



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, August 12th, 2020**

PLACE: **Marin RCD Office, 80 4th Street, Suite 202, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956** *(note change)*

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 using the following options: by Zoom at this [meeting link](#): or by phone: +16699009128,,86086645483#,,,,,,0#,,051518# , Meeting ID#: 860 8664 5483. Passcode: 051518. Please feel free to contact Michelle Katuna at 707-774-5047 or michelle@marinrkd.org if you have any concerns about accessibility.

1. Regular meeting opens at **9:00 a.m.** Roll call and introduction of guests.

ACTION ITEMS:

2. DISTRICT, MINUTES, FINANCIALS – 15 min.
 - A. Board approval of regular meeting Minutes.
 - B. Board approval of Financial Report and bills to be paid.
3. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT – 15 min.
 - A. Board approval of CEQA Notices of Exemption for SPAWN projects: RediMix planting project and Hicks Mtn Ranch planting project.
4. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS – 60 min.
 - A. Board approval of implementation cost estimate for Site #2020-03: Fence and Water Facility project by PRNS lessee under MRCD subgrant agreement procurement procedures.
 - B. Bivalve approval of design and cost estimate for of Site #2019-01: Manure Scrape and Compost project.
 - C. Board approval to pay landowner the full MRCD cost-share, prior to the completion of all 3 project phases for Site #2019-01.
5. CARBON FARMING - 15 min.
 - A. Board decision on the selection process for the allocation of Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) design funds.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 10:45 a.m.

6. Presentations & Highlights: 30 min

Partner Updates –

- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Petaluma Field Office Staff
- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** – MALT Stewardship Staff
- **Students & Teachers Restoring a Watershed** – Isaiah Thalmayer, STRAW

RCD Program Updates:

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- **New COVID grant!:** An application and selection criteria were developed. A notice has been sent to producers and partner organizations.
- **Urban Streams Program:** USC has been instrumental in assisting two streamside residents in Marin over the last month including regulatory compliance and implementing Best Management Practices. As well, 15 landowners/stakeholders were assisted during the month of July that did not require site visits. USC supported MMWD in carrying out juvenile salmonid monitoring in absence of Greg Andrew. See Staff Report for more information.
- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program:** Two sites completed. Two sites are preparing for construction and need final permits. One site is held up by the County Coastal Permit process, and another site is awaiting NEPA approval. Staff expect construction season to begin mid-Aug - Sept 2020. One project is cancelled.
- **Carbon Farming Program:** Preliminary results for the Marin County Climate Action Plan: Ag Chapter were presented at the Marin Conservation League Ag and Land Use Committee meeting. Several follow up presentations will be held for producer groups. Project design and budget underway for Straus hedgerow planting. Board to decide on how to allocate WCB design funds.
- **Walker Creek Watershed:** Road surveys are continuing in this watershed.
- **Pine Gulch Creek Project:** No activity
- **Media/Outreach:** No activity
- **Grant Opportunities:** Sarah is working on a potential grant proposal to remove pyrophytic plants.
 - \$109,000. National Association of RCDs. North Coast Soil Health Coordinator. *Awarded*
 - \$25,000. USDA Conservation Innovation Grant for training and education. *Pending*
 - \$55,000. CA Wildlife Conservation Board for technical assistance. *Pending*
 - \$430,000 DOC Stemple Creek Riparian Corridor Restoration. *Pending*
- **Finance Committee:** A meeting was not held.
- **District:**
 - GrizzlyCorps person starts in September.
 - Darrylin is working on a Federal Indirect Cost Rate and closing out the FY.
- **Landowners assisted:** 3 agricultural and 15 urban landowners requesting assistance, additionally 2 site visits were conducted in the USC Program.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

- Tomales Bay Conference to be held September 18th, 2020.
- Art Show at Toby's in January.
- Marin Conservation League: Ag and Land Use Mtg - August 28, 2020

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