



## MINUTES

DATE: **Wednesday, April 11, 2018**

PLACE: Marin County Farm Bureau 520 Mesa Road, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

1. **A regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Sally Gale President at 9:10 a.m.**  
Roll call of directors: Mike Moretti, Bob Giacomini, & Peter Martinelli. Associate Director: George Clyde. Unofficial Associate Director: Richard Plant.  
Staff: Nancy Scolari, Elise Suronen, Darrylin Mollath, & Lynette Niebrugge.  
Additional Attendees: Dennis Rodoni (Board of Supervisors), Kristen Guy (Marin Agricultural Land Trust), Isaiah Thalmayer (STRAW), and David Sherwood (Landowner - Tomales).

### ACTION ITEMS

#### 2. MINUTES AND FINANCIALS

- A. Board approval of Regular Minutes.  
MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENSIONS: None to approve the minutes.
- B. Board approval of RCD financial reports and bills to be paid.  
MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Bob; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: none; ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve RCD financial reports and bills to be paid.

#### 3. RESOLUTIONS

- A. Board approval of Resolution Number 04-2018 of the governing body of the Marin Resource Conservation District, declaring that governing body members and volunteers shall be deemed to be employees of the district for the purpose of providing workers compensation coverage for said certain individuals while providing their services.  
MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Peter; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve of Resolution Number 04-2018 of the governing body of the Marin Resource Conservation District, declaring that governing body members and volunteers shall be deemed to be employees of the district for the purpose of providing workers compensation coverage for said certain individuals while providing their services.
- B. Board approval of Resolution Number 05-2018 of the governing body of the Marin Resource Conservation District, proposing an election be held in its jurisdiction; requesting the Board of Supervisors to consolidate with any other election conducted on said date, and requesting election service by the Marin County Elections Department.  
MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Peter; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve of Resolution Number 05-2018 of the governing body of the Marin Resource Conservation District, proposing an election be held in its jurisdiction; requesting the Board of Supervisors to consolidate with any other election conducted on said date, and requesting election service by the Marin County Elections Department.

#### 4. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS

- A. Board approval of revised scope of work for COW Project #2018-03 to include a feeding manger and earth work.  
MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Peter; NOES: Mike; AYES: Unanimous (with Sally's vote);

ABSTENTIONS: None to approve revised scope of work which includes earth work and excludes a feeding manger.

- B. Board approval of riparian fence design and cost estimate for COW Project #2017-05.  
**POSTPONED:** per Elise Suronen. Additional information needed.

5. MARIN PERMIT COORDINATION PROGRAM

- A. Board approval to open 30-day review of 2018 proposed projects into the Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program and accept the proposed projects on May 11, 2018 contingent upon receiving no public comment.  
MOTION: Peter; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: none; ABSTENTIONS: none, to approve to open 30-day review of 2018 proposed projects into the Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program and accept the proposed projects on May 11, 2018 contingent upon receiving no public comment.

6. CARBON FARMING PROGRAM

- A. Board approval of Selection Criteria used in the ranking of proposed carbon farming projects.  
MOTION: Bob, SECOND: Peter; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve Selection Criteria used in the ranking of projects with clarification of ranking questions.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

7. Partner Presentations & Updates -

- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** –Kristen Guy shared that Jim Jensen is out on paternity leave until the end of April due to the arrival his son. She also mentioned that MALT has already started monitoring their easements as they have 86 easements now and it takes quite a bit of time to accomplish this task.
- **Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed** – Isaiah Thalmayer briefly shared that STRAW is in their rainy season now. They are finishing the irrigation system at Glenn Ranch and their Prop 1 money will kick in soon so they can finish Phase 2 of planting at Glenn Ranch. They continue to maintain plantings at all other RCD sights which will include visits to Raiser and Gallagher Ranches tomorrow, April 12.

RCD Program Updates –

- **Nancy Introduces RCD Project Tracker:** Board Members and Directors are thoroughly engaged in how this information is available online.
- **Urban Streams Program:** The USC met with land/resource managers in Marin County to begin a collaborative approach toward eradicating Japanese knotweed from the Lagunitas Creek watershed. USC also created a new urban creek maintenance guidance document and provided a presentation to Gallinas Watershed Council and Miller Creek Watershed Stewards about urban streams maintenance. USC conducted one steelhead spawner survey with MMWD staff and is working with SPAWN and a resident on a reach-scale, instream habitat improvement project. Finally, USC attended two workshops in February; a soil bioengineering workshop with the SF Regional Water Quality Control Board and a workshop organized by MCL about fire and fuel management in Marin.
- **Carbon Farming Program** – 9 carbon farm plans are complete. 2 are underway. MCP selected 4 new carbon farm plans, 5 plans will be written in 2018. RCD staff is working with the Seashore in the development of practices for carbon farm plans

within the Park. The MCP Implementation Task Force is reviewing carbon project selection criteria to present to the RCD Board for approval.

- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program:** Six projects are in the design phase.
- **Americano Creek Watershed** – Gold Ridge RCD is working with Carbon Cycle Institute and Organic Valley on a Carbon Farm Plan in Valley Ford. The Valley Ford Cheese Co. rainwater catchment project will be constructed soon.
- **Media/Outreach:** Terry was interviewed on KWMR and described the RCD’s role in the Tomales Bay watershed. RCD Staff was interviewed by Aquarium of the Pacific’s Seafood for the Future program.
- **Grant Opportunities:** Staff will be assisting dairy producers with grant applications alongside UCCE staff. Staff is working on a USDA CIG grant to support soil sampling for one demonstration project. The County is deliberating continuation of Urban Streams.
  - \$195k. CA Dept. Fish and Wildlife – USC, San Geronimo. *Awarded!*
  - \$152k. CA Dept. Fish and Wildlife – Walker Roads. *Pending*
  - \$200k. State Coastal Conservancy – USC, San Geronimo. *Awarded!*
  - \$50K. Anonymous Foundation – Walker Creek Outreach and Seashore. *Pending*
  - \$25K. USDA NRCS – Biological and Permitting Services. *Pending*
- **Finance Committee:** A rebate program description was created and submitted to an attorney to prepare for a Department of Industrial Relations formal determination to exempt prevailing wage requirements when using a rebate program.
- **District:** Working on our Annual Report.
- **Landowner’s calling for assistance:** 0 agricultural and 8 urban landowners requesting assistance.

## 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- April 6. Leslie Ferguson, SF Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board and Gail Seymour, CA Department of Fish and Wildlife receive the Marin Conservation League Ted Wellman Water Award!
- April 11-14. Salmonid Restoration Federation Conference in Fortuna, CA
- April 13. Deadline for producers to apply to CDFA Healthy Soils Program
- April 16. Deadline to apply for CDFA Small Dairy Climate Change Research Program
- April 17. Deadline to apply for NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant Program
- April 23. Tomales Bay Watershed Council’s Semi-Annual Meeting (Marconi Center)
- April 24. 1:30pm. Marin County Local Coastal Program Amendment Hearing. Civic Center
- May 11. Sonoma Marin Ag Roundtable. Location TBD

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

- None.

## 10. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

## 11. MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:30 p.m.