



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, May 8th, 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.
2. INFORMATION ITEM: Blake's Landing Irrigation Design - A. Straus

ACTION ITEMS:

3. DISTRICT, MINUTES, FINANCIALS – 30 min.
 - A. Board approval of regular meeting minutes.
 - B. Board approval of RCD Financial Report and bills to be paid.
 - C. Board approval of Position Description for new RCD hire.
 - D. Board approval to hire grant writer.
4. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS- 30 min.
 - A. Board approval of project design and Notice of Exemption for livestock walkway Project #2019-02.
 - B. Board approval to execute contract #C06-2019 with Miller Pacific Engineering for geotechnical services for a waste transfer pipeline for project #2019-01.
 - C. Board approval to execute contract #C09-2019 with Prunuske Chatham Inc. for design services for project #2014-03.
4. SAN GERONIMO LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – 30 min.
 - A. Board approval to execute contract #C07-2019 with Gold Ridge RCD for construction management and biological services for the CA Dept Fish & Wildlife-funded SGV Landowner Assistance Program project #2017103.
 - B. Board approval to select a consultant to provide biological services for the State Coastal Conservancy-funded SGV Landowner Assistance Program project #2017-07.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 10:45 a.m.

5. Presentations & Highlights: 60 min

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:** The USC was invited to present at two regional conferences; SERCAL (CA's Society for Ecological Restoration) and SRF (Salmonid Restoration Federation) on the Urban Streams Program being used as a replicable

model elsewhere in the state. USC also assisted 12 stakeholders. Many site visits are lined up for May and USC continues to get contracts set up for the two in-stream fisheries enhancement restoration projects to be constructed this summer in SGV!

- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program (Construction Update):** Project #2018-02 (Olema winter storm flow project) is finished! 3 projects in the CEQA, permitting and design phase. We would like button up a project that needs some help!
 - **Carbon Farming Program:** Staff is participating in County's Drawdown Marin program. The design process is underway for two projects. Planting projects are 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:** Nancy participated in a carbon farming panel at the Marin Farmers Market.
 - **Grant Opportunities:**
 - \$169K. WCB – Carbon Farm Implementation (site visits, designs, planning, handbooks, outreach). *Pending but recommended!*
 - \$50,000. Anonymous. Regenerating Landscapes. *Pending*
 - North Coast Forest Watershed Coordinator Position. *Awarded!*
 - \$350,782. Walker Creek Estuary Study. Dept Fish and Wildlife. *Pending*
 - **Finance Committee:** The committee reviewed staff retention concerns and the funding of future positions including a grant writer.
 - **District:**
 - RCD Project database is on our website.
 - Let's go on a 60th Anniversary Tour for Board of Supervisors!
 - Staff talked to attorney about pending lawsuit regarding special district elections in California.
 - Staff will be meeting at a couple flooded road locations with landowners and the county of Marin in May.
 - **Landowner's calling for assistance:** 2 agricultural and 12 urban landowners requesting assistance. We are receiving quite a few carbon farming requests from around the world.
6. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE
- 5/24/19. 9am-Noon. North Coast Area Regional RCD Meeting. Hosted by Marin RCD at the Petaluma NRCS Office.
7. 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.
8. MEETING ADJOURNED