



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, September 9th, 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/85806950980> or by phone:
+16699009128,,85806950980# , meeting ID#: 858 0695 0980. Please feel free to contact Michelle Katuna 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.
2. Informational Items
 - A. Coastal Permitting & Incentivizing Stewardship: RCD and Supervisor Dennis Rodoni
 - B. Marin Climate Action Plan Ag Chapter: Nancy Scolari (RCD), David Lewis (UCCE) and Jonathan Wachter (MALT)

ACTION ITEMS: 10:15 am

3. DISTRICT, MINUTES, FINANCIALS: 40 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 Associate Directors.
 - D. Board approval of Marin RCD "Representative" and "Alternate" on the Tomales Bay Watershed Council.
4. HWY 1 SEDIMENT CONTROL PROJECT: 10 min
 - A. Board approval to execute \$7,148 contract #C12-2020 with Point Blue Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed to plant gully sediment control project.
5. WALKER CREEK ESTUARY: 10 min
 - A. Board approval to execute \$309,273 contract #C08-2020 with Prunuske Chatham Inc. for geomorphic services related to the assessment of the Walker Creek estuary and development of designs for three high-priority restoration sites.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: 11:15 a.m.

6. Updates & Highlights: 15 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:

- **COVID grant:** Sally and Nancy evaluated six proposals and decided to award each applicant 75% of their proposed requests to protect workers and customers.
- **Urban Streams Program:** USC is supporting Marin County and the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance, coordinating efforts between departments that regulate streamside development. Novato Police Department was referred to USC by CA Dept of Fish & Wildlife for regulatory and stewardship assistance. USC met with Sergeant Bates on site to review the area and will continue to assist and meet with the department to help resolve streamside issues with homeless encampments impacting the watershed. USC worked with a team to develop a project description for a groundwater recharge-instream flow augmentation project in San Antonio Creek watershed. Finally, USC met with Supervisor Rodoni to discuss joining the Measure C (Wildlife Prevention) Technical Advisory Group to assist and support the effective allocation of those funds.
- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program:** Two sites completed. One site is under construction, and construction at another site is held up by the Marin County Building Permit review process. One site is scheduled for a County hearing on Sept 17th for its Coastal Permit. The last site is awaiting NRCS designs.
- **Carbon Farming Program:** Staff worked with partners to develop a presentation to inform the ag community about the Marin Climate Action Plan. Staff has set up the Carbon Farm Design Committee Meeting set for Sept 24, from 12:30-2:30 to develop selection criteria for allocating WCB Carbon Design funds. Working on budget and workplan with STRAW for Blakes Landing Hedgerow; planting delayed to Fall 2021.
- **Walker Creek Watershed:** Road surveys are continuing in this watershed.
- **Pine Gulch Creek Project:** No activity
- **Media/Outreach:** No activity
- **Grant Opportunities:** Sarah is working on a potential grant proposal to remove pyrophytic plants. Staff is working on a shovel-ready project list.
 - \$25,000 USDA Conservation Innovation Grant for training and education. *Pending*
 - \$55,000 CA Wildlife Conservation Board for technical assistance. *Pending*
 - \$430,000 DOC Stemple Creek Riparian Corridor Restoration. *Pending*
- **Finance Committee:** FC did not meet.
- **District:**
 - GrizzlyCorps person starts September 14th.
 - Darrylin is working on a Federal Indirect Cost Rate and closing out the FY.
- **Landowners assisted:** 3 agricultural and 8 urban landowners requesting assistance.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

- Tomales Bay Conference to be held September 18th, 2020.
- Marin Conservation League: Ag and Land Use Mtg -

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