



## AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, April 13th, 2022**

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

*(Please let us know in advance if you plan on being physically present at our office so that staff can be available to sanitize and set up a computer station for you)*

**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 Zoom:

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or by phone: +16699009128,,81172149361#,,,,\*646428# meeting ID#: 811 7214 9361 Passcode: 646428 Please contact Michelle Katuna at 415-787-7440 or [michelle@marinrkd.org](mailto:michelle@marinrkd.org) if you have concerns about accessibility.

1. Regular meeting opens at **9:00 a.m.** Roll call and introduction of guests. 9:00-9:15 a.m.  
*(Note that we may move agenda items in this meeting to meet time constraints of participants.)*

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.**

2. Chicken Ranch Beach: Tom Gaman, Tomales Bay Watershed Council Foundation

### **ACTION ITEMS: 9:45 - 10:15 a.m.**

3. DISTRICT, MINUTES, FINANCIALS: 10:05-10:45 a.m.

- A. Board approval of regular meeting Minutes.
- B. Board approval of Financial Report and bills to be paid.
- C. Board approval of Resolution 04-2022 of the Board of Directors of the Marin RCD proclaiming a local emergency persists, re-ratifying the proclamation of a state of emergency by Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, and re-authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of Marin RCD for the period of April 14 -May 14, 2022 pursuant to Brown Act provisions.
- D. Board approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Sonoma RCD, Gold Ridge RCD and Marin RCD for shared engineering services.

4. Conserving Our Watersheds (COW): 10:15-10:35 a.m.

- A. Board approval of supplemental COW: Collaborative Conservation Actions by Farmers Program funding award in the amount of \$77,615 for increased water quality improvements.
- B. Board approval of new water quality improvement project as recommended by the COW Collaborative Conservation Action by Farmers Technical Advisory Committee.

5. **UPDATES: 10:35 a.m.**

- **Beavers in Lagunitas Creek: Efforts to support beaver reintroduction** - Eric Ettlinger, Marin Water

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- **Bivalve Dairy Update** - Elise Suronen, Planning Consultant and John Taylor, Bivalve Dairy

Partner Updates: 5 min each

- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Petaluma Field Office Staff
- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** – MALT Stewardship Staff
- **Point Blue & Students & Teachers Restoring a Watershed** – Point Blue Staff

RCD Program Updates (See staff report for details):

- **Messaging/Outreach/Education:** George connected us with the Marin IJ on another article: “Creek advocates eager for assist from beavers” by Will Houston, Marin IJ
- **Drought News-** Sonoma and Marin Counties are pulling together a drought report for the ag community to describe recent challenges and to prepare and plan for future droughts. The Ag Commissioner will be looking for additional drought relief funding.
- **JEDI** - Tara has put together a Draft Request for Proposals to hire a diversity, equity, inclusion training consultant.
- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program:** 4 out of 5 COW CCAF projects are currently being designed by Partner Engineer Tom Hammond and Brooke Pippi of NRCS. Cultural and biological review for COW projects is underway for CEQA compliance.
- **Urban Streams Program:** USC continues to work closely with CDA and Land Development regarding the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance. Smolt monitoring in Lagunitas Creek has begun whereas a substantial time commitment has been warranted. Finally, USC carried several site visits and provided support to many stakeholders during the month of March.
- **Carbon Farming Program:** Wildlife Conservation Board: CFP designs and Chleno Valley Ranch CFP underway. *Design approval process and first design coming to the Board for approval at May Board Meeting.* Wildlife-friendly hedgerow pamphlet is being finalized and translated and printed soon. Department of Conservation-Stemple Creek Restoration: Fence planned for Spring 2022, and plant installation by STRAW for Fall 2022. CDFA Healthy Soils Program a/o Feb 25, 2022 application has closed. Marin RCD will continue to update [design and implementation resources on website](#) and provide post-award soil sampling and implementation assistance. Latest “Funding Opportunities for Carbon Farming Funding” [spreadsheet linked here](#).
- **Walker Creek Watershed:** CA Department of Fish & Wildlife granted our request for a one year extension to address a lack of significant data in winter 20/21 due to insufficient precipitation.
- **Funding Opportunities:**
  - CARCD is pooling together RCDs to apply for a monarch/pollinator/Carbon Farming grant to the Ca Wildlife Conservation Board. \$221,000-\$450,000 *(Pending)*
  - Measure A will be on the June ballot. *(Pending)*
- **Finance Committee:** The FC reviewed the information compiled in compliance with the Public Records Act requests. Mileage reimbursement adjustment discussed. FC referred staff to research County policies.
- **District:** Two Public Records Act requests were submitted to requesters. Follow up information has been submitted for both requests. MRCD FY2122 Audit is in process. Board member Form 700’s are being submitted to the County of Marin. MRCD Financial Transaction Report submitted to the State of California.

