



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, August 12, 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 - 10:30 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*
- C. Board approval of Marin RCD FY 26/27 Annual Budget and presentation of Marin RCD vacancies and recruitment. ~ *RCD Admin Team*
- 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*

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, Carbon Farming Program Manager (15 min)*

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

- All Hands Ecology preserve's Vegetation Treatment Plans. Receive presentation on CEQA and coastal permit coordination ~ *Julia Berkey, Brian Peterson, AHE, Gerhard Epke MRCD staff (30 min)*

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):

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

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- **Water Expansion:** *John Dolcini, Marin RCD Associate Director*
- **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, mostly around the new grazing requirements
 - Carbon Farming: 35

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