



## AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

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. MINUTES AND FINANCIALS – 15 min.
  - A. Board approval of Regular Meeting Minutes.
  - B. Board approval of RCD financial reports and bills to be paid.
  - C. Board approval to continue the Barn Project lease in the amount of \$16,296/year.
3. DISTRICT – 40 min.
  - A. Board decision to comment on Marin County Noxious Weed Ordinance.
  - B. Board decision to support ranching in the Point Reyes National Seashore.
4. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS – 40 min.
  - A. Request Board approval of Categorical Exemption under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Class 3 – CCR §15303 for Project #2016-05 and #2016-07.
  - B. Board approval to execute \$7,000 contract with Contractor Compliance and Monitoring Inc. to implement Marin RCD's Labor Compliance Program for the COW IV grant program.
  - C. Board approval to execute \$18,617 contract with Jed Freitas to provide design, installation observations for three COW projects.
  - D. Board approval to issue \$16,605 contract amendment to Prunuske Chatham Inc. to provide biological services for six ranches and technical support for projects in the 2016 Marin Coastal Watersheds Permit Coordination Program.
5. MARIN COASTAL WATERSHEDS PERMIT COORDINATION PROGRAM – 20 min.
  - A. Board approval to hire contractor to provide archaeological services for CEQA review of eight projects in the Marin Coastal Watersheds Permit Coordination Program.
  - B. Board approval to renew and expand the Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program.
6. CARBON FARMING – 10 min.
  - A. Board approval of Carbon Farm Planning Landowner Authorization Agreement

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 11:30 a.m.**

7. UPDATES/PROGRAMS/PRESENTATIONS – 30 min.
  - **Coastal Monitoring Program**- Greg Andrew, Marin Municipal Water District
  - **Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed** – Vanessa Wyant, Point Blue Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed. See Carbon Project reports for more information.

- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Jennifer Walser, District Conservationist
- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** –Jim Jensen, Stewardship Team

Program Updates:

- **Finance Committee:** Nancy is arranging a meeting of the finance committee to review the District’s financial standing, financial policies and FY 16-17 Budget.
- **Spring Tour:** Contact Elise for more information about the Spring RCD Tour of projects.
- **Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program** – There are fifteen projects included the 2016 Marin Coastal Permit Coordination Program which is to be posted in the Point Reyes Light and Marin RCD website this week. The list is open for public comment before the projects are formally approved at the June meeting.
- **Marin Carbon Project** –The State Conservancy Seq-C Soil Report is complete!! A soil monitoring field day for RCD/NRCS staff is being organized for May 12th. One carbon farm plan is in progress and the second will be executed in mid-April. MCP has met with Gov Brown Senior Advisor and Director of Planning and Research. MCP team also met with NRCS Chief James Weller. New maps developed: carbon farming in Marin and CA.
- **Black Mountain Roads** –Tasks left in contract: fencing and minor erosion control work.
- **Urban Streams Coordinator**– The USC conducted four site visits and assisted a multitude of residents and stakeholders when a site visit was not necessary. The USC attended two conferences and one workshop regarding salmonid restoration, water conservation and fine sediment reduction entering Marin’s creeks (see USC report).
- **Americano Creek Watershed** – The Carbon Farm Planning process is open for applications <http://goldridgercd.org/projects.html> Gold Ridge is reaching out to landowners for rain catchment projects <http://www.goldridgercd.org/rainwater.html>.
- **Pine Gulch Restoration Project** – A new water rights guide is available: A Practitioners Guide to Instream Flow Transactions in California.
- **Tomales Bay/Walker Watershed** – Conducted Walker Creek Watershed Tour for National Marine Fisheries Service with the water district and MALT (See Walker Creek map of landowner participants in programs)
- **Media/Outreach:** *Resource District Celebrates Watershed Program, Pt Reyes Light. New Director Mike Moretti, Marin Independent Journal. The Soil Health Movement & Carbon Farming Locally, Sonoma Marin Farm News*
- **Grant Proposals:** No activity.
- **District:** Attended Bounty: Fine Food Production in Coastal Marin meeting.
- **Landowner Requests:** 15 requests for USC program assistance.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- May 24<sup>th</sup>. Marin County BOS. Support our Urban Streams Coordinator, Sarah Phillips!!!

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

- LAFCO correspondence regarding proposed budget and 13% increase.
- MALT letter of support to continue ranching in the Point Reyes National Seashore.

**10. 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.

**11. MEETING ADJOURNED**