



## MINUTES

### Meeting dedicated to the memory of Joey Corda and Nick Nunes.

DATE: **Wednesday, April 10th, 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 9:06 a.m.**

Roll call of directors: Bob Giacomini, Peter Martinelli, and Terry Sawyer

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

Staff: Nancy Scolari, Elise Suronen & Darrylin Mollath.

Additional Attendees: Eric Rubenstahl (Marin Agricultural Land Trust), Dave Sherwood (Rancher), Nick Goodman (NRCS), Brittany Burnett (GGNPC), Shelly Benson (One Tam), Jonathan Wachter (MALT), Josh Hollis (Hollis Ag), Zach Mendes (MALT) and Regina Pozzi (Farm Bureau).

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

**2. DISTRICT, MINUTES, FINANCIALS – 15 min.**

**A. Board approval of regular meeting minutes.**

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

**B. Board approval of RCD financial report and bills to be paid.**

MOTION: Peter; SECOND: Bob; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve the RCD financial report and bills to be paid.

**C. Board approval of County Counsel Reviewed Procurement Policy for Construction Services. MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Peter; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None;**

**ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve the County Counsel Reviewed Procurement Policy for Construction Services.**

**3. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT – 45 min.**

**A. Board approval of Notice of Exemption for fencing Project #2019-05.**

MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Bob; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve Notice of Exemption for fencing Project #2019-05.

**B. Board approval to open 30-day review of 2019 proposed projects into the Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program and acceptance of proposed projects on May 13, 2019 contingent upon receiving no public comment. MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Peter; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve, with the caveat of the recommendations made by the Board today, opening a 30-day review of 2019 proposed projects into the Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program and acceptance of proposed projects on May 13, 2019 contingent upon receiving no public comment.**

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 10:00 a.m.

### 4. Presentations & Highlights:

- **Marin County Vegetation Mapping** – Danny Franco reported extensively on LiDar (a surveying technology that measures distance by illuminating a target with a laser light) mapping done for Marin County. This public large scale vegetation mapping has been funded by the National Park Service, California State Parks, Marin Open Space, and Marin County Parks to understand vegetation patterns countywide. After the map is created the ground crew goes out to do field checks on the actual plants. The crew has covered all public lands, but they need help accessing private lands to take vegetation samples. Bob Giacomini, Terry Sawyer, Peter Martinelli, George Clyde and David Sherwood all agreed to have their land open for the ground crew to take samples. A map void of vegetation will be available to the public this summer (2019) and the vegetation map will be ready 2021.
- **Tomales Bay Watershed Council** – Richard Plant reports about his concern that the Watershed Stewardship Guidelines are out of date (created in 2003). He is desiring to update the existing Guidelines with more input from the agricultural community.
- **Storm Damage Update – Nancy and Elise** share slides of damage that landowners have alerted the MRCD to following the last storm.
- **RCD Project Tracker** – Elise and Nancy report on how most California RCD's have recently documented their work. The Board comments that this is fantastic illustration of what MRCD does, clearly a lot of work and they recommended posting it on the website. [www.rcdprojects.org/](http://www.rcdprojects.org/)

Partner Updates – 15 min

**NRCS – Nick Goodman** reports that NRCS is hiring a few new staff members for their Petaluma office. He states some important dates:

- **EQIP June 14<sup>th</sup>, -Ranking Date.** Anyone interested in EQIP funding, please come in a month *prior* to June 14<sup>th</sup>
- **Wetland Easement Program – April 12<sup>th</sup> – Ranking Date.**
- **Conservation Stewardship Program – May 10<sup>th</sup>.** People who have already participated in conservation programs.

**MALT** – Eric Rubenstahl reports MALT is going through a transition with staff changes. Upper management is working on their Strategic Plan with a focus on how MALT can help with big floods and fires.

RCD Program Updates – 15 min.

- **Urban Streams Program:** The USC has been focused on filling out a series of permit applications and meeting with landowners regarding implementation of the Landowner

Assistance Program projects. Due to the flooding events in February, USC has carried out seven (7) site visits and assisted seventeen (17) stakeholders that did not require a site visit. Of those assisted, twelve (12) were referred to the USC Program by staff within Marin County Dept of Public Works.

- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program (Construction Update):** Project #2018-02 (Olema winter storm flow project) is ongoing, 3 projects in the design phase and one is one hold.
- **Carbon Farming Program:** Staff assisted five (5) dairies with applications. Staff is participating in County's Drawdown Marin program. The design process is underway for three projects. One planting project installed and another planting project is delayed until 2019/2020 planting season.
- **Americano Creek:** No report
- **Stemple Creek:** Stemple Creek Cleanup project is on hold until spring.
- **Pine Gulch Creek:** One pond seems to be seeping; therefore, Marin RCD are assisting with Division of Water Rights Time Extension Request to delay appropriate water licensing.
- **Media/Outreach:** None
- **Grant Opportunities:** 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 (due 4/16).
  - \$169K. WCB – Carbon Farm Implementation (site visits, designs, planning, handbooks, outreach). *Pending but recommended!*
  - \$20,000. Seed Fund – Soils testing for 2018 carbon projects. *Awarded!*
  - \$50,000. Anonymous. Regenerating Landscapes. *Pending*
  - North Coast Forest Watershed Coordinator Position. *Awarded!*
- **Finance Committee:** No report. New meeting is scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- **District:**
  - Darrylin completed Marin RCD Annual Report
  - Let's go on a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour for Board of Supervisors!
- **Landowner's calling for assistance:** 3 agricultural and 24 urban landowners requesting assistance.

## 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- None

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

- 04/01/19. Marin RCD Letter of Support for dairies applying for Alternative Manure Management Program
- 03/08/19. CalTrans preparing environmental documents and accepting comments for repaving along Highway 1.

## 7. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

## 8. MEETING ADJOURNED: 12:10 p.m.