



## AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, January 13th, 2021**

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 contact Michelle Katuna at 707-774-5047 or [michelle@marinrcd.org](mailto:michelle@marinrcd.org) if you have concerns about accessibility.

1. Regular meeting opens at **9:00 a.m.** Roll call and introduction of guests.

### **ACTION ITEMS: 9:00 am**

2. DISTRICT, MINUTES, FINANCIALS: 15 min

- A. Board approval of regular meeting Minutes.
- B. Board approval of Financial Report and bills to be paid.
- C. Administering Oaths of Office for Terry Sawyer, Michael Moretti and Peter Martinelli.

3. CARBON FARMING: 30 min

- A. Board approval of Technical Advisory Committee-recommended Selection Criteria that will be used to rank 15-20 Carbon Farm Design Projects as part of a CA Wildlife Conservation Board grant.
- B. Board approval of \$12,000 Contract #C01-2021 with Water Bear Collaborative for strategic planning services provided to the Marin Carbon Project.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: 9:45 a.m.**

5. Presentations, Updates & Highlights:

**STRAW 2019-2020 Restoration Season Summary** - Isaiah Thalmayer and Drew Mealor, Point Blue Conservation Science, STRAW

- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Petaluma Field Office Staff
- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** – MALT Stewardship Staff

RCD Program Updates:

- **Monarch Update:** David Sherwood, Associate Director
- **Urban Streams Program:** Ongoing assistance has been provided to residents and partners during pandemic. Attended Marin Permit Meeting and provided follow up assistance to project proponents regarding permit fees and native plant lists. Attended site visit with Dave Sherwood at old Coast Guard property to discuss restoration plans and potential in lower Lagunitas reach. Worked on Stream Conservation Area details for county staff and website. Worked on fuel break and fire related issues.

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- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program:** Grant extension granted. 3.5 out of 5 sites completed! Two projects to be built in 2021.
- **Carbon Farming Program:** WCB Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) reviewed and finalized Selection Criteria, to recommend to the Board for approval. TAC will complete ranking site visits Feb 16-18. Staff are working with a local artist to create a hedgerow/windbreak educational pamphlet. Staff are also planning carbon farming focused educational events. Michelle conducted a Toluma hedgerow site visit with STRAW to check on the health of the new hedgerow. See staff report for details.
- **Walker Creek Watershed:** Road surveys are continuing. Staff and consultants have monitoring equipment installed in Walker Creek to conduct an assessment of the estuary.
- **Pine Gulch Creek Project:** No activity
- **Messaging/Outreach/Education:** GrizzlyCorps is revamping the RCD website.
- **Grant Opportunities:** MRCD will apply for the State Coastal Conservancy's Prop 68 funds and also partnered with SPAWN on a Lagunitas proposal.
- **Finance Committee:** The FC did not meet.
- **Landowners assisted:** 3 agricultural and urban landowners requesting assistance with 3 site visits conducted.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

- MCL Pillars Letter to Congressman Huffman supports MRCD and NRCS programs

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