



## AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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 Financial Report and bills to be paid.
  - C. Board approval of Memorandum of Agreement between the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Marin Resource Conservation District, State of California and the CA Association of Resource Conservation Districts
3. LOWER WALKER CREEK FLOODPLAIN ASSESSMENT & DESIGN - 15 min.
  - A. Board approval of Resolution 01-2020 approving and authorizing execution of a contract with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Lower Walker Creek Floodplain Assessment and Design project.
4. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS – 25 min
  - A. Board approval of landowner match waiver for Project #2013-06 to apply to Project #2020-01.
  - B. Board approval to amend Contract #C01-2019 with Prunuske Chatham Inc. to add technical services for construction oversight of Project #2020-01, and biological services for two projects requiring CEQA review.
  - C. Board approval of consulting archeologist to provide services for two projects: #2020-01 and #2020-02.
5. SAN GERONIMO LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – 10 min
  - A. Board decision to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$5,057 for Stillwater Sciences Contract #04-2019.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 10:20 a.m.**

6. Presentations & Highlights: 45 min
  - New MRCD Programs: Healthy Soils Program, Wildlife-Friendly Carbon Farming Practices and the County Climate Action Plan - Nancy

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:** Sarah led planting efforts at both of the Landowner Assistance Program project sites, bringing the project sites to a close for 2019. USC attended several meetings to wrap up the year. In January, Sarah attended a wildland fire fighting training to work toward certifications needed to assist in prescribed burns and/or assisting on potential wildfires in Marin.
- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program:** One project completed; one project job walk held Feb 4 for 2020 construction; one project was winterized to prevent the expansion of the headcut because the design is already complete, four projects are in the CEQA/permitting phase.
- **Carbon Farming Program:** 3 planting projects are underway; 2 by STRAW and 1 by landowner/MALT. A landowner's in-kind cost-share of a water development and a pond fence are underway this month. 1 previously implemented project will be maintained.
- **Stemple Creek Project:** Stemple Creek Cleanup had another dumping before the signs and cameras were put in. Signs are now up and cameras will be up soon.
- **Pine Gulch Creek Project:** Marin RCD staff offered to assist the other two farms with Petition for Extension of Time to the Division of Water Rights if they wanted to delay the appropriate water licensing process.
- **Media/Outreach:** Thanks to George's Walker Creek Press Release, the following articles were published.
  - Front page photo of David Sherwood modeling along Walker Creek, PReyes Light
  - "West Marin coalition aims to boost Walker Creek fish habitat" Marin IJ, WHouston
  - "Marin officials report spike in illegal dumping" Marin IJ, WHouston
- **Grant Opportunities:** Elise has been working on a new "Restore California" program with ranches and CA RCDs. A 1% surcharge is applied to diner's bill that is directed toward carbon farming projects. Nancy is starting to meet with MCOS and MALT re new Measure A opportunities.
  - \$350,782. Walker Creek Estuary Study. Dept Fish and Wildlife. *Awarded!*
  - \$700,000. Conserving Our Watersheds for TBay/Stemple. *Pending*
- **Finance Committee:** Meeting is scheduled for 2/20/2020
- **District:**
  - Let's go on a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour for Board of Supervisors and RCD Board- SPRING
  - Darrylin has closed FY18-19 and survived another audit. Audit will be presented next month.
- **Landowner's calling for assistance:** 2 agricultural and 17 urban landowners requesting assistance.

## 7. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

- None

## 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