



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, March 11th, 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 – 15 min.
 - A. Board approval of regular meeting Minutes.
 - B. Board approval of Financial Report and bills to be paid.
3. PERMIT COORDINATION PROGRAM - 15 min.
 - A. Board approval to open 30-day review of 2020 proposed projects into the Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program (PCP) and acceptance of proposed projects on April 10, 2020 contingent upon receiving no public comment.
4. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS – 30 min
 - A. Board approval of design and engineer's cost estimate for Project #2020-01: Headcut Repair.
 - B. Board approval of not proceeding with Project #2019-03: Irrigation System Upgrades.
5. CARBON FARMING – 10 min
 - A. Board approval of contract to provide maintenance support for planting practices: silvopasture and windbreak/hedgerow at Project #2018-04: True Grass Farms.
6. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND MARIN RCD – 15min
 - A. Board approval to execute Cooperative Agreement between the US Department of Interior National Park Service and the Marin RCD to support stewardship activities on ranches within the Point Reyes National Seashore.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 10:30 a.m.

7. Presentations & Highlights: 60 min
 - Drawdown Marin: Addressing Climate Change in Marin – Alex Porteshawver, Drawdown Marin/Marin County Program Coordinator
 - Advancing a Replicable Carbon Neutral Dairy Farm Model - Albert Straus and Joseph Button, Straus Family Creamery

Partner Updates – 30 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:

- **Urban Streams Program:** USC has been working with two AmeriCorps members to carry out a small hands-on soil bioengineering workshop in Nicasio (3/7). USC has been busy wrapping up the CA Department of Fish & Wildlife-funded Landowner Assistance Program project with monitoring efforts and report writing. Finally, USC attended a Walker Creek salmonid life cycle monitoring workshop led by National Marine Fisheries Service and will continue to provide support in attending those meetings.
- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program:** One project completed. Four projects are in the CEQA/permitting phase. 1 project is being reconsidered.
- **Carbon Farming Program:** 3 planting projects are complete: 2 by STRAW and 1 by landowner/MALT. A landowner's in-kind cost-share of a water development is in progress and a pond fence is complete. 1 previously implemented project will be maintained. Staff is working on kicking off the CDFA Healthy Soils Program with materials presented on our website. The County has kicked off efforts to revise the Climate Action Plan; RCD and partners are assisting.
- **Stemple Creek Project:** This project closes out in mid-March. Sarah has completed final reporting requirements and invoices for the project.
- **Walker Creek Watershed:** Smolt trap installation is planned for lower Walker Creek to monitor salmonids leaving the watershed.
- **Pine Gulch Creek Project:** Marin RCD staff are planning for the maintenance of trees at Star Route Farms and creating/submitting reports to permitting agencies.
- **Media/Outreach:** None this month
- **Grant Opportunities:**
 - \$25,000. Cambria/Jackson Wines for Marin Carbon Project. *Awarded!*
 - \$50,000. Anonymous Foundation for outreach/education. *Pending*
 - \$700,000. Conserving Our Watersheds for TBay/Stemple. *Pending*
 - BearCorps application to hire intern for outreach/education. *Pending*
- **Finance Committee:** FC reviewed new grants, new financial agreements, audit results and salary steps.
- **District:**
 - Let's go on a 60th Anniversary Tour for Board of Supervisors and RCD Board- SPRING
- **Landowner's calling for assistance:** 2 agricultural and 12 urban landowners requesting assistance.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

- Tomales Bay Conference to be held September 18th, 2020.
- CDFA Healthy Soils Program funding available! Rolling applications accepted until June 26th!
- Art Show at Toby's in January!

9. 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.

10. MEETING ADJOURNED