- **New landowners/stewards assisted:** Urban: 7 assisted with information, 4 site visits for private property owners living along streams and the County's Flood Control District, 26 total educated. Agriculture: 2 land managers assisted with NRCS application and pre-implementation site visits. Carbon Farming: 5 land managers helped with technical assistance, 2 with Outreach and Education, 3 with Carbon Farm Plan interest, and 3 with funding.

#### 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

- April 14. 7PM. Marin Local Agency Formation Commission Meeting to review the [Draft West Marin Municipal Service Review](#) which includes a review of the Marin RCD. Public comments are due by Friday April 29th.
- April 14. 10:30-11:30AM. Drought Webinar for Sonoma Marin Livestock Producers. Register at this [link](#) or contact Kerry McGrath [kamcgrath@ucanr.edu](mailto:kamcgrath@ucanr.edu)
- [AB 1902 Division 9 Public Resources Code Revisions](#). This is being revised to clarify RCD roles in addition to the Department of Conservation.

#### 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



## MINUTES

DATE: **Wednesday, March 9th, 2022**

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

1. **A regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Sally Gale, President, at 9:07 a.m.**  
Roll call of directors: Mike Moretti, Peter Martinelli and Terry Sawyer. Absent: Bob Giacomini.  
Associate Directors: George Clyde  
Staff: Nancy Scolari, Darrylin Mollath, Michelle Katuna, Emilie Winfield, and Simone Albuquerque.  
Additional Attendees: Eric Rubenstahl (MALT), Scott Dunbar (MALT), Tristen Brenner (MALT), Isaiah Thalmayer (Point Blue), Jennifer Carlin (MALT Board), Jeff Creque (CCI), Belle Cole (Marin Biomass), Bill Carney (Marin Biomass), Barbara George (Organizing for Action), Tom Gaman (TWF), Bruce Goines (MWPA), Ladi Asgill (MALT), Chad White (Marin Biomass), Tom Hammond (RCD Partner Engineer), Kristina Dutton (PRL), Larry Minikes (Marin Biomass), and Bill Carney (Sustainable San Rafael).

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

2. Introduction to Marin Monarch Working Group- Mia Monoe shares her knowledge of gathering data on Monarchs over the last 25 years. She notes that over the last two years they have been reaching extinction levels at the overwintering California coastal areas. Although, this last winter there has been a huge bounce up in the Coastal area between Los Angeles and Monterey which shows a resilience in the species. She encourages us all to support their health in five ways: protect overwintering sites, enhancing and expanding breeding sites (planting milkweed), support community science, advocate for protection and provide a healthy environment for the Monarchs habitat.

### ACTION ITEMS:

3. **MARIN COUNTY BIOMASS STUDY:**
  - A. Board approval of Agreement #OPR21121 for \$500,000 with the CA Office of Planning and Research to conduct a Marin County Biomass study.  
MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Peter; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENSIONS: None to approve Agreement #OPR21121 for \$500,000 with the CA Office of Planning and Research to conduct a Marin County Biomass study.
  - B. Board approval of Marin Biomass Steering Committee Members to direct the Marin Biomass Study.  
MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Peter, AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None to approve the Biomass Steering Committee members to direct the Marin Biomass Study.
4. **DISTRICT, MINUTES, FINANCIALS:**
  - A. Board approval of regular meeting Minutes.  
MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Terry, AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None to approve the regular meeting Minutes.
  - B. Board approval of Financial Report and bills to be paid.  
MOTION: Peter; SECOND: Terry, AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None to approve Financial Report and bills to be paid.
  - C. Board approval of Resolution 03-2022 of the Board of Directors of the Marin RCD proclaiming a local emergency persists, re-ratifying the proclamation of a state of emergency by Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020,

and re-authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of Marin RCD for the period of March 10 - April 13, 2022 pursuant to Brown Act provisions.

MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Peter, AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None to approve Resolution 03-2022 of the Board of Directors of the Marin RCD proclaiming a local emergency persists, re-ratifying the proclamation of a state of emergency by Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, and re-authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the legislative bodies of Marin RCD for the period of March 10 - April 13, 2022 pursuant to Brown Act provisions.

- D. Board approval to accept the Marin RCD's Finance Committee recommendation to award a financial auditor contract to Larry Bain for the Marin RCD FY 20/21 Audit.

MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Mike, AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None to

- E. Board approval to accept Marin RCD's Finance Committee recommendation to increase employee health insurance allocation to \$600/month April- December 2022.

MOTION: Peter; SECOND: Terry, AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None to accept Marin RCD's Finance Committee recommendation to increase employee health insurance allocation to \$600/month April- December 2022.

5. CULTURAL AND BIOLOGICAL PROJECT ASSESSMENTS:

- A. Board approval to execute Contract #C03-2022 with Prunuske Chatham Inc. in the amount of \$15,420.00 to provide regulatory compliance, project planning and biological services for 2022 construction projects.

MOTION: Peter; SECOND: Terry, AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None to approve to execute Contract #C03-2022 with Prunuske Chatham Inc. in the amount of \$15,420.00 to provide regulatory compliance, project planning and biological services for 2022 construction projects.

- B. Board approval to award Contract #C04-2022 to a contractor in the amount of \$6,706.00 to complete archaeological review of three (3) 2022 restoration projects.

MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Peter, AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None to approve to award Contract #C04-2022 to a contractor in the amount of \$6,706.00 to complete archaeological review of three (3) 2022 restoration projects.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

7. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS:

Partner Updates:

- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Nick Goodman shares that their office has added a new Farm Bill Assistant, Kaitlyn Robertson. The EQIP batching period update is NRCS has received 8 preapproved applications for Marin County. Nick emphasizes that there is a big push for CSP from the state office. This program is a good fit for organic dairies, people who have completed multiple EQIP contracts and small cropland farms.
- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** – Eric Rubernstahl shares that the job description for their new Executive Director will be finalized at the end of March. Scott Dunbar informs the meeting that MALT has 80% of their SAP funds earmarked for their fiscal year. They are still welcoming applications for MALTed landowners. He also brings to light that Marin has very little rain. Thus, MALT has been having conversations per the future of their DRAWS program. Tristen mentions that

MALT's monitoring season will start April 1<sup>st</sup>. Ladi shares that he is working on bringing more science into MALT's efforts. Focusing mainly on Climate Resilience and hints there is more to come in this topic.

- **Point Blue & Students & Teachers Restoring a Watershed** –Isaiah informs to Board that STRAW is wrapping up their planting season and enjoying getting outside with students again. He also shares they are excited to have hired three new Restoration Technicians which expanded who their team represents. Isaiah also recaps that STRAW has been working with the RCD on three projects: WCB, Healthy Soils and Lazy R.

RCD Program Updates (See staff report for details):

- **Messaging/Outreach/Education:** Several articles and letters to the editor were printed in the Marin IJ and Point Reyes Light regarding the status of Measure A.
- **Drought News-** Sonoma and Marin Counties are pulling together a drought report for the ag community to describe recent challenges and to prepare and plan for future droughts. The Ag Commissioner will be looking for additional drought relief funding.
- **JEDI** - Registration is now open for the free [21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge](#) which starts April 4, 2022.
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  - Measure A will be on the June ballot. (*Pending*)
  - Foundation proposal was submitted for a GIS and project monitoring technician. \$50,000 (*Pending*)
- **Finance Committee:** The FC reviewed auditor proposals, \$212K COVID relief funding that is provided to the RCD and our RCD health insurance allocation.

- **District:** The Public Records Act request information has been compiled and provided to County Counsel for review and submission.
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- Board of Sups/State Water Resources Board letter in support of Marin RCD's allocation in Measure A.

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8. MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:16 a.m.