and a 401 Water Quality Certification NOI was submitted to the North Coast Water Board.

Carbon Farming Program (Sarah Skinker, Preston Duncan, Fiona O'Neill)

- **Marin Carbon Project (ongoing):** The MCP is managed by Orlena Yee (MCP Coordinator) to guide overall coordination of carbon farming activities in the county and beyond.

- Orlena is managing 3 compost roundtables. One is complete and 2 more are scheduled this month (Permitting/Markets and Outreach/Communications)
- A refresh of the MCP will be initiated soon.
- **State Coastal Conservancy – SCC (95% complete):** This grant funds the Carbon Farming (CF) technical support team for the RCD while building county-wide capacity to accelerate adoption of the Marin County CF Program. The RCD and eight partners will expand Marin County’s existing CF Program by: implementing 15-20 shovel-ready CF practices on 6–8 ranches, designing 15–20 more CF practices (planning for future implementation), and writing 6 new CF plans (CFPs) on newly participating farms (planning).
 - Carbon Farm Planning and Design update(s)
 - The Carbon Farm team has updated our Carbon Farm Planning approach. This included finalizing a simplified template more closely aligning with NRCS requirements
 - STRAW is finished with designs and implementation has been completed for 4 projects that met the design deliverables for this grant. STRAW is currently in the final year of establishment and monitoring of these projects.
 - The grant contract has been extended until September 2026 to continue spending down funds that went unspent by contractors.
- **WCB 2022 (80% complete):** MRCD staff will collaborate with PB STRAW to implement and maintain 3-5 hedgerow/windbreak projects, work with Walker Creek Ranch to construct a native garden, and complete 1 Carbon Farm plan.
 - Carbon farm plan is complete, hedgerows are implemented and in the establishment/monitoring phase.
 - Walker Creek Ranch garden design has been completed and the team is working on a new iteration of the plan to be constructed and planted this fall 2026. STRAW is supporting plant selection and FIGR is assessing cultural resource potential based on archeological survey results. Sarah continues to meet with the team at WCR to support this project.
- **USDA Advancing Markets for Producers – (15% complete):**
 - The implementation committee (Sarah S plus Kat Deaner from GRRCD and Anya from SRCD) have finalized the rebate structure and selection criteria. The landowner agreement has been drafted, reviewed by CoS and Marin County Counsel and is up for approval this month.

- We received over 30 project applications in the month of June.
- The team has completed the preliminary project selection process for round 1 and begun communicating the results with landowners both selected and not selected.
- **Soil Hub/Regional**
 - Fiona spoke about manure nutrient content as it relates to manure as a soil amendment at a workshop for Organic Dairies in Marin and Sonoma hosted by UCCE. 🤖
 - Sarah S spoke at the NRCS Local Working Group Meeting in Petaluma alongside Sonoma and Goldridge RCD in August to hear from local producers about regional challenges and increased need for technical support. 🧑🏫
- **No-Till Drill**
 - The drill rental season opened on August 1 of 2026. The drill can be rented via our website. We are grateful that it is housed at Mike Moretti's place.
 - The drill has been under-utilized in recent years. We will continue to rent the drill at the same daily rate (\$200/day) for the 2026 season, with plans to revisit big-picture questions about the rental program in 2027 if low usage continues.
- **Technical Capacity Building and Training**
 - None this month 😊

North Coast Soil Hub & Regional Network (Emilie Winfield)

- **National Association of Conservation Districts (5th year is ~97% complete; ends 09/2026) and NRCS Cooperative Agreement (100% complete)**

Outreach/communications/events:

- Attended UC ANR and UCCE leadership event in Sonoma County

Technical Assistance

- EW working on NRCS contracts with the Petaluma Office for nutrient management and soil health testing
- Shared resources on soil health testing for the NRCS Regenerative Agriculture Pilot Program.

- Visited Humboldt County RCD: Attended one site visit, visited a restoration project site, and met with HCRCD staff and regional staff.

Partnerships and working groups:

- Facilitating a North Coast carbon farm planning peer learning group with regional RCDs to build technical capacity and refine processes for CF planning and soil health management planning. One meeting in August.
- Facilitating an RCD Ag Program Leadership Peer Group for program managers to share resources related to program design and orientation, needs assessment, program evaluation, resource and team management, SOPs, etc. One meeting in August.
- Participating in statewide ag and climate hubs cohort group with other regional coordinators and CARCD. Attending biweekly meetings.
- Serving on the Conservation Innovation and Practice Adoption working group for the statewide C2P2 (CA Conservation Planning Partnership). One meeting in August.
- Attended CA Land Stewardship Network (CLSN) monthly meetings.

