AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday, December 11th, 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 – 90 min.
   A. Board approval of regular meeting Minutes.
   B. Board approval of Financial Report and bills to be paid.
   C. Board approval of Marin RCD Cost Share Policy.
   D. Board decision to approve the Marin RCD Project Evaluation, Ranking and Selection process.

3. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS- 45 min.
   A. Board review and approval of Technical Advisory Committee recommended projects to be funded by the COW: Updating Dairies and Ranches Sustainably Program.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 11:15 a.m.

4. Presentations & Highlights: 45 min

   Partner Updates –
   • 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:

• Urban Streams Program: MKAT meetings continue, Landowner’s Assistance Program projects have been constructed, USC was re-elected to continue serving in leadership of the Lagunitas TAC and continues to support fisheries programs and projects in Marin County.

• Conserving Our Watersheds Program: One project completed construction this fall; one project will revise the scope and be re-bid to be built next summer; one received AMMP funding and is in the permitting phase and will be built next summer; the TAC will recommend projects to receive the remaining $180k of construction funds.

• Carbon Farming Program: Three planting projects will start construction soon; two by STRAW and one by landowner/MALT. Construction of a new water development to support a carbon farm planting was completed last month. Another water development
along with a pond fence will be constructed by the land owner this month. One previously implemented project will be maintained.

- **Stemple Creek Project:** Stemple Creek Cleanup activities are complete! Cameras and signage will be placed soon.

- **Pine Gulch Creek Project:** Marin RCD staff created a Petition for Extension of Time to the Division of Water Rights to delay appropriate water licensing for one farm.

- **Media/Outreach:**
  - “Ranchers criticize park’s plan for ag, urges changes” PReyes Light
  - “Big benefits from fences on Olema Creek” PReyes Light
  - “Two projects enhance endangered salmon...” PRyes Light, George Clyde
  - Marin Carbon Project, KWMR Broadcast

- **Grant Opportunities:** Elise has been working on a new “Restore California” program with ranches. A 1% surcharge is applied to diner’s bill that is directed toward carbon farming projects. Sarah is looking into shared project with Trout Unlimited. Elise is also working on a $700k, 319(h) proposal to fund a 7th phase of COW to serve landowners in Tomales Bay and Stemple Creek – Estero de San Antonio with implementing BMPs.
  - $350,782. Walker Creek Estuary Study. Dept Fish and Wildlife. **Pending**
  - $10,000. Drawdown Marin. Campbell. **Declined.**
  - $60,000. CDFA Healthy Soils Tech Assistance. **Awarded!**

- **Finance Committee:** No meeting was held

- **District:**
  - Let’s go on a 60th Anniversary Tour for Board of Supervisors and RCD Board- SPRING
  - Darrylin is closing FY18-19 and scheduling for CPA and Audit.
  - Darrylin is analyzing best retirement investment/cost options for RCD staff.
  - Darrylin is finalizing the Marin RCD’s Indirect Cost proposal to be presented to the EPA.
  - Darrylin and Sarah are looking forward to working with Laurie Sawyer on the next illustration which will highlight local fish and their habitat.

- **Landowner’s calling for assistance:** 2 agricultural and 26 urban landowners requesting assistance.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE**

- None

6. **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.

7. **MEETING ADJOURNED**