



## AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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 review of updated FY 17/18 Budget, approval of RCD Financial Report and bills to be paid.
3. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS (COW) – 45 min.
  - A. Board approval of Notice of Completion for Project #2017-05.
  - B. Board approval of gully fencing design for Project #2019-05.
  - C. Board approval of Technical Advisory Committee recommendation to approve Projects #2019-03 and 2019-04 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 – 10:30 a.m.**

5. Presentations & Highlights: 30 min
  - **Hedgerows** – Rex Dufour, National Center for Appropriate Technology

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:

- **Urban Streams Program:** Two site visits were conducted, eight stakeholders were assisted and forty-two people were educated in the Urban Streams Coordination Program! USC provided a presentation on Marin Municipal Water District's (MMWD) spawner survey data to Marin Conservation League's Land Use subcommittee and presented to the Gallinas Watershed Council's (GWC) Board of Directors with an update on MRCD's PCP. USC assisted MMWD with a spawner survey on Lagunitas Creek where this spawning season happens to be the sixth largest run since surveys began in 1996 and the highest in 12 years in the overall Lagunitas Creek watershed. Finally, USC has

been invited to present at the SERCAL (Society for Ecological Restoration CA) and SRF (Salmonid Restoration Federation) Conferences that are statewide/regional conferences to share about the effectiveness of the Urban Streams Program in Marin.

- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program (Construction Update):** Project #2018-02 (Olema winter storm flow project) is ongoing.
  - **Carbon Farming Program:** Progressive Pastures completed hedgerow under Healthy Soils Program. One landowner is applying for new round of Healthy Soils Program. The design process is starting for three projects.
  - **Walker Creek:** RCD staff will be applying for two restoration programs on Walker Creek: NOAA National Marine Fisheries and CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife Fisheries Restoration Grant Programs.
  - **Americano Creek:** No report.
  - **Stemple Creek:** Stemple Creek Cleanup project is on hold until spring.
  - **Pine Gulch Creek:** Ponds are holding water.
  - **Media/Outreach:** George wrote up a letter to the editor for the Point Reyes Light regarding coho counts in Walker Creek
  - **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. *Awarded but relinquishing grant to Carbon Cycle Inst.*
  - **Finance Committee:** Committee reviewed revised budget numbers for FY 17/18, discussed fulfilling Lynette’s position, and revised county request for operational support.
  - **District:** FY17/18 Audit was completed, maintenance postcards were mailed to ranchers, posts were made on Instagram. Staff will be producing Director Manuals which contain RCD information.
  - **Landowner’s calling for assistance:** 8 agricultural and 10 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
- Marin County Fire Letter of Support for North Coast Forest Watershed Coordinator.
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