



MINUTES

DATE: **Wednesday, January 14, 2015**

PLACE: Marin County Farm Bureau

520 Mesa Road, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

1. **A regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Hank Corda Director, at 9:40am.** Roll call of directors: Hank Corda, Sally Gale, Bob Giacomini, George Clyde & Richard Plant (RCD Associate Directors).
Staff: Nancy Scolari, Lynette Niebrugge, Elise Suronen, Sarah Phillips & Michele Weger
Additional Attendees: Jim Jensen (Marin Agricultural Land Trust Stewardship Field Associate), Zach Mendez (Marin Agricultural Land Trust) Devii Rao (Point Reyes National Seashore), Jennifer Walser (Natural Resource Conservation Service), Kay Joy Barge (Natural Resource Conservation Service), Heather Furnidge (Point Reyes Station Resident), Kathy Lowrey (Prunuske Chatham), Robert Parks (Landowner), Mike Parks (Landowner), Mary Morgan (Point Reyes Resident), Laurette Rogers (Point Blue Conservation Science STRAW Program Director).

ACTION ITEMS

2. MARIN RCD MINUTES AND FINANCIALS

- A. Board approval of Minutes.

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Sally; AYES: Unanimous (Bob & Sally); NOES: none;
ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve December minutes.

- B. Board approval of RCD financial reports and bills to be paid including contractor payment for Keyes restoration project, contingent upon final inspection and AT&T for \$48.53.

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Sally; AYES: Unanimous (Bob & Sally); NOES: none;
ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve RCD financial reports and bills to be paid including contractor payment for Keyes restoration project, contingent upon final inspection and AT&T for \$48.53.

3. DISTRICT

- A. Administered the Oath of Office for newly appointed Board Member, Bob Giacomini.

4. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS PROGRAM

- A. Request Board approval to waive 10% landowner cost-share requirement for Keyes Creek project.

MOTION: Sally; SECOND: Bob; AYES: Unanimous (Bob & Sally); NOES: none;
ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve to waive 10% landowner cost-share requirement for Keyes Creek project. The board would like David Lewis to come and speak about water quality monitoring. The board would also like to see a policy put into place regarding landowner cost share or no cost share in case of certain situations that may arise.

5. PINE GULCH INSTREAM FLOW ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

- A. Request Board approval of a proposal to provide biological services during the construction of the Pine Gulch ponds.

MOTION: Sally; SECOND: Bob; AYES: Unanimous (Bob & Sally); NOES: none;

ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve of a proposal to provide biological services during the construction of the Pine Gulch ponds.

6. URBAN STREAMS COORDINATOR

- A. Request Board approval of Urban Streams Coordinator Communications/Work Program

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Sally; AYES: Unanimous (Bob & Sally); NOES: none;

ABSTENSIONS: none, to approve of Urban Streams Coordinator Communications/Work Program. The board would like to invite Steve Kinsey to a meeting around summer time to discuss the importance of Sarah's position and to possibly extend her contract. Sally would like a handout created of Sarah's expectations for the current 2 year contract.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. UPDATES/PROGRAMS/PRESENTATIONS

Guest Presentations:

- **COW II Out to Pasture** - Elise Suronen and Lynette Niebrugge, Marin RCD. Elise & Lynette show a presentation on COW II projects that have been completed. Sally would like a tour of all of the projects. Elise has scheduled tours with Tim Dodson in the next couple of weeks.
- **Point Blue: Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed** - Laurette Rogers, STRAW Program Director. Laurette reports that they had completed 500 projects this year and currently are working on 52 projects.
- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Jennifer Walser, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Jennifer reports that a new employee will be starting soon as Soils Conservationist. They are still taking EQIP signups and the 1st batching period is this Friday. Candidates must have conservations plans completed first. Announcement made today that the Regional Conservation Partnership Grant was awarded to MALT & Marin RCD for \$400K.
- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** – Jim Jensen, MALT Stewardship Team. Jim reports that they are currently working on 5 projects. Jim also acknowledged that of all of the COW II projects, MALT had a hand in all of them but one. Great partnerships!
- **Point Reyes National Seashore** – Devii Rao, Point Reyes National Seashore. Devii reports they have 2 grants wrapping up right now. There was a 319h grant awarded for water quality on Tomales Bay. David Lewis approached the Park about Distaff & Purple Star Thistle. There is a new organic certified method called Suppress to help fight the Distaff and Thistles. Devii is wrapping up her 3 years with the Park and will be moving onto UC Cooperative Extension in a month. Good luck Devii we will miss you!

Program Updates:

- **Pine Gulch Restoration Project** – Developed Request for Proposal for Biologist. Initiated Engineering contract and review of Pond Request for Proposal template.
- **Marin Carbon Project** – Initiated site visit for EPA Pacific Southwest Region. MCP Financial model is under development. Carbon Farm Ranch Plans are nearing completion.
- **Americano Creek Watershed** – Gold Ridge RCD has signed a contract with a consultant to develop a design for a rain catchment aspect in addition to a greywater feasibility study for the Valley Ford Wool Mill project. A final report regarding the water quality monitoring in the Estero will be published soon.
- **San Antonio Creek Watershed** – No activity.

- **Tomales Bay/Walker Watershed** – Update on Long Meadow Flow Meters. Three projects are complete. One project is nearing completion. Final monitoring reports have been completed for all projects. STRAW had two planting days and four are planned. Coho found in Walker Creek by MMWD!
- **Stemple Creek Watershed** – No activity.
- **Lagunitas Creek Watershed** – No activity.
- **Stream Coordinator** – Initiated Emergency Permit Fact Sheet. Assisted landowner with emergency project information. Met with County MCSTPP and Open Space Staff. Met with Trout Unlimited. Attended Marin Project Coordination Meeting. Drafted Detailed Work Program and Communications Plan.
- **Ranchworker Housing** – Bob reports that the houses have been completed for about a year but nobody is living in them. The funding money is not coming in as timely as expected.
- **Oral History** – No activity.
- **Media/Outreach** – “San Geronimo group hosts stream talks” in Marin Independent Journal. “Urban Streams Coordinator will meet Valley residents Jan 14”, the Citizen and PRLight.
- **Grant Proposals** – Staff worked on full proposal for COW-PATI 319(h) grant.
 - *Nobmann Ranch Roads. Department of Fish and Wildlife. \$343,350 (Pending)*
 - *Bay Area Regional Conservation Partnership Program. USDA. \$20M (Awarded)*
 - *COW – PATTI. EPA. \$600K (Full proposal in development)*
 - *Climate Ready. SCC. \$300K (Pre-proposal pending)*
- **District:** Presentation on Beavers in April. Attended Marin Community Foundation Planning Session.
- **Landowner Requests:** No requests.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- GRAP: A statewide effort to develop a regulatory strategy for addressing water quality impacts related to livestock grazing in CA. Workshops are being held.
- Jan 14th. Spirit Rock. San Geronimo Valley Stewards Meeting.
- Jan 16th. 3-5, PRNS. TBWC Water Quality TAC Meeting.
- The Farm Show is in February. May have to re-schedule Board Meeting.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- None

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment for any matter not listed on this agenda, provided that no Board action is to be taken. All statements requiring a response will be referred to staff to be placed on the next agenda.

11. MEETING ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned by Bob/Sally at 12:15