



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, August 10th, 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 Nancy Scolari at (415) 663-1170 ext. 301, or preston@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: 9:15 – 10:45 a.m.

2. DISTRICT, MINUTES, FINANCIALS:

- A. Board approval of regular meeting Minutes.
- B. Board approval of Financial Report and bills to be paid.
- C. Board approval of Resolution 09-2022 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 August 11 – September 14, 2022 pursuant to Brown Act provisions.

3. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS (COW):

- A. Request Board approval of finalized design and Monitoring & Maintenance Section of Landowner Authorization Agreement (LOA) for COW Project 2022-01 manure management improvement.

4. CARBON FARMING PROGRAM:

- A. Request Board approval of finalized riparian restoration designs for Toluma and Straus Home Ranches.

5. MARIN AGRICULTURAL LAND TRUST:

- A. Board approval to execute FY22/23 Marin Agricultural Land Trust Stewardship Assistance Program grant agreement.

6. MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT:

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A. Request Board approval to execute Marin Municipal Water District agreement #6121 in the amount of \$25,000 to assist with fisheries monitoring and stream assessment work.

7. UPDATES & PRESENTATIONS: 10:45 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:** *Ranchlands Key to Coho Effort in Walker* Ike Allen, PR Light; IG PRNS Post reports over 300 coho in Pine Gulch seen up to 5 miles upstream!
- **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:** A Request for Proposals was posted on the Marin RCD website for a Biomass Utilization Study with Greenhouse Gas Assessment. We have received four proposals under review by the Biomass Steering Committee.
- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program:** Equipment has been installed for the COW UDRS Bivalve project! COW CCAF Project 2022-01 is undergoing design review by MRCD BOD. COW CCAF Project 2022-02 is undergoing NEPA review and a RFPs is being drafted for fall 2022 implementation. Biological surveys are currently being arranged for COW CCAF projects 2022-03 and 2022-04 to complete their CEQA compliance. COW CCAF deviation request (additional funds offered by SWRCB) is pending.
- **Urban Streams Program:** The Stream Conservation Area Ordinance was approved and adopted by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, July 19th. Sarah will be working alongside CDA in developing guidance materials and training County staff on the new ordinance. Marin Water District will be contracting Sarah and Preston to support their ongoing monitoring efforts. Trust for Public Lands (TPL) requested Sarah's ongoing support in developing and leading workshops for the community on the SGV Commons property (former golf course). Finally, Sarah and Nancy provided a presentation to MCL on Walker Creek then followed up with an interview by Point Reyes Light on current (and past) efforts in Walker Creek.
- **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 is complete! Department of Conservation-Stemple Creek Restoration: Fence materials have been delivered and installation has begun, and plant installation by STRAW for Fall 2022.
- **Walker Creek Watershed:** Sarah and Darrylin prepared quarterly invoice and report for this grant. Things are on track.

- **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:** On boarding and Off boarding staff has been exciting and challenging. Staff continue to work on closing up FY2122 and setting up new files for the new Fiscal Year.

- **New landowners/stewards assisted:** Urban: 7 landowners were assisted with information and 22 landowners and/or partners were educated. Agriculture: 5 land managers were provided environmental compliance and permitting support. Carbon Farming: 7 land managers were given with technical assistance and 5 were assisted with funding.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

- None

9. 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.

10. MEETING ADJOURNED



MINUTES

DATE: **Wednesday, July 13th, 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 9:02 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, Simone Albuquerque, Darrylin Mollath, Michelle Katuna, Tom Hammond, Preston Duncan and Tara Krantz. Additional Attendees: Chad White (Marin Biomass), Eric Rubenstahl (MALT), Scott Dunbar (MALT), Tristen Brenner (MALT), Sebastian Tsochanos (NRCS) and Rich Holland (Marin Horse Council).

ACTION ITEMS:

2. DISTRICT, MINUTES, FINANCIALS:
 - A. Board approval of regular meeting Minutes.
MOTION: Bob; 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: Peter, AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None to approve Financial Report and bills to be paid.
3. RESOLUTIONS:
 - 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.
MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Peter, AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None to approve 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.
MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Terry, AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None to approve 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:

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

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Terry, AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None to approve postponing Agenda item to next meeting so that more information may be gathered.

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

MOTION: Peter; SECOND: Terry, AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None to approve finalized design and Monitoring & Maintenance Section of LOA for COW Project 2022-02 Livestock Water System.

5. NORTH COAST SOIL HUB:

- 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."

MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Bob, AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None to approve 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."

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS:

RCD Staff presentations:

- Wildlife Conservation Board Designs: review of Toluma & Straus Home Ranches draft designs presented by Michelle Katuna, MRCD Agroecologist.
- Overview of Phase 1 of GIS Data Overhaul presented by Tara Krantz, Grizzly Corp Intern.

Partner Updates:

- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** – Scott Dunbar shares that MALT has completed approximately 1/3 of it's monitoring with a large focus on Healthy Soils projects. Eric Rubenstahl mentions their new Executive Director will be starting mid-August. Eric also highlights some DRAWS statistics: 13 springs have been re-developed, 46 water storage tanks installed totaling 170,000 gallons of storage, 20 pumps and 61,000 feet of pipe installed throughout the last fiscal year.
- **Point Blue & Students & Teachers Restoring a Watershed** – Isaiah shares that Point Blue has completed the majority of their monitoring season, all sights have been weeded and watered and are getting on-going maintenance. Now pivoting to the fall projects which

include the MRCD projects of Lazy R and Rigetti which could be 20 days of working with students. Lots of collaboration with STRAW and MRCD right now planning and designing.

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 19th 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:**
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- **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.

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

9. MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:53 a.m.