



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, November 12, 2025**

PLACE: **Marin Farm Bureau Conference Room, 520 Mesa Road, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956**

REMOTE OPTION: Members of the public may participate remotely by Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87864206727> or by phone: +16699009128,,87864206727# meeting ID: 878 6420 6727. Please contact Elise Suronen at (415) 663-1170 ext. 314, or sarahs@marinrkd.org if you have concerns about accessibility. *(Note that we may move agenda items in this meeting to meet time constraints of participants.)*

1. Regular meeting opens at **9:00 a.m.** Roll call, introduction of guests, including a new guest, Greg Richardson, The Nature Conservancy's new Point Reyes Project Director.

ACTION ITEMS: 9:15 - 9:30 a.m.

2. DISTRICT/ADMIN: (30 min)

- A. Board approval of regular Meeting Minutes. ~ *Cora Richard, Bookkeeper*
- B. Board approval of the Financial Report. ~ *Cora Richard, Bookkeeper*

3. INFORMATIONAL: (9:30-11 a.m.)

- **Marin RCD Strategic Plan (1.5 hrs)** ~ *Amy Stork, Amy Stork Consulting*

Partner Updates: 3 min each

- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)– Petaluma Field Office Staff
- Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP – MALT Stewardship Staff
- Point Blue & Students & Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW)– Point Blue Staff
- All Hands Ecology/ACR - Jim Jensen, Tomales Bay Land Steward and Preserve Mgr
- Marin Farm Bureau - Farm Bureau Representative

RCD Program Updates (See staff report for details):

- **Nicasio Water Alternatives:** John Dolcini, Marin RCD Associate Director
- **Federal Funding Freeze:** The proposal is at the highest USDA office and waiting approvals but there is now a government shutdown
- **Fire and Forestry Liability:** All Hands Ecology re-worked the language in the Contract and clarified release of liability forms, contract is in our hands for signing.
- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program (COW):** COW MILC, the most recent Nonpoint Source Pollution Water Board grant, is in design phase. The agreement for \$1,000,000 is executed and projects at dairies in the Stemple Creek watershed have been solicited and ranked by the Technical Advisory Group. Design work began this summer and the CEQA comment period is closing after this meeting. The grant also funds practices in Drakes Bay watershed of the National Seashore and those projects are expected to constitute manure pond decommissioning at those outgoing dairies. An application for COW GIRL phase IX was submitted to the Water Board in early January and is in review.

- **Justice Equity Diversity Inclusion (JEDI):** No report
- **Media/Messaging/Outreach:** Our next newsletter will be delivered this month.
- **Biomass Project:** The Marin Biomass Project is finalizing its integrated Study and expects to release it in the next month. Upon release of the Study, the team will emphasize work to implement Study's recommendations.
- **Permit Coordination Program (PCP):** Several projects including the RCD's Conserving Our Watershed Program and Carbon Farming as well as Green Gulch Farm's Streamflow Enhancement projects completed CEQA this fall. Staff is currently reviewing a Vegetation Treatment Plan for Martin Griffin Preserve and a CEQA determination for that might come before the board in 2026.
- **Urban Streams Program:** No report. Sarah Phillips is on leave with Gerhard/other RCD staff filling in through November. Other activities include consultations, Marin Project Coordination meetings (agency permits), and various partnerships with the County such as the Tomales Bay tire removal project with NOAA, a new Tomales Bay TAC/Working Group and support in Stinson Beach Flood Zone 5.
- **Carbon Farming Program:** No report
- **Walker Creek Watershed:** No report
- **Funding Opportunities:** Staff are looking into several funding opportunities related to monitoring and project implementation on ag lands.
- **Finance Committee:** The previous meeting focused on providing updates related to fulfilling RCD financial obligations through existing staff and hired consultants in the absence of a Fiscal Manager. Cora's hours will increase and a consultant contract will be amended to complete the work of assisting with our audit. The next FC meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2025. An agenda will be posted this week.
- **District:** Admin staff have been focused on financial audit, personnel reviews and re-organizing staff roles with limited staff. Fiona has been organizing our RCD Holiday Party in December!
- **Landowner Assistance Provided:**
 - Urban Streams: two individuals and two agencies requested assistance and were consulted
 - COW: Only 1 or 2 consultations besides program applicants this month
 - CF: None reported

4. 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.

