



## AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, June 8th, 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@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. 9:00-9:15 a.m.  
*(Note that we may move agenda items in this meeting to meet time constraints of participants.)*

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

2. DISTRICT, MINUTES, FINANCIALS: 9:30 - 9:45
  - A. Board approval of regular meeting Minutes.
  - B. Board approval of Financial Report and bills to be paid.
  - C. Board approval of Resolution 05-2022 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 June 12 - July 13, 2022 pursuant to Brown Act provisions.
3. MARIN BIOMASS PROJECT: 9:45 - 10:00
  - A. Request Board to execute professional services contract with Chad White, PhD in the amount of \$175,000 to provide project management services for the Marin Biomass Study contingent upon receiving a fully executed standard agreement from the Office of Planning and Research.
4. MARIN PERMIT COORDINATION PROGRAM 10:00 - 10:40
  - A. Board approval of the Marin Permit Coordination Program Addendum and nine (9) additional practices to be included in the 2018 Marin Coastal Watersheds Permit Coordination Program.
  - B. Board approval to open a 30-day review of Marin RCD's 2022 proposed projects into the Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program and to accept the proposed projects on July 10, contingent upon receiving no public comment.

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5. CARBON FARMING PROGRAM 10:40 - 11:00

- A. Board approval of design for GT Ranch/Torliatt Riparian Restoration, Project #2021-02.
- B. Board approval of design for Mahrt Riparian Restoration, Project #2021-03.

**UPDATES: 11:00 a.m.**

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):

- **Media/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.
- **Justice Equity Diversity Inclusion:** No update
- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program:** 4 COW CCAF projects in planning and designing phase. Designs currently at ~60% complete. 1 project delayed due to land managers more pressing concerns. 3 COW CCAF program participants supported EQIP applications, which were submitted 5/27/22.
- **Urban Streams Program:** Sarah will be assisting CDA in her role conducting Site Assessments for projects located within the Stream Conservation Area in San Geronimo 30 days after approval of the Ordinance by the BOS (set to review and decide on Tuesday, July 19th). Smolt monitoring in Lagunitas Creek has come to an end with the Water District. Sarah continues to meet with USFWS to develop an agreement to receive funding for future projects. Finally, USC carried out one site visit and provided support to many stakeholders during the month of May and organized and led a field trip of students learning about restoration in the Lagunitas Creek watershed.
- **Carbon Farming Program:** State Coastal Conservancy: New projects are delayed by one year due to staff being redirected to Public Request Act assignments. Wildlife Conservation Board: CFP designs and Chileno Valley Ranch CFP underway. Wildlife-friendly hedgerow pamphlet is being finalized and printed soon. Department of Conservation-Stemple Creek Restoration: Fence planned for Summer 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 our website](#) and provide post-award soil sampling and implementation assistance. Latest “Funding Opportunities for Carbon Farming Funding” [spreadsheet linked here](#).
- **Walker Creek Watershed:** The second TAC meeting has been coordinated and will take place in the field, in early June. As well, PCI Design Team is moving forward with the analysis of data to develop conceptual designs to create off-channel habitat.
- **Funding Opportunities:**

- o 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)*
- o Measure A will be on the June ballot. *(Pending)*
- o USDA Climate Smart Commodities Program. \$6M *(pending)*
- o NACD Soil Health Hub Coordinator. \$123k. *(pending)*
- **Finance Committee:** Did not meet this month.
- **District:** Another Public Records Act request information has been compiled and provided to the requester. There are approximately 4 additional requests to comply with. The FY2223 Budget is being initiated and FY2122 is closing down. The FY2021 Audit is being edited by staff and will soon be finalized by the Auditor.
- **New landowners/stewards assisted:** Urban: 15 assisted with information, 1 site visit for private property owners living along streams, 23 total educated. Agriculture: 4 land managers assisted with NRCS EQIP funding applications, 5 land managers provided environmental compliance and permitting support. Carbon Farming: 4 land managers helped with technical assistance, 2 with Outreach and Education, and 1 with funding.

#### 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

- None

#### 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, May 11th, 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 9:03 a.m.**  
Roll call of directors: Mike Moretti, Peter Martinelli, Terry Sawyer and Bob Giacomini.  
Associate Directors: David Sherwood, George Clyde and Guido Frosini.  
Staff: Nancy Scolari, Sarah Phillips, Darrylin Mollath, Michelle Katuna, Emilie Winfield, and Tara Krantz. Additional Attendees: Eric Rubenstahl (MALT), Scott Dunbar (MALT), Tristen Brenner (MALT), Jessie Ditmore (Point Blue), Taj Hittenberger (Point Blue), Sebastian Tsocanos (NRCS), Jim Jensen (Audubon Canyon Ranch), Rich Holland (Marin Horse Council), John Parodi (Point Blue), Larry Minikes (Marin Biomass), and Sasha Berleman (Fire Forward).

