



MINUTES

DATE: **Wednesday, September 12, 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 8:30 a.m.

Roll call of directors: Terry Sawyer, Peter Martinelli, Mike Moretti & Bob Giacomini.

Associate Directors: George Clyde

Staff: Nancy Scolari, Darrylin Mollath & Lynette Niebrugge.

Additional Attendees: Kristen Guy (Marin Agricultural Land Trust), Dylan Voeller (Point Reyes National Seashore), Dave Sherwood (Rancher), Jennifer Walser (NRCS), Margaret Moore (Moore Ranch) and Preston Brown (SPAWN).

ACTION ITEMS

2. MINUTES AND FINANCIALS

A. Board approval of Regular Minutes and Special Minutes.

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENSIONS: None to approve the minutes.

Board approval of RCD financial reports and bills to be paid.

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENSIONS: None, to approve RCD financial reports and bills to be paid.

B. Board approval of FY 2018/2019 Marin RCD Annual Budget.

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve the FY 2018/2019 Marin RCD Annual Budget.

C. Board approval to reappoint George Clyde to the position of Associate Director.

MOTION: Peter; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to pass board approval to reappoint George Clyde to the position of Associate Director.

3. 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 October 12, 2018 contingent upon receiving no public comment.

MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Terry; 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 October 12, 2018 contingent upon receiving no public comment.

4. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS

A. Board approval of road, fence and trough cost proposal for Project #2018-02 in Olema Valley.

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: Peter Martinelli, to pass approval of proposal for road, fence and trough cost for Project

#2018-02 in Olema Valley. In the future, the Board would like to see cost details explained and engineers should be present for questions.

5. WALKER ROADS ASSESMENT

- A. Board approval to execute \$137,087 Contract #C11-2018 with Pacific Watersheds Associates to evaluate road conditions and provide treatment plans for a portion of the Walker Creek watershed.

MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Peter; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: Peter Martinelli, to pass approval to execute \$137,087 Contract #C11-2018 with Pacific Watersheds Associates to evaluate road conditions and provide treatment plans for a portion of the Walker Creek watershed.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

6. Presentations and Updates:-

Partner Updates -

- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Jennifer Walsh shared that NRCS is interviewing and hiring quite a bit.
- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust** – Kristen Guy stated that MALT has completed 59 of their 85 site visits. She also shared that MALT has a number of events coming up; Black Mountain Trail Run, West Marin Farm-to-Sea Clambake and a hike on Millerton Ranch.

RCD Program Updates –

- **Urban Streams Program:** The USC conducted three site visits, 11 stakeholders were assisted without a site visit and a total of 32 individuals were educated through the USC Program. USC attended the annual Coho Confab along the Smith River, organized by Salmonid Restoration Federation, which included tours of fish passage projects, a snorkel session to identify juvenile salmonids and presentations on Beaver Dam Analogues (BDAs). USC carried out a well-attended native plant propagation class that included a tour of an at-home nursery. Finally, USC is still leading the MKAT (Marin Knotweed Action Team) meetings and working collaboratively with many partners to assess presence or absence of Japanese knotweed parcel by parcel in SGV and we plan to begin treatments in September, 2018!
- **Carbon Farming Program:** To date 11 CFP have been completed in Marin County; 5 are underway.
- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program:** Six projects are in the works. The fencing contract for the Nicasio project was cancelled and a new Request for Cost Proposal was solicited. Cost proposals are in (see action item). Another project has a cost proposal awaiting approval (see action item). Two projects will begin construction this month and two planting projects are scheduled for installation this fall.
- **Walker Creek:** Staff organized a tour of the watershed with fisheries experts to discuss next steps for restoration efforts in the watershed.
- **Americano Creek:** 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:** Creek clean up on Chileno Valley Road is scheduled for October.
- **Pine Gulch Creek:** An order of bentonite will be delivered to Fresh Run Farms this month.

- **Media/Outreach:** No media
- **Grant Opportunities:** \$169K. WCB – Carbon Farm Implementation (site visits, designs, planning, handbooks, outreach). *Reapplying*
- **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:** Staff attended week-long workshop in Oklahoma (thanks to the Noble Soil Health Inst) entitled, “Working Effectively with Private Landowners”. Darrylin is starting the FY1718 Audit process.
- **Landowner’s calling for assistance:** 4 agricultural and 14 urban landowners requesting assistance.

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7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Groundwater Basin Delineation. State proposes elevated status for Wilson Grove Formation.
- 09/11/18. NRCS Soil Health Tour.
- 09/12/18. Climate Smart Ag/Carbon Tour.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- None

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 9:50.