



## AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 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: by Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86549094417> or by phone: +1-669-900-9128, meeting ID#: 86 549 094 417. Please feel free to contact Michelle at 707-774-5047 or [michelle@marinrkd.org](mailto:michelle@marinrkd.org) if you have any concerns about accessibility.

1. Regular meeting opens 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. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS – 30 min
  - A. Board approval to enter into subgrant agreement with Bivalve Dairy for Project #2019-01: Manure Scrape/Compost.
  - B. Board approval to provide Bivalve Dairy with 50% down payment for the in-vessel composter and scraper components of Project #2019-01: Manure Scrape/Compost .
  
4. CARBON FARMING - 15 min.
  - A. Board approval to execute \$20,000 contract #C07-2020 with Point Blue Conservation Science Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed to design carbon farming projects.
  
6. GRANTS - 15 min.
  - A. Board approval to administer newt-crossing feasibility grant proposal as proposed by Newt Brigade.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 10:30 a.m.**

5. 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** – Isaiah Thalmayer, STRAW

## RCD Program Updates:

- **Urban Streams Program:** USC continues to provide assistance to residents and partners during the Shelter in Place Orders via non-site visit support. USC focused on closing out the Dept of Fish & Wildlife's Landowner Assistance Program project with Darrylin's assistance. As well, USC was invited to write and submit an article to the Society of Ecological Restoration's newsletter. Upon request, USC provided a scope of work and proposed budget to SPAWN to partner on a project on lower Lagunitas Creek. Finally, USC completed a training for Quality Stormwater Developer/Practitioner and took the required exam (and passed). See Staff Report for further details.
  - **Conserving Our Watersheds Program:** Two projects completed. Three projects are in the CEQA/permitting phase. One project is cancelled.
  - **Carbon Farming Program:** 4 carbon projects are now complete! RCD and MALT staff have assisted 14 producers with Healthy Soils applications. Staff completed compiling information for the County Climate Action Plan.
  - **Walker Creek Watershed:** Sarah is communicating with the CA Department of Fish & Wildlife staff on ensuring she has permit coverage to support/carry out smolt monitoring efforts in 2021.
  - **Pine Gulch Creek Project:** No activity
  - **Media/Outreach:** No Activity
  - **Grant Opportunities:** Nancy met with Newt Brigade investigating Feasibility Study. Staff will need to brainstorm ideas for shovel-ready projects. Let us know if you have ideas!
    - \$45,000. Anonymous Foundation for outreach/education. *Awarded!*
    - \$722,385. Conserving Our Watersheds for TBay/Stemple. *Awarded!*
    - BearCorps application to hire an intern for outreach/education. *Awarded!*
    - \$75,000. Wildlife Conservation Board for technical assistance. *Pending.*
  - **Finance Committee:** FC reviewed and approved the FY 18/19 audit. Staff is directed to investigate contingency measures.
  - **District:**
    - 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour for Board of Supervisors and RCD Board- Oh hold
  - **Landowner's calling for assistance:** 14 agricultural (Healthy Soils Program) and 3 urban landowners requesting assistance.
6. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE
- Tomales Bay Conference to be held September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
  - CDFA Healthy Soils Program funding available!
  - Art Show at Toby's in January.
  - Various COVID - 19 announcements related to shelter-in-place orders
7. 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.
8. MEETING ADJOURNED