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

2. 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: Mike; SECOND: Terry, AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None to approve 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 May 12- June 12, 2022 pursuant to Brown Act provisions.  
MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Mike, 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 May 12- June 12, 2022 pursuant to Brown Act provisions.
3. CA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD (WCB):
  - A. Board approval of "Design Finalization and Board Approval Process" for six WCB carbon farming projects (15-20 practices).  
MOTION: Peter; SECOND: Terry, AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None to approve "Design Finalization and Board Approval Process" for six WCB carbon farming projects

4. CHICKEN RANCH BEACH:

- A. Request Board approval of letter of support for the Tomales Bay Watershed Foundation Chicken Ranch Contamination Mitigation and Wetlands Enhancement Project.  
MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Peter, AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None to approve letter of support for the Tomales Bay Watershed Foundation Chicken Ranch Contamination Mitigation and Wetlands Enhancement Project.

5. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS

- A. Board Request Board approval of an amendment to Elise Suronen Contract C10-2021 to support grant management services to a revised sum not to exceed \$2,202 for the Conserving Our Watersheds Program.  
MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Terry, AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None to approve an amendment to Elise Suronen Contract C10-2021 to support grant management services to a revised sum not to exceed \$2,202 for the Conserving Our Watersheds Program.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS:

**UPDATES:**

**Prescribed Fire:** Jim Jensen (Audubon Canyon Ranch) introduces Sasha Berleman PhD, and Director of Fire Forward. Sasha presents the Fire Forward, a program of Audubon Canyon Ranch, which collaborates with private landowners, public agencies and conservation partners on our shared purpose of effective fuels management and increased local capacity to lead prescribed burns.

**WCB Conceptual Design Update:** - Michelle Katuna, MRCD Agroecologist, reviews designs and details of two Carbon Farm Plan conceptual designs funded by the Wildlife Conservation Board.

**USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Sebastian Tsochanos states that NRCS staff is back in the office, but please make an appointment to come see them.

- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** – Scott Dunbar shares that MALT has allocated 40% of their annual DRAWS fund which has been a popular and impactful program for the Marin landscape. Tristan Brenner states they are in their second month of monitoring and landowner discussions have included Fire Forward, SAP and DRAWS inquiries. Eric Rubenstahl mentions MALT is strengthening their staff foundation and hope to have an Executive Director by May.
- **Point Blue & Students & Teachers Restoring a Watershed** – John Parodi shares that STRAW has been able to work with  $\frac{3}{4}$  of their partnered schools this year which is a huge increase from last year (COVID concerns).

RCD Program Updates (See staff report for details):

- **Messaging/Outreach/Education:** Several letters to the editor were printed in the Marin IJ regarding 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.
- **Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion** - No update
- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program:** COW UDRS grant closed. COW CCAF projects in design and funding phase.

- **Urban Streams Program:** Sarah has been providing ongoing assistance to landowners in west Marin regarding PG&E's efforts to remove a prolific number of trees along the riparian corridor. Sarah attended the annual Salmonid Restoration Federation Conference and presented in two sessions, and co-led a session at the regional conference focused on the recovery of wild salmonids. Sarah continues to provide partner support to Marin Water for fisheries monitoring.
- **Carbon Farming (CF) Program:** Wildlife Conservation Board: CF Program designs and Chileno Valley Ranch CF Plan underway. 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 - CDFA expects to continue to issue awards until June 2022. Updates can be found at [CDFA's website](#). 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 Working Lands" [spreadsheet linked here](#).
- **Walker Creek Watershed:** Sarah is coordinating an upcoming Technical Advisory Committee meeting to meet on-site, in the field, to review conceptual designs. The 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*)
  - Foundation proposal was submitted for a GIS and project monitoring technician. \$50,000 (*Awarded!*)
  - Marin/Sonoma application to USDA Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities. \$3.5M (*Pending, application submitted 5/6/22*)
- **Finance Committee:** The FC made suggestions to the RCD website in light of public requests for information including a description of the project selection process.
- **District:** Additional Public Records Act requests have been received. The MRCD FY2122 Draft Audit is complete and ready for review. All Board Members have submitted their form 700's with the County and those up for election have been notified of election deadlines. The MRCD Indirect Cost Proposal has been submitted to the Department of Interior for approval.
- **New landowners/stewards assisted:** Urban: 10 assisted with information, 1 site visit for private property owners living along streams and the County's Flood Control District, 181 total educated. Agriculture: 5 crop producers consulted re: RCDs services at a deficit irrigation workshop, 3 landowners helped with EQIP applications, 1 landowner was provided with preliminary project designs. Carbon Farming: 3 land managers helped with technical assistance, 1 with Outreach and Education, 1 with funding.

## 7. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

- Marin RCD is hiring a [Carbon Farming Program Manager](#) and [Monitoring and GIS Program Manager](#)! Please spread the word. Applications are due May 20th.

- LAFCo requested review of a proposal to annex 21 & 23 Church Street (APN 102-100-01) to Tomales Village Community Services District. Response required by June 1, 2022.

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 at 11:47 a.m.