



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, December 9th, 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: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85806950980> or by phone: +16699009128,,85806950980# , meeting ID#: 858 0695 0980. Please contact Michelle Katuna at 707-774-5047 or michelle@marinrcd.org if you have concerns about accessibility.

1. Regular meeting opens at **9:00 a.m.** Roll call and introduction of guests. Introduction of new RCD North Coast Region Forest Coordinator, Julia Sullivan.
2. **Animal Evacuations During Wildfires** - Shelina Moreda, NorCal Livestock Evacuation

ACTION ITEMS: 9:45 am

3. DISTRICT, MINUTES, FINANCIALS: 40 min
 - A. Board approval of regular meeting Minutes.
 - B. Board approval of Financial Report and bills to be paid.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: 10 a.m.

4. Presentations, Updates & Highlights:
 - **Conserving Our Watersheds Overview** - Elise Suronen, Marin RCD
 - **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:

- **Urban Streams Program:** USC carried out another successful Lagunitas TAC meeting with a lot of time spent beforehand to prepare and afterward to follow up on action items. USC attended a plethora of meetings in the month of November. See Staff Report for further details.
- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program:** Grant extension granted. 3.5 out of 5 sites completed! Two projects to be built in 2021. STRAW is planting one site this fall.
- **Carbon Farming Program:** WCB Committee reviewed and commented on Selection Criteria, and approved of 10 Carbon Farm Plans to receive designs during meeting #2. WCB Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has been formed to rank projects for carbon designs. TAC will review Selection Criteria and site details in the first meeting on December 16th, and will complete site visits Feb 16-18. Staff are in the process of creating a

hedgerow/windbreak educational pamphlet and planning carbon farming focused educational events. Blakes Landing Hedgerow project with STRAW delayed to Fall 2021. Technical Assistance provided to True Grass Farm for their CDFA Healthy Soils grant.

- **Walker Creek Watershed:** Road surveys are continuing. Staff and consultants have begun working with landowners to conduct an assessment of the estuary.
- **Pine Gulch Creek Project:** No activity
- **Messaging/Outreach/Education:** Oia, our GrizzlyCorps member, completed a radio script about the RCD, is revamping the RCD website and posted on Instagram and Facebook re Native American Heritage month.
- **Grant Opportunities:** MRCD may consider the State Coastal Conservancy's Prop 68 funds for carbon farming.
- **Finance Committee:** The FC did not meet.
- **District:**
 - Darrylin is working on a new spreadsheet to distribute grant hours to staff.
- **Landowners assisted:** 10 agricultural and 12 urban landowners requesting assistance with 2 site visits conducted.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

- None

7. 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.

8. MEETING ADJOURNED