AGENDA

DATE:   Wednesday, May 13th, 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@marinrcd.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**: 6(155,596),(176,609)(178,596),(190,609) 0th 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 18th, 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**