Technical capacity building and training:

- Organizing a phosphorous management training for regional technical assistance providers.
- Completed a report on the alignment between carbon farm planning and NRCS processes to support project implementation via Farm Bill funding.

Hub Governance:

- One Hub executive committee meeting in August.

Regional Needs/Opportunities Assessment:

- Participated in meetings for a SALC project to develop a climate-smart agriculture blueprint for the Bay Area.

Funding opportunities:

1. Updates on regional grant proposals and funding for regional coordination:
 - a. Developed a regional pre-proposal to SCC for climate-resilience projects (submitted).
 - b. North Coast RCDs were invited to submit a full proposal to the CDFA Healthy Soils Program (submitted).

- c. Developing a \$50k services contract with Carbon Cycle Institute for Soil Hub support.

Urban Streams Program

- Contracted and coordinated kick-off meeting with Integral Consulting to begin work on the coordination of lab samples and preparation of the Tomales Bay Tires Study/Assessment.
- Met with expert facilitator to prepare for the Tomales Bay meeting in September.
- Conducted three (3) site visits in Marin to unincorporated properties along streams.
- Assisted landowners and partners via resources and information, per request.
- Will begin filling out SCC pre-proposal in September for middle Lagunitas Creek project with PCI.
- Held and led a Lag TAC subcommittee meeting.
- Attended the monthly regulatory meeting with the County and agencies (MPC).
- Met with Marin Water's lead fisheries program manager to determine my schedule for fisheries monitoring and stepping in for Eric Ettlinger during his medical leave.
- Attended the annual Salmonid Restoration Federation's Coho Confab in Mendocino to review four different restoration project sites, aimed at coho recovery.

Tomales Bay Tires Removal Assessment/Study (Sarah Phillips)

- Funding provided by Marin County, Supervisor Rodoni's Office.
- Consulting team identified and awarded a contract for \$40,000 to prepare the assessment that is due 12/31/26.
- Coordinated and led a series of meetings with NOAA, the consulting team, and Dixon Marine for collecting tire and sediment samples then orchestrated transport to the lab for analysis.
- Reviewed the consultant's Work Plan and next steps.
- Met with the Dixon Marine dive team and NOAA in advance of the boat going out on Tomales Bay to collect samples.
- Lots of communications around and coordination of Chain of Custody process for collecting tire samples and transport for them to be sent to the lab.
- Agreement is currently in preparation for execution then work is anticipated to begin in

mid-August, 2026. The study/assessment is due December 31, 2026 and will be submitted to Marin County and NOAA.

Pine Gulch Project (Elise Suronen facilitating hand off to Gerhard)

- Fresh Run Farm and MRCD met again to discuss new scope and next steps (7/22/26, 8/28/26)
- Farm will secure a proposal from another civil engineer (David's Engineering out of Davis, CA) and a geo tech of the civil's recommendation
- MRCD secured new SOWs from Geotechnical Engineer and Civil Engineer. Biologist's scope is expected to be the same unless regulatory agencies decide permits are needed.
- MRCD staff created two budgets: planning and construction.
- Need to then secure Measure A funds and match.
- Staff strive to present a planning budget to the Board in Oct/Nov.

Fire and Forestry (Preston Duncan, Gerhard Epke, Sarah Phillips)

- **State Coastal Conservancy – SCC Fire and Forest Resiliency:** This Block grant, hosted by Humboldt RCD, funds capacity building for MRCD staff, outreach and education, and implementation in partnership with the Fire Forward Program at All Hands Ecology (AHE), formerly Audubon Canyon Ranch.
 - Staff are attending prescribed burns or training days, as possible, to build internal capacity and strengthen relationships with partner organizations.
 - Timelines have been developed for a workshop for local technical assistance providers to assess feasibility and situations appropriate for prescribed fire in order to better inform opportunities available to land managers and their resource management.
 - Staff is starting the process of coordinating site visits to identify implementation sites.
 - Preston is looking to finalize details on work program with SCC and hoping to refine budget in the coming weeks.
- MRCD is exploring more avenues for funding to support vegetation management work across the District. With the potential for Prop 4 funding in partnership with All Hands Ecology and One TAM.

