



AGENDA

DATE: **Wednesday, November 13, 2024**

PLACE: **Marin Farm Bureau Conference Room, 520 Mesa Road, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956**

REMOTE OPTION: Members of the public may participate remotely by Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87864206727> or by phone: +16699009128,,87864206727# meeting ID: 878 6420 6727. Please contact Elise Suronen at (415) 663-1170 ext. 314, or sarahs@marinrcd.org if you have concerns about accessibility.

(Note that we may move agenda items in this meeting to meet time constraints of participants.)

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

2. PRESENTATION 9:15-9:45 a.m.

AIM & Marketing: Andy Naja-Riese & Meleyna Nomura, Agricultural Institute of Marin

ACTION ITEMS: 9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

3. DISTRICT:

- A. Board approval of regular Meeting Minutes. ~ Cora Richard, Bookkeeper
- B. Board approval of the Financial Report. ~Marcus Meggett, Fiscal and Ops Manager
- C. Board approval of revision to Marin RCD Associate Director Policy and candidate Associate Directors. ~*Nancy Scolari, Executive Director*
- D. Board discussion and decision to pursue increase in number of director seats. ~*Nancy Scolari, Executive Director*
- E. Board approval of Marin RCD representative to Marin County Sea Level Rise Steering Committee. *Chris Choo, Marin Community Development Agency Assistant Director & Emily Schwimmer, AECOM Climate Advisory Associate Principal*
- F. Board approval to request \$125,000 from the County of Marin to support Marin RCD programs and to partially offset operational costs not covered by state or federal grants. ~ *Nancy Scolari, Executive Director*
- G. Board Approval to enter into a Collateral Agreement with Wells Fargo to protect District deposits in excess of the FDIC limit. ~ *Marcus Meggett, Fiscal and Ops Manager*

4. INFORMATIONAL: 11:15 a.m.

Partner Updates: 5 min each

- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)– Petaluma Field Office Staff
- Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP – MALT Stewardship Staff
- Point Blue & Students & Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW)– Point Blue Staff

RCD Program Updates (See staff report for details):

- **Justice Equity Diversity Inclusion (JEDI):** The Graton Rancheria-MRCD/Point Blue Memorandum of Agreement is being reviewed by FIGR. The staff held 1 site visit in September with FIGR to new projects and recently implemented projects at SoMar and TrueGrass. The next

visit is to be determined. David Escobar will soon meet with the JEDI Committee to review our implementation process. Sarah will reach out to JEDI committee members in November to schedule the next meeting.

- **Media/Messaging/Outreach:** New newsletter is being drafted. Focus will be on fisheries and the urban streams program.
- **Biomass