



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, November 14th, 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.
2. Administer Oath of Office to Sally Gale, Bob Giacomini and Peter Martinelli.

ACTION ITEMS:

3. DISTRICT, MINUTES, FINANCIALS – 20 min.
 - A. Board approval of regular meeting minutes.
 - B. Board approval of RCD financial report and bills to be paid.
 - C. Board approval of Resolution to Borrow up to \$350,000 in the 18/19 Fiscal Year to make full and timely payments for work completed by improved ranch practices.
 - D. Board approval of letter requesting County financial support of RCD programs in the amount of \$100,000.
4. CARBON FARMING – 30 min.
 - A. Board approval of updates to the Landowner Agreement Maintenance and Monitoring Section for Hedgerows, Windbreaks/Shelterbelts and Silvopastures.
 - B. Board approval of windbreak design and construction budget for Toluma Farms.
5. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS – 30 min.
 - A. Board approval of Project Selection Criteria to be used in the evaluation and ranking of applications for the *COW: Updating Dairies and Ranches Sustainably (UDRS)* grant.
 - C. Board approval of Notice of Completion for Contract #2018-03.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 10:30 a.m.

6. Presentations & Highlights:
 - **Carbon Farming Program:** Staff and landowner will present design plans for a windbreak and silvopasture to be considered at the December Board meeting. Compost Operation, Maintenance and Monitoring standards must be reviewed and approved at the December Board meeting. Please take a look at the draft standards and the landowner letter. Eleven carbon farm plans are now completed in Marin County; 5 are underway.
 - **Urban Streams Program:** The USC conducted one site visit (Mill Valley), assisted eleven stakeholders and educated a total 103 individuals! USC attended a couple of presentations on rainwater harvesting, presented to a couple of neighboring universities about urban restoration in Marin, and carried out the final and well-attended native plant propagation class for the year. Finally, the USC attended a week long workshop led by US Fish & Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service about ecologically-based watershed restoration.

Partner Updates – 15 min.

- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Petaluma Field Office Staff
- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** – MALT staff are away at a retreat
- **Students & Teachers Restoring a Watershed** – Isaiah Thalmayer, Restoration Mgr.

RCD Program Updates – 15 min:

- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program (Construction Update):** Project #2018-02 (Olema winter storm flow project) is ongoing. Project #2018-01 headcut earthwork is complete except for *Juncus plantings (waiting for rain)*; riparian fence will be installed soon. Projects: #2018-03 (gully fence and water development.), #2017-05 (riparian fence) and #2017-09 (Lagunitas streambank planting) are complete. STRAW is adding onto Project #2017-06 with their own Prop 1 grant.
- **Walker Creek:** Staff has initiated landowner contacts for site visits with Pacific Watershed Associates consultants for road assessments and fisheries surveys. Staff participated in one watershed tour put on by CalTrout to determine if further science could be applied to monitor water quality for fisheries.
- **Americano Creek:** Gold Ridge RCD will host a Healthy Soils Demonstration tour in December at the Jarrid Bordessa Dairy. GRRCD is also seeking proposals from landscape crews and experimenting with Cocoon boxes and fog harvesting materials for irrigation. GRRCD is having a Board tour on December 20th and we are invited.
- **Stemple Creek:** Creek clean up on Chileno Valley Road is rescheduled until next year due to contract discrepancies with the Conservation Corps North Bay. A new contractor will be identified.
- **Pine Gulch Creek:** Bentonite was applied to Pond 1A; landowner applied the bentonite and Rege Construction sent a sheepsfoot down to compact the bottom. Marin Municipal Water District's interns from the Watershed Stewards Program might want to host a volunteer day to help Marin RCD maintain the Riparian Enhancement Area.
- **Media/Outreach:** Staff presented on carbon farming at the State Office in Sacramento. Staff were interviewed by BBC World News.
- **Grant Opportunities:**
 - \$169K. WCB – Carbon Farm Implementation (site visits, designs, planning, handbooks, outreach). *Pending*
 - \$40,000. CDFA – Technical Assistance for Producer Applications to Alt Manure Management Program and Healthy Soils Program. *Awarded*
 - \$10,000. Seed Fund – Soils testing for 2018 carbon projects. *Pending*
 - \$15,000. Rahr Foundation – Soils Testing for Demonstration projects. *Pending*
- **Finance Committee:** A Finance Committee meeting will be held in December.
- **District:** Darrylin is starting the FY17/18 Audit and working on Instagram postings. Staff attended the UCCE ponds training. Staff provided input on CalCANs Alternative Manure Management Program comment letter. Holiday luncheon anyone?
- **Landowner's calling for assistance:** 7 agricultural and 10 urban landowners requesting assistance.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 11/14/18. 5-7pm. West Marin School Gym. Open House Meeting. General Management Plan Amendment Environmental Impact Statement.
- 11/15/18. 5-7pm. Bay Model Visitor Center. Open House Meeting. General Management Plan Amendment Environmental Impact Statement.
- 11/14-11/16. CA Association of RCDs Conference. San Diego.
- 12/12/18. 1-4pm. Cloverdale Fairgrounds. Rebates for Measuring and Monitoring Devices Water Use Measuring Workshop and Vendor Fair.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- Ltr to Walker Creek landowners asking for access for road and fish surveys
- Ltr to Strategic Growth Council supporting the Seafeeds – Achieving statewide methane reduction with seaweed feed additives for ruminant livestock proposal.
- Ltr from landowner to reconsider livestock exclusion stipulation following compost application
- Ltr to Strategic Growth Council supporting Point Blue carbon proposal for rangelands.

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