Monitoring and Project Tracking (Preston Duncan)

- **PRNS Monitoring:**
 - New contract in place
- **Project Tracker:**
 - No new updates
- **Wildlife Monitoring:**
 - Preston completed bird monitoring for 1 CSP EQIP contract
- **GIS:**
 - Preston is working on GIS data re-structure to better fit into planning templates in development, as well as organize data points based on Core Org Metrics.
 - CFP team is meeting as-needed for GIS workshopping.
- **Conservation plan (CFP) Monitoring, support, and reporting:**
 - Preston and Fiona set to work with MCP to begin development of standardized protocols for County Climate Action Plan reporting.
 - Preston and team are reaching out to partners and producers with CFPs to update implementation progress and reconnect in some cases
 - Several CFPs do not have tables with Carbon Quantifications currently- Fiona and Preston are working on gathering data for updates and record keeping system
 - Preston, MCP and Dana Armanino from Marin County are going to begin work to update Carbon reporting avenues to update the Climate Action Plan Ag chapter. Due May

Staff serving on committees or attending regular meetings

Nancy Scolari

- Marin Carbon Project Steering Committee
- MRCD Finance Committee
- North Coast RCD Durable Collaboration
- Sonoma-Marín Advancing Markets for Producers Executive Committee
- North Coast RCD Soil Hub Executive Committee

Cora Richard

- MRCD Finance Committee (Facilitator)
- MRCD Staff Finance Meetings (Facilitator)

Sarah Phillips

- Tomales Bay Stewardship Network

- Marin Prescribed Fire Collaborative
- Lagunitas Technical Advisory Committee (Vice Chair)
 - Large Woody Debris Subcommittee
 - Membership Subcommittee (Chair)
 - Aquatic Toxicology Subcommittee
 - Marin Water's TUCP (Temporary Urgency Change Petition) Subcommittee
 - Marin Water Stewardship Plan Subcommittee
 - Prop 68 Lagunitas Watershed Enhancement Study Subcommittee
 - SPAWN's project site off Castro St. Subcommittee
- Sonoma-Marin Weed Management Area Meetings
- Marin County Project Coordination Program (permitting)
- Gallinas Watershed Council (Advisor)
- Technical Advisory Group San Geronimo Commons Restoration (former golf course)
- MKAT (Marin Knotweed Action Team)- *currently inactive*

Sarah Skinker

- A-Team
- North Coast Soil Hub
- North Coast Soil Hub Ag Program Leadership Peer Group
- Marin Carbon Project (MCP) Implementation Working Group
- MRCD JEDI Committee
- AMP Implementation Team & Steering Committee

Gerhard Epke

- A-Team
- Regional Water Quality Control Board Grazing Waiver Technical Advisory Committee
- Tomales Bay Foundation Advisory Committee
- Tomales Bay Stewardship Network
- Marin Prescribed Fire Collaborative
- Marin County Project Coordination Meeting (Alternate MRCD Rep to SP)
- Marin Biomass Collaborative

Preston Duncan

- A-Team
- Lagunitas Technical Advisory Committee (Alternate MRCD Rep for Sarah P)
- North Coast Soil Hub
- Marin Monarch Working Group
- Marin Prescribed Fire Collaborative
- OneTam Forest Health Collaborative
- North Coast Durable Collaborative (North Coast RCD Forestry program staff)
- Good Fire Alliance (North Bay's Prescribed Burning Association) Steering Committee

Emilie Winfield

- North Coast Soil Hub (Coordinator)
- CARCD Ag Technical Assistance Task Force
- California Farm Demonstration Network
- RCD Statewide Ag & Climate Hubs Coordinators Cohort
- RCD Ag & Climate Hubs Partnership Policy Workgroup
- Bay Area Regional Climate Action Plan: NWL Technical Stakeholder Group
- C2P2 Conservation Innovation and Practice Adoption Working Group

Chad White (special consultant)

- Marin Biomass Steering Committee/Collaborative (Project Manager)

Orlena Yee (special consultant)

- Marin Carbon Project (Coordinator)

Fiona O'Neill

- A-Team
- North Coast Soil Hub
- California Farm Demonstration Working Group
- Sonoma-Marín Weed Management Area Meetings