



## AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, July 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: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87864206727>

or by phone: +16699009128,,87864206727# meeting ID: 878 6420 6727

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.)*

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

2. DISTRICT, MINUTES, FINANCIALS: 9:15 - 9:30

A. Board approval of regular meeting Minutes.

B. Board approval of Financial Report and bills to be paid.

3. RESOLUTIONS: 9:30 –9:45

A. Board approval of Resolution 08-2022 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 July 14 – August 10, 2022 pursuant to Brown Act provisions.

B. Board Resolution Number 07-2022 of the governing body of the Marin Resource Conservation District, proposing an election be held in its jurisdiction; requesting the Board of Supervisors to consolidate with any other election conducted on said date, and requesting election service by the Marin County Elections Department.

4. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS 9:45 – 10:05

A. Board approval of finalized design and Monitoring & Maintenance Section of LOA for COW Project 2022-01 manure Management improvement.

B. Board approval of finalized design and Monitoring & Maintenance Section of LOA for COW Project 2022-02 Livestock Water System.

5. NORTH COAST SOIL HUB 10:05 – 10:20

A. Request Board to execute professional services contract with Napa County Resource Conservation District in the amount of \$13,576 to provide outreach and event planning services for the North Coast Soil Hub's Western SARE project, "Advancing Knowledge of Soil Health Assessment and Management Through California's North Coast Soil Hub."

**UPDATES & PRESENTATIONS: 10:20 a.m.**

RCD Staff Presentations:

- **Wildlife Conservation Board Designs: review of Toluma + Straus Home design drafts – Michelle Katuna**
- **Overview of Phase 1 of GIS Data Overhaul – Tara Krantz**

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
- **Biomass Project:** The Biomass Project is in the beginning stages of onboarding the new Project Manager, Chad White, PhD. A Request for Proposals was posted on the Marin RCD website for a Biomass Utilization Study with Greenhouse Gas Assessment.
- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program:** 4 COW CCAF projects in planning and designing phase. Designs for 2 projects are finalized, 2 project designs are ~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 continues to work with CDA in her role supporting the agency with the roll out of the Stream Conservation Area Ordinance in San Geronimo, the BOS hearing is set on Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> for review and approval (then it would go into effect 90 days later). Marin Water District would like to renew the contract for monitoring support with Sarah/Marin RCD. USC carried out two site visits and provided support to many stakeholders during the month of June. Finally, Sarah organized and led the June Lagunitas TAC meeting as the Chair, which had a great series of presentations and an overall good turnout in attendance.
- **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: 2 CFP designs complete, and 4 underway. Chileno Valley Ranch CFP underway. Wildlife-friendly hedgerow pamphlet at printer! Department of Conservation-Stemple Creek Restoration: Fence planned for Summer 2022, and plant installation by STRAW for Fall 2022. CDFA Healthy Soils Program CDFA has awarded 940 projects for the 2021 Solicitation. List of [awarded projects](#) here (from CDFA website). \$1.4 Million awarded to 17 Marin producers for compost application, range planting, hedgerow planting, and riparian forest buffer!! Marin RCD

will continue to update [design and implementation resources on our website](#) and provide post-award soil sampling and implementation assistance in coordination with STRAW, UCCE, and MALT. Latest “Funding Opportunities for Carbon Farming Funding” [spreadsheet linked here.](#)

- **Walker Creek Watershed:** The second TAC meeting took place in the field, on June 3rd. As well, PCI Design Team is moving forward with the analysis of data which has resulted in preliminary conceptual designs to create off-channel habitat along three properties within the project reach.

- **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*)

- USDA Climate Smart Commodities Program. \$4M (*pending*)

- NACD Soil Health Hub Coordinator. \$123k. (*pending*)

- **Finance Committee:** Did not meet this month.

- **District:** Our Fiscal Year 2021-22 has come to a close and we are closing up another years’ books. The beginning of FY22-23 is looking more exciting than ever!

- **New landowners/stewards assisted:** Urban: 8 landowners were assisted with information, 2 private property owners living along streams were visited, and 6 landowners were educated. Agriculture: 5 land managers were provided environmental compliance and permitting support. Carbon Farming: 5 land managers were given with technical assistance and 5 were assisted 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.

- PCP List for 2022 Projects – No Public Comments thus far.

## 8. MEETING ADJOURNED





## MINUTES

DATE: **Wednesday, June 8th, 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 Bob Giacomini, Vice President, at 9:07 a.m.**

Roll call of directors: Peter Martinelli and Terry Sawyer. Absent: Sally Gale and Mike Moretti.

Associate Directors: David Sherwood, George Clyde and Guido Frosini.

Staff: Nancy Scolari, Sarah Phillips, Michelle Katuna, Emilie Winfield, Simone Albuquerque and Tara Krantz. Additional Attendees: Eric Rubenstahl (MALT), Scott Dunbar (MALT), Tristen Brenner (MALT), Jessie Ditmore (Point Blue), Isaiah Thalmayer (Point Blue), Belle Cole (Marin Biomass), Bill Carney (Marin Biomass), Rick Holland (Marin Horse Council), Chad White (Marin Biomass) and Larry Minikes (Marin Biomass).

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

**2. DISTRICT, MINUTES, FINANCIALS:**

**A. Board approval of regular meeting Minutes.**

MOTION: Peter; 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: Terry; SECOND: Peter, AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None to approve Financial Report and bills to be paid.

**C. Board approval of Resolution 06-2022 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.**

MOTION: Peter; SECOND: Terry, AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None to approve Resolution 06-2022 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:**

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.

MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Peter, AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None 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:

- 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.

MOTION: Peter; SECOND: Terry, AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None to approve 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.

MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Peter, AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None to approve 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.

5. CARBON FARMING PROGRAM:

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

MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Peter, AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None to approve design for GT Ranch/Torliatt Riparian Restoration, Project #2021-02.

- B. Board approval of design for Mahrt Riparian Restoration, Project #2021-03.

MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Terry, AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None to approve design for Mahrt Riparian Restoration, Project #2021-03.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

5. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS:

**UPDATES:**

**USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Sebastian Tsochanos informs the Board that NRCS is in full swing in Construction mode with summer projects. They have a Forestry Intern working in the office which is welcome support. NRCS also has a Point Blue Biologist assisting them at this time as well.

- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** – Eric Rubenstahl shares that MALT Executive Director search is going well and it seems they should have a decision by this month. MALT is also ramping up their operations and acquisitions staff. Eric also states staff is out in full force monitoring easements. Scott Dunbar highlights the new fiscal year for SAP is starting so please send any interested landowners their way. DRAWS program, which applies to greater agricultural Marin landowners, is starting its new fiscal year with additional funds.
- **Point Blue & Students & Teachers Restoring a Watershed** – Jesse shares that STRAW is in the depths of water monitoring on all of their projects. She also mentions their Conservation Community College Internship Project has started which teaches the fundamentals of habitat and watershed restoration. Also, staff continue to seed collect for future projects. Isaiah shares they are excited to implement the project at Stemple Creek this fall –securing plants,

working with students and site prep. A big part of their work going forward will be wrapping up the CF designs we talked about today. Point Blue has been asked by the State of CA to submit a full proposal for a re-granting program to support agriculture.

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- **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.
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- **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.

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