



MINUTES

DATE: **Wednesday, March 13th, 2019**
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 9:00 a.m.

Roll call of directors: Mike Moretti and Terry Sawyer

Associate Director: George Clyde, Honorary Associate Director: Richard Plant

Staff: Nancy Scolari, Elise Suronen, Sarah Phillips & Darrylin Mollath.

Additional Attendees: Eric Rubenstahl (Marin Agricultural Land Trust), Dave Sherwood (Rancher), Isaiah Thalmayer (STRAW), Drew Loganbill, Genevieve Landucci, and Ariel DeLara (NRCS), and Rex Dufour (NCAT).

ACTION ITEMS:

2. DISTRICT, MINUTES, FINANCIALS – 15 min.
 - A. Board approval of regular meeting minutes.
MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENSIONS: None to approve the minutes.
 - B. Board approval of updated FY 17/18 Budget, RCD financial report and bills to be paid.
MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve the updated FY 17/18 Budget, RCD financial report and bills to be paid.
 - C. Board approval of DRAFT FY 2017/18 Marin RCD Annual Audit.
MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve the DRAFT FY 2017/18 Marin RCD Annual Audit.
 - D. Board approval of the North Coast Resource Conservation District Collaborative Memorandum of Understanding for the Joint Exercise of Powers.
MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve MOU for the North Coast RCD Collaborative.

3. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS (COW) – 30 min.
 - A. Board approval of Notice of Completion for Project #2017-05.
MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to execute the Notice of Completion for Project #2017-05.
 - B. Board approval of gully fencing design for Project #2019-05.
MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve gully fencing design for Project #2019-05 with “wings” of different lengths protruding from the fence.

4. CONSULTING SERVICES – 30 min.
 - A. Board approval to execute Contract #C01-2019 with Prunuske Chatham Inc. in the amount of \$27,145 to provide regulatory compliance, project planning and biological services for 2019 construction projects.
MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve Contract #C01-2019 with Prunuske Chatham Inc. in the amount of \$27,145 to provide regulatory compliance, project planning and biological services for 2019 construction projects.
 - B. Board approval to award Contract #C02-2019 to a contractor in completing archaeological review of nine (9) 2019 restoration projects.
MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve awarding Contract #C02-2019 to a contractor in completing archaeological review of nine (9) 2019 restoration projects.
 - C. Board approval to execute Contract #C03-2019 with the San Francisco Estuary Institute for an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to perform pre and post project riparian assessment documentation services for one (1) project under the Landowner Assistance Program.
MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to execute Contract #C03-2019 with the San Francisco Estuary Institute for an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to perform pre and post project riparian assessment documentation services for one (1) project under the Landowner Assistance Program.
 - D. Board approval to execute Contracts #C04-2019 and #C05-2019 for a combined total of \$26,787 with Stillwater Sciences to perform engineering services for two (2) projects under the Landowner Assistance Program.
MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to execute Contracts #C04-2019 and #C05-2019 for a combined total of \$26,787 with Stillwater Sciences to perform engineering services for two (2) projects under the Landowner Assistance Program.
5. CARBON FARMING – 15 min.
 - A. Board approval of Landowner Agreement Maintenance and Monitoring Section for the Compost Application practice.
MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve the Landowner Agreement Maintenance and Monitoring Section for the Compost Application practice.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 10:45 a.m.

6. Presentations & Highlights:
 - **National Center for Appropriate Technology** – Rex Dufour gave a very informative presentation on hedgerows. Rex lives in the Central Valley so some of his applications will not translate to our region, but overall there was much to learn. He encouraged us to consider plantings that would support the insect population as they are a foundational component of our ecosystem. He shared pamphlets that educated us on the best plant suggestions for various landscaping needs. The Board and staff were quite engaged.

Partner Updates – 15 min.

- **Students & Teachers Restoring a Watershed** – Isaiah Thalmayer reported that STRAW continues to push forward with planting on the Glenn Ranch. He also reported that the recent storm blew out large portions of the shore on Gallagher Ranch. As of this meeting Isaiah had not been out to assess the damage.
- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Drew Loganbill stated there are no new updates to report other than NRCS hired a new Forester.
- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** – Eric Rubenstahl reported that MALT is focused on ramping up their monitoring season.

RCD Program Updates – 15 min:

- **Urban Streams Program:** The USC coordinated and led another productive Marin Knotweed Action Team meeting and attended a river friendly-fire resilient landscaping workshop. In gearing up for filling out permit applications for the Landowner Assistance projects, USC held a meeting, on-site, with the regulators to get advice in permitting the SCC-funded project. Finally, USC organized and led the annual Lagunitas TAC field trip to SPAWN's recent restoration project site at Tocaloma. Due to recent flooding, USC will be conducting a plethora of site visits throughout the month of March.
- **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. One planting project will be installed soon and another planting project is delayed until 2019/2020 planting season.
- **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:** Gold Ridge RCD held a Healthy Soils Demonstration Tour at the Ocean Breeze Dairy. A riparian planting project is being planned at the site.
- **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 Planning (site visits, designs, planning, handbooks, outreach). *Pending but recommended!*
 - \$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.*
 - \$50,000. Anonymous. Regenerating Landscapes. *Pending*
- **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

- Construction Procurement Policy is being reviewed by County Counsel
- Maintenance/monitoring postcards were mailed to approximately 50 ranchers
- Staff is surveying ranchers about social media options
- Posts were made on Instagram
- Darrylin is producing Board Manuals which contain RCD information.
- Darrylin donated artwork that we are using for landowner outreach materials.
- Staff has documented 60 projects in our Project Tracker database which we will show you next month.
- Let's go on a 60th Anniversary Tour!
- **Landowner's calling for assistance:** 8 agricultural and 11 urban landowners requesting assistance.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 03/08/19. Landowner applications are due to CDFG Healthy Soils Program.
- 04/03/19. Landowner applications due to CDFG Dairy Digester Program.
- 04/03/19. Landowner applications due to CDFG Alternative Manure Mgmt Program.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- Marin County Fire Letter of Support for North Coast Forest Watershed Coordinator.
- Sand Point Groundwater Basin is approved.
- Special District Ballot Packet

4. 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.

5. MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:59 a.m.