



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...” PReyes 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. CDFG 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