



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, July 11, 2018**

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

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

ACTION ITEMS: 9:10 – 10:30 am

2. DISTRICT, MINUTES, FINANCIALS – 10 min.
 - A. Board approval of regular meeting minutes.
 - B. Board approval of RCD financial report and bills to be paid.
3. CARBON FARMING – 30 minutes
 - A. Board approval of proposed carbon farming projects to move into the design and budgeting phase, as recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee.
4. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS (COW) – 20 min.
 - A. Board approval of riparian fence design and cost proposal for Project #2017-05 on a tributary to Nicasio Reservoir.
 - B. Board approval to amend Contract #2017-01 with Prunuske Chatham Inc in the amount of \$8,345.
 - C. Board approval of fencing policy subcommittee to review specifications, cost and bid requirements.
5. RANCH ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP – 10 min.
 - A. Board approval to hire tow truck company to remove large debris from Stemple Creek tributary.
 - B. Board approval to issue CEQA Notice of Exemption for Project 2018-04 under 14 CCR §15330 for minor actions to prevent, minimize, stabilize or eliminate the release or threat of release of hazardous waste or substances.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 10:30 a.m.

6. Presentations & Updates: 45 min
 - RCD Eco-memes – Elise Suronen, RCD Conservation Program Manager
 - SPAWN's Proposed Marin Permit Coordination Projects – Preston Brown, SPAWN Director of Watershed Conservation
 - Introducing CalTrout – Patrick Samuels, CalTrout Bay Area Program Manager

Partner Updates – 15 min.

- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Petaluma Field Office Staff
- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** – Jim Jensen, Stewardship Mgr.
- **Students & Teachers Restoring a Watershed** – Isaiah Thalmayer, Restoration Mgr.

RCD Program Updates – 10 min:

- **Urban Streams Program:** The USCoordinator attended a training by the CA Conservation Corps in Ukiah on the installation of large woody debris for fish habitat,

assisted National Park Service in sampling fish populations for the 10 year anniversary of the Giacomini wetlands restoration, carried out one site visit, attended the monthly county permit meeting, led the Lagunitas TAC meeting, executed the first of five native plant propagation classes, and interviewed candidates for the Japanese Knotweed Coordinator position to be held by UC Cooperative Extension.

- **Pine Gulch Ponds & Instream Flow Enhancement Project:** Pond 1A was visited by RCD, contractor and engineers to troubleshoot leak.
- **Carbon Farming Program:** To date 11 CFP have been completed in Marin County; 5 are underway. A total of 7 plans will be written in 2018 by RCD and partners. Proposed carbon farm projects were evaluated and ranked. RCD staff presented at Carbon Farming Conference in Half Moon Bay.
- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program:** One planting project will enter the design phase soon. Two projects are currently in the design phase. Four projects are securing cost proposals.
- **Americano Creek Watershed:** Gold Ridge RCD is assisting a dairy with compost application and riparian planting with Healthy Soil Initiative funding. The Valley Ford Cheese Co. rainwater catchment project is under construction.
- **Stemple Creek Clean Up:** Nancy looked into dump days with County staff. The County does not currently host dump days, but does ensure there are limited free supplemental pickups included in the franchise agreements with waste haulers.
- **Media/Outreach:** RCD highlighted in Sustainable Conservation video. "Carbon Farming Works. Can It Scale up in Time to Make a Difference?" in Civil Eats
- **Grant Opportunities:**
 - \$13K. NRCS Conservation Innovation – Rangeland Soils Monitoring. *Pending*
 - \$25K. USDA NRCS – Biological and Permitting Services. *Pending*
 - \$239K. WCB – Carbon Farming designs, cost estimates and materials. *Declined*
 - \$436K. WCB – Carbon Farm Implementation. *Declined*
- **Finance Committee:** A rebate program description was created and submitted to the Department of Industrial Relations for a formal determination to exempt prevailing wage requirements when using a rebate program.
- **District:** Nancy and Terry met with representatives of the CA Dept of Conservation. Darrylin is working on our Annual Report, updating the RCD mailing list, preparing to close out the fiscal year.
- **Landowner's calling for assistance:** 1 agricultural and 7 urban landowners requesting assistance.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Groundwater Basin Delineation. State proposes elevated status for Wilson Grove Formation.
- 07/27/18. 9:30-12. Marin Conservation League Land Use Committee. Walker Creek.
- 08/21/18. Marin RCD Walker Creek Tour and Meeting.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- Chad Davisson letter running for CSDA Election Region 3, Seat A

9. 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.

10. MEETING ADJOURNED