



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, September 10th, 2014**

PLACE: Marin County Farm Bureau, 520 Mesa Road, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

1. Regular Meeting **opening at 9:30 am**. Roll call and introduction of guests.

ACTION ITEMS

2. MARIN RCD MINUTES AND FINANCIALS – 15 min.
 - A. Board approval of Minutes.
 - B. Board approval of RCD financial reports and bills to be paid.
 - C. Board review and approval of FY 13/14 Marin RCD Budget.
3. GRANTS - 30 min.
 - A. Request Board approval of \$400K budget, scope of work and partnership with Sonoma, Napa, San Mateo County RCDs and Land Trusts in the USDA NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program proposal.
 - B. Request Board approval of grant proposal to State Water Resources Control Board 319(h) program to carry out the implementation of grazing waiver-water quality improvement projects.
 - C. Request Board approval to transfer scope of work in MALT /Wildlife Conservation Board proposal to neighboring RCD for implementation of carbon beneficial practices at the Corda Ranch.
4. DISTRICT – 15 min.
 - A. Board decision to provide comment on the Draft Marin Climate Action Plan.
 - B. Pursuant to Marin RCD's Associate Director Policy, request Board approval to re-appoint George Clyde to the position of Associate Director.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS –10:30 a.m.

5. UPDATES/PROGRAMS/PRESENTATIONS – 30 min.

Guest Presentations:

- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service** –Jennifer Walser, NEW District Conservationist for the Petaluma Field Office
- **Point Blue: Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed** – Vanessa Wyant, STRAW Project Manager
- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** –Jim Jensen, Stewardship Team

Program Updates:

- **Pine Gulch Restoration Project** –Working on Requests for Cost Proposals for wetland biologist.

- **Marin Carbon Project** – Draft Marin Carbon Plans were created for three ranches. Attend Climate Adaptation Conference.
- **Americano Creek Watershed** – Gold Ridge RCD is starting construction in September on an upland gully stabilization project to reduce fine sediment into Ebabias Creek. They also have design funds for large-scale rainwater catchment systems, and have identified several potential sites including a couple sites in the Valley Ford area.
- **San Antonio Creek Watershed** – No activity.
- **Tomales Bay/Walker Watershed** – One project was completed. One is under construction. One is planned for this month. One is waiting for a biological opinion and may be postponed until next year. Final monitoring reports are being completed for all projects.
- **Stemple Creek Watershed** – No activity.
- **Lagunitas Creek Watershed** – A new watershed ombudsman was selected to work with San Geronimo and other residential communities in Marin County. She will begin on Sept 22nd.
- **Ranchworker Housing**- Bob's report.
- **History** – No activity.
- **Media/Outreach**: No news to report.
- **Grant Proposals**: Staff is working with MALT and County Counsel in determining Marin RCD's role in implementation of Wildlife Conservation Board funding. Staff is working on a 319h proposal. Attended meeting with CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife to discuss difficulties with grant making program.
 - Nobmann Ranch Roads. Department of Fish and Wildlife. \$343,350 (*Pending*)
 - Regional Conservation Partnership Program. \$20M (*Asked back for full proposal*)
- **District**: Attended Farm Bureau meeting.
- **Landowner Requests**: 1 request for road assistance. 1 inquiry as to interest of landowners reintroducing beavers to the area.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sept 23rd. Water Board meeting to determine fees associate with the Dairy Waiver. Sacramento.
- Sept 24th. Porch Talk: Developing RCD Riparian Projects. Cypress Grove.
- Sept 25th. Ag Roundtable. Nicasio.
- Sept 26th. Marin Carbon Project Strategic Planning Session.
- Oct 6th. Draft Marin Climate Action Plan meeting. Civic Center. 6:30pm.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- Submitted letter in support of Martinelli/MALT Easement funding from Wildlife Conservation Board.
- Marin LAFCO Proposed Fee Schedule.
- CA Association of RCDs document providing guidance on proposed RCD standards, "Planning for the Future."

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