5. MEETING ADJOURNED



MINUTES

DATE: **Wednesday, October 8th, 2025**

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1. A regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Terry Sawyer, President, at 9 a.m.

Roll call of Directors: Terry Sawyer, Gerald Meral, David Sherwood, Mike Moretti and Melissa Williams

Associate Directors: George Clyde, John Dolcini and Paul Ingle

Staff: Nancy Scolari, Marcus Meggett, Cora Richard, Preston Duncan, Gerhard Epke, Lee Farese, Sarah Skinker and Fiona O'Neill

Additional Attendees: Isaiah Thalmayer (STRAW), Jessie Ditmar (STRAW), Libby Kennedy (STRAW), Scott Dunbar (MALT), Sara Tashker (Green Gulch Farm), Carrie Lukacic and Justin Bodell (Prunuske Chatham), Martha Davis (Nicasio resident), Bronte Edwards (Fibershed), Navit Reid (Fibershed)

ACTION ITEMS:

2. DISTRICT:

- A. Board approval of special and regular Meeting Minutes. ~ *Cora Richard, Bookkeeper*
MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Jerry; AYES: Terry, Jerry, Mike, David & Melissa; NOES: None; ABSENT: none; to approve special and regular September 2025 Board Minutes
- B. Board approval of the Financial Report. ~ *Marcus Meggett, Fiscal and Ops Manager*
MOTION: David; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Terry, Jerry, Mike, David & Melissa; NOES: None; ABSENT: none; to approve the Financial Report.
- C. Board approval of Marin RCD positions of President, Vice President & Treasurer. ~ *Nancy Scolari, Executive Director*
MOTION: Jerry; SECOND: Melissa; AYES: Terry, Jerry, Mike, David & Melissa; NOES: None; ABSENT: none; to make the following position appointments: Terry Sawyer as President, Mike Moretti as Vice President & David Sherwood as Treasurer

3. PROGRAMS:

- A. Board approval of finding the Green Gulch Farm Streamflow and Water Storage Improvement Project within the scope of the State Water Resources Control Board's Programmatic Environmental Impact Report of the Statewide Restoration General Order (SRGO PEIR) and directing staff to issue a Notice of Determination. ~ *Gerhard Epke, Water Quality Program Manager*
MOTION: Jerry; SECOND: David; AYES: Terry, Mike, Jerry, David & Melissa; NOES: None; ABSENT: none; to adopt the findings of the "within the scope" checklist, adopt the mitigation measures selected from program EIR, and authorize submittal of the Notice of Determination
- B. Board approval to open a 30-day review of the 2025 proposed environmental enhancement projects into the Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program (PCP) and

accept the proposed projects on November 12, contingent upon receiving no public comment. ~*Gerhard Epke, Water Quality Program Manager*

MOTION: David; SECOND: Jerry; AYES: Terry, Jerry & David; NOES: none; ABSENT: none; ABSTAIN: Mike & Melissa; to approve opening a 30-day review of the 2025 proposed environmental enhancement projects into the Marin Coastal PCP.

- C. Board approval to award \$18,000 in matching Measure A funds to clear an emergency creek obstruction along a tributary to Keys/Walker Creek. ~*Sarah Skinker, Carbon Farming Program Manager*

MOTION: Mike; SECOND: David; AYES: Terry, Mike, Jerry, David & Melissa; NOES: None; ABSENT: none; to make this one-time award of \$18,000 in matching Measure A funds to clear emergency creek obstruction, with the caveat that this is a unique situation and going forward Marin RCD will have a criteria in place to determine funding for emergency services.

