



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, January 9th, 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:

2. DISTRICT, MINUTES, FINANCIALS – 15 min.
 - A. Board approval of regular meeting minutes.
 - B. Board approval of RCD financial report and bills to be paid.
3. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS (COW) – 30 min.
 - A. Board approval of Technical Advisory Committee recommendation to approve Projects #01-2019 and 02-2019 of the COW: Updating Dairies and Ranches Sustainably grant into the design phase.
4. CARBON FARMING – 30 min.
 - A. Board approval of Landowner Agreement Maintenance and Monitoring Section for the Compost Application practice.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 10:15 a.m.

5. Presentations & Highlights: 30 min
 - **Walker Creek Fish Survey Results** – Eric Ettlinger, MMWD Aquatic Ecologist
 - **Urban Streams Program:** Things slowed down in the USC Program for the final month of 2018. In December, 2 stakeholders were assisted without the need for a site visit and 20 individuals were educated with regard to restoration and endangered salmonids in Marin. USC has continued ongoing support to Lagunitas School with its Larsen Creek restoration efforts, trail improvements and interpretive signage project. As well, USC assisted Marin Municipal Water District with a spawner survey on mainstem Lagunitas Creek in mid-December and attended a community-based fire resilience group meeting for the North Bay area. Finally, in the new year of 2019, USC will be focused on the Landowner Assistance Program projects and moving them forward toward construction, which will take place in the late summer.

Partner Updates – 15 min.

- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Petaluma Field Office Staff
- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** – MALT staff
- **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.
 - **Carbon Farming Program:** Progressive Pastures planting hedgerow Jan 12, funded by HSI
 - **Walker Creek:** Landowners are being contacted for potential opportunity to participate in the roads assessment. RCD staff is potentially looking into restoration grant opportunities.
 - **Americano Creek:** Gold Ridge RCD held a Healthy Soils Demonstration tour in December at the Jarrid Bordessa Dairy.
 - **Stemple Creek:** On hold until spring.
 - **Pine Gulch Creek:** No report
 - **Media/Outreach:** None
 - **Grant Opportunities:**
 - \$169K. WCB – Carbon Farm Implementation (site visits, designs, planning, handbooks, outreach). *Pending*
 - \$10,000. Seed Fund – Soils testing for 2018 carbon projects. *Pending*
 - \$15,000. Rahr Foundation – Soils Testing for Demonstration projects. *Pending*
 - **Finance Committee:** Next meeting is 01/22/19
 - **District:** Darrylin is continuing with the FY17/18 Audit, working on maintenance postcards for the ranchers and Instagram postings.
 - **Landowner’s calling for assistance:** 3 agricultural and 2 urban landowners requesting assistance.
6. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 03/08/19. Landowner applications are due to CDFA Healthy Soils Program.
 - 04/03/19. Landowner applications due to CDFA Dairy Digester Program.
 - 04/03/19. Landowner applications due to CDFA Alternative Manure Mgmt Program.
7. CORRESPONDENCE
- None
8. 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.
9. MEETING ADJOURNED