



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, May 13, 2026**

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

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

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

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

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

2. DISTRICT/ADMIN: (45 min)

- A. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes. ~*Cora Richard, RCD Board & Operations Mgr*
- B. Approve Financial Report. ~*Cora Richard, RCD Board & Operations Mgr*
- C. Approve actions contained within the five-year Marin RCD Communications Plan ~*Elise Suronen, RCD Operations & Impact Director*
- D. Approve Measure A Ad Hoc Committee-recommended Measure A Plan and Schedule ~*Nancy Scolari, RCD Executive Director*

3. PROGRAMS: (45 min)

- A. Approve the Marin RCD Seashore Ad Hoc Committee recommendation to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with The Nature Conservancy and to act in an advisory capacity in the planning of vacated Seashore ranches. ~*Nancy Scolari, RCD Executive Director*
- B. Approve Cooperative Agreement with the US Department of Interior, National Park Service to collaborate on the implementation of resource management projects and in providing monitoring assistance. ~*Nancy Scolari, RCD Executive Director*

4. INFORMATIONAL: (10:45-11:45 a.m.)

- **Virtual Fencing** ~*Devii Rao, UCCE Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor*
- **Local Area Management Plan/Septic Regulations** ~*Chris Choo, Marin County Assistant Director and Liz Darby, Outreach Consultant Marin County Community Development Agency*

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

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- Point Reyes National Seashore / The Nature Conservancy

RCD Program Updates (See staff report for details):

- **West Marin Compost** - Nancy Scolari, RCD Executive Director
- **Nicasio Water Expansion:** John Dolcini, Marin RCD Associate Director
- **USDA Advancing Markets for Producers Program:** The new AMP program is now entering the planning phase. Project solicitation is expected to begin June 1.
- **Justice Equity Diversity Inclusion (JEDI):** The JEDI Committee will meet this spring to discuss an RCD DEI statement and Tribal Engagement Policy.
- **Media/Messaging/Outreach:** Our digital newsletter subscribers have increased to 418 from 404.
- **Biomass Project:** The Project released its comprehensive report on biomass flows, gaps, and opportunities. *The Marin Biomass Study: Pathways to Improved Utilization and a Regenerative Biomass Economy* is now available on the MRCD website here: <https://www.marinrcd.org/marin-biomass-project> The Project is now creating roundtables around the specific recommendations in Chapter 5 of the report, with the goal of creating alignment and more detailed plans for development of biomass utilization opportunities.
- **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:** During the months of April and March, Phillips has remained engaged in a plethora of activities, providing support as well as leading the charge in the County. She's attended many meetings, including Vice Chairing the quarterly Lagunitas TAC meeting in addition to attending the Gallinas Watershed Council's meeting to help the group redefine their priorities. She's been supporting Mill Valley StreamKeepers in a fish passage project on Mill Creek and assisted County Flood Control with fallen trees in Miller Creek. Phillips helped Marin Water with the installation of the Rotary Screw Trap and has been a busy beaver this smolt monitoring season with a lot of coho outmigrating in late April. Phillips continues to work with Sup. Rodoni's office with various requests in the district. Finally, she attended and led a session on restoration at the regional Salmonid Restoration Federation Conference in Redding, CA.
- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program (COW):** COW MILC is the most recent Nonpoint Source Pollution Water Board grant. Of the six projects at dairies selected in the Stemple Creek watershed, three are in the design and permitting phase and three are entering implementation. The grant also funds practices in Drakes Bay watershed of the National Seashore. Design is 60% and NEPA review with NPS is underway for manure pond decommissioning at historic A, B and C ranches. RCD staff gave members of the EPA, State and Regional Water Board a tour of some Tomales Bay COW project sites on March 26 (thank you Terry, Mike and Melissa for your help!) The application for COW GIRL phase IX was not selected for funding this year, unfortunately.
- **Carbon Farming Program:** The team is revamping the funding application portal for farmers in preparation for the new federal AMP grant. RCD was awarded a microgrant from CA Native Plant Society for the CF team to conduct a spring field day to build staff skills in native forb and grass identification on rangelands.
- **Walker Creek Watershed:** No report
- **Finance Committee:** The Finance Committee reviewed health stipend options. The next FC meeting is scheduled for May 18th.

- **District:** Admin staff are focused on FY25 financial audit.
- **Landowner Assistance Provided:**
 - Urban Streams: 29 individuals requested assistance and were consulted, 53 individuals were educated in the USC Program, and 2 site visits were conducted.
 - Conserving Our Watersheds: 2 or 3 consultations
 - Carbon Farming: 6

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