4. INFORMATIONAL:

- **Down and Dirty – Summer Field Season Highlights.** ~*Fiona O'Neill, Soil Conservation Technician*

Fiona shared some pictures from the field over the last year, mostly of soil! We all enjoyed learning about the West Marin landscape and the soil sampling she has been doing.

Partner Updates:

- **Farm Bureau-** Regina Pozzi, Farm Bureau Manager

No Farm Bureau staff present at this meeting.

- **Marin Agriculture-** Joe Deviney, Marin County Agricultural Commissioner

Joe was not present at this meeting.

- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)–** Petaluma Field Office Staff
NRCS Petaluma staff are currently furloughed because of the federal government shut down.

- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP –** MALT Stewardship Staff

Scott shared MALT has hired 2 new monitors. They currently have 8 SAP projects, and can take on a couple more. Small grants program will be open soon. Finally, their new Director of Conservation, Sonya, is on extended medical leave.

- **Point Blue & Students & Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW)–** Point Blue Staff
STRAW is kicking off a new restoration season. They are implementing 23 projects. Welcoming new seasonal staff, they are onboarding 8 new apprentices.

- **Audubon Canyon Ranch, now All Hands Ecology –** Jim Jensen

Audubon Canyon Ranch has changed their name! Going forward they will be called All Hands Ecology. Jim also shared that the prescribed burn collaboration is still having meetings.

- **Marin Water Expansion –** John Dulcini (Marin RCD Associate Director)

The Nicasio Landowners Association will be meeting with the water district soon to discuss watershed enhancement activities. MMWD is still pursuing water expansion options (pipeline or electrification of Soulajule pumps).

RCD Program Updates (See staff report for details):

- **Federal Funding Freeze:** The proposal is at the highest USDA office and waiting approvals after the government shutdown is lifted.

- **Fire and Forestry Liability:** Marcus has not yet checked with the subcontractor for a certificate
- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program (COW):** COW MILC, the most recent Nonpoint Source Pollution Water Board grant, has begun. The agreement for \$1,000,000 is executed and projects at dairies in the Stemple Creek watershed have been solicited and ranked by the Technical Advisory Group. Design work is beginning this summer. The grant also funds practices in Drakes Bay watershed of the National Seashore and those projects are expected to constitute manure pond decommissioning at those outgoing dairies. An application for COW GIRL phase IX was submitted to the Water Board in early January and is in review.
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- **Permit Coordination Program (PCP):** The RCD's COW and Carbon Farming 2025 program projects will be put through the PCP in the coming months. Upcoming partner projects include Green Gulch Streamflow Enhancement Project (today's agenda) and vegetation management plans for ACR reserves. No update on Black Mountain culvert project.
- **Urban Streams Program:** Sarah Phillips is on leave with Gerhard/other RCD staff filling in through November. Activities include landowner consultations, Marin Project Coordination meetings (agency permits), and various partnerships with the County such as the Tomales Bay tire removal project with NOAA, a new Tomales Bay TAC/Working Group, dissolution of the Inverness Flood Control District Zone 10, and support in Stinson Beach Zone 5.
- **Carbon Farming Program:** No report
- **Walker Creek Watershed:** No report
- **Funding Opportunities:** Staff continues to meet with Emilie and other north coast RCDs to strategize around Prop 4 funding through SCC and WCB. A funding proposal was developed with UC Berkeley to study compost applications on rangelands.
- **Finance Committee:** The next FC meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2025. An agenda will be posted this week.
- **District:** Admin staff have been focused on financial audit. A Draft Strategic Plan was presented to the Steering Committee. It will be edited by Amy Stork and edited by a writing committee consisting of Jerry and Nancy before coming to the Board in November.
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5. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDANCE

- None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sarah S. brought up a recent meeting with the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria and expressed gratitude for a great field day.

7. MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:45 a.m.