



MINUTES

DATE: **Wednesday, July 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 9:07 a.m.**
Roll call of directors: Terry Sawyer, Peter Martinelli & Mike Moretti.
Associate Director: George Clyde.
Staff: Nancy Scolari, Elise Suronen, Darrylin Mollath, Sarah Phillips & Lynette Niebrugge.
Additional Attendees: Jonathan Wachter, (Marin Agricultural Land Trust), Kristen Guy (Marin Agricultural Land Trust), Isaiah Thalmayer (STRAW), and Preston Brown (SPAWN).

ACTION ITEMS

2. MINUTES AND FINANCIALS

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

3. CARBON FARMING

- A. Board approval of proposed carbon farming projects to move into the design and budgeting phase, as recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee.
MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to pass Board approval to gather more information by moving into the design and budgeting phase for the proposed carbon farming projects.

4. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS

- A. Board approval of riparian fence design and cost proposal for Project #2017-05 on a tributary to Nicasio Reservoir.
MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Peter; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to pass Board approval of riparian fence design and Brad Stevens Construction 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.
MOTION: Peter; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to pass 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.
MOTION: Mike; SECOND; Terry; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None, ABSTENTIONS: None, to pass approval of fencing policy subcommittee to review specifications, cost and bid requirements.

5. RANCH ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP

- A. Board approval to hire a tow truck company to remove large debris from Stemple Creek tributary.

MOTION: Peter; SECOND: Terry; NOES: None; AYES: Unanimous; ABSTENTIONS: None to pass Board approval to hire a 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

MOTION: Peter; SECOND: Terry; NOES: None; AYES: Unanimous; ABSTENTIONS: None to pass 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:

6. Presentations and Updates:-

- **RCD Eco-memes** – Elise presented the “Eco-memes” she has been creating and the Board engaged her in a lively discussion regarding the image clarity, vocabulary and audience targeted.
- **SPAWN’s Proposed Marin Permit Coordination Projects** – Preston Brown, SPAWN Director of Watershed Conservation, shared three potential projects: 1) San Geronimo Creek, downstream from the project Urban Streams Coordinator, Sarah Phillips and the Marin RCD will be working on. SPAWN’s goal is to provide roughness in the stream to enhance fish habitat. 2) A potential clean-up at the old Redi-mix Concrete facility where they are proposing the removal of non-permeable material and riparian planting along Lagunitas Creek. 3) SPAWN is intending to aide in the repairing of the riparian corridor on the Moore Ranch. They are working with the Moore Family and the Wildlife Conservation Board to potentially plant staked willows, elderberry and container plants grown by SPAWN.

Partner Updates -

- **Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed** – Isaiah Thalmayer informed the Board that all of STRAW’s sites are in the maintenance phase, thus they are starting their planning for next season. One project they are excited about going forward is 1600 linear feet of riparian planting on the Glenn Ranch which was formerly funded by Marin RCD and now will be funded with Prop 1 funds. Also, in the planning stages for next season, are plantings on the Evans Ranch (Nicasio), Gallagher Ranch and Corda Ranch.
- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** –Kristen Guy shared that MALT has a couple of staff openings; Online Communications Dept and Gifts and Data Processing.

RCD Program Updates –

- **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:** Staff assisted 4 dairy producers with grant applications alongside UCCE staff. CEQA coverage will be required for each producer's application and the RCD's new PCP will be able to provide coverage. The County is recommending the Urban Streams position for two additional years! Staff coordinated with CA Association of RCDs on 2 applications to the Wildlife Conservation Board.
 - \$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 at 12:12 p.m.