



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, June 19th, 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 – 20 min.
 - A. Board approval of regular meeting minutes.
 - B. Board approval of RCD Financial Report and bills to be paid.
 - D. Board approval to hire grant writer.
3. CARBON FARMING- 30 min.
 - A. Board approval of Project #2019-07 design for critical planting area, fencing and water development construction estimated at \$79,218.00.
 - B. Board approval of Project #2019-06 design for hedgerow and water development construction estimated at \$68,489.00.
 - C. Board approval to contribute additional funding to Project #2018-04, a hedgerow installation.
4. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS- 15 min.
 - A. Board approval of Project #2019-03 design for waste transfer construction estimated at \$118,548.90.
5. SAN GERONIMO LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – 20 min.
 - A. Board approval to award a construction contract for the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife-funded SGV Landowner Assistance Program Project #2017103.
 - B. Board approval to award a construction contract for the State Coastal Conservancy-funded SGV Landowner Assistance Program Project #2017-07.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 10:45 a.m.

6. Presentations & Highlights: 30 min
 - **Monarch Butterflies** – Richard Plant & Ed Nute

Partner Updates – 15 min.

- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Petaluma Field Office Staff
- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** – MALT Stewardship Staff
- **Students & Teachers Restoring a Watershed** – Isaiah Thalmayer, Restoration Mgr.

RCD Program Updates – 15 min:

- **Urban Streams Program:** The USC assisted 13 residents/stakeholders in Marin whereas two landowners received site visits. USC attended a series of MKAT (Marin Knotweed Action Team) meetings to determine the best next steps in moving forward in San Geronimo

Valley regarding the eradication of invasive Japanese knotweed vegetation. Progress is continuing with the Landowner Assistance Program; plant and archaeological surveys have been conducted and the bid tour/job walk was carried out for both projects. Cost proposals were due on Thursday, June 13th. West Marin Compost is helping the project with storage of materials and acceptance of vegetative materials. Marin County Open Space is helping out by taking spoils from the project.

- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program (Construction Update):** Two projects are lining up for construction; one is hung up in the permitting phase. An old COW project is threatened by a new headcut; remaining COW V funds are paying for a design-fix.
- **Carbon Farming Program:** Staff is participating in County's Drawdown Marin program. The carbon sequestration group has now convened to inform the County Drawdown effort. Two project designs are ready for approval at this month's meeting, making for a total of three projects that will be implemented this year. One previously implemented project will be maintained. Soil samples will be collected prior to implementation of projects.
- **Stemple Creek:** Stemple Creek Cleanup project will be gearing up.
- **Pine Gulch Creek:** One pond is seeping; therefore, Marin RCD is assisting with Division of Water Rights Time Extension Request to delay appropriate water licensing.
- **Media/Outreach:** Nancy presented to the Supervisors on Measure A accomplishments.
- **Grant Opportunities:** Working on possible Monarch butterfly opportunity.
 - \$169K. WCB – Carbon Farm Implementation (site visits, designs, planning, handbooks, outreach). *Awarded!*
 - \$50,000. Anonymous. Regenerating Landscapes. *Pending*
 - North Coast Forest Watershed Coordinator Position. *Awarded!*
 - \$350,782. Walker Creek Estuary Study. Dept Fish and Wildlife. *Pending*
 - \$10K. Workshops at Farmers Markets for beginning farmers. *Pending*
- **Finance Committee:** No meeting was held.
- **District:**
 - Let's go on a 60th Anniversary Tour for Board of Supervisors - FALL
 - Staff will be meeting at a couple flooded road locations with landowners and the county of Marin in July.
 - CARCD is enforcing dues which means increasing our contribution.
 - CARCD Board structure is changing. District managers will replace representation of Directors.
 - North Coast RCD Area Spring Meeting was held in Petaluma.
- **Landowner's calling for assistance:** 1 agricultural and 13 urban landowners requesting assistance. We are receiving quite a few carbon farming requests from around the world.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

- Six Marin County farmers are awarded CDFA Healthy Soils funding!

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