



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, April 8th, 2020**

PLACE: **Marin RCD Office, 80 4th Street, Suite 202, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956** *(note change)*

REMOTE OPTION: Due to the COVID-19 health emergency - and to protect our Board Members, staff, and members of the public - the regularly scheduled board meeting will be held remotely. Members of the public are encouraged to participate remotely by using the following options: via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/841078443> or via phone: +1 669 900 9128, 841078443# Please feel free to contact us at (415) 663-1170 or michelle@marinrcd.org if you have any concerns about accessibility.

1. Regular meeting opens at **9:00 a.m.** Roll call and introduction of guests.
2. COVID-19 & the State of the District: Nancy Scolari, Executive Director

ACTION ITEMS:

3. DISTRICT, MINUTES, FINANCIALS – 30 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 Annual Audit for FY 19/20
 - D. Board approval of Notices of Completion for the following contracts: C14-2019 with Guerrero Fence Inc. completed in October 2019, C15-2019 with Yager Pump and Well completed in March 2020; and Schaefer Eng. Inc.'s contract for Project #2019-02
4. PERMIT COORDINATION PROGRAM - 5 min.
 - A. Board approval of CEQA coverage and closing the 30-day public review of 2020 projects into the Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program (PCP) on April 10, 2020 contingent upon receiving no public comment.
5. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS – 10 min
 - A. Board approval of not proceeding with Project #2019-03: Irrigation System Upgrades at this time, and to cost-share on the project at a later date through the Alternative Manure Management Program or future COW funding rounds.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 10:00 a.m.

6. Presentations & Highlights: 30 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** – To be determined

RCD Program Updates:

- **Urban Streams Program:** USC provided assistance to a number of residents and stakeholders and conducted a site visit in Fairfax. USC organized and carried out a successful soil bioengineering workshop in Nicasio that was well-attended despite the weather. The two regional conferences the USC was invited to present at have now been postponed to fall, 2020.
- **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. Landowner's in-kind cost-share of a water development and pond fence is complete. 1 previously implemented project will be maintained. Staff has kicked off the CDFA Healthy Soils Program with materials presented on our website. Staff is compiling information for the County Climate Action Plan.
- **Stemple Creek Project:** This project is complete and closed out.
- **Walker Creek Watershed:** Smolt trap installation for lower Walker Creek has been cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns.
- **Pine Gulch Creek Project: Star Route Farms' crew performed some invasive weed management.** Marin RCD staff are still planning for the maintenance of trees at Star Route Farms and creating/submitting reports to permitting agencies.
- **Media/Outreach:** None this month
- **Grant Opportunities:** Nancy initiated working on investigating Newt Feasibility Study.
 - \$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, looking likely!*
 - BearCorps application to hire intern for outreach/education. *Declined*
- **Finance Committee:** FC reviewed grants and financial position considering COVID impacts. Staff is directed to investigate precautionary measures.
- **District:**
 - 60th Anniversary Tour for Board of Supervisors and RCD Board- Oh hold
- **Landowner's calling for assistance:** 4 agricultural and 9 urban landowners requesting assistance.

7. 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.
- Various COVID - 19 announcements related to shelter-in-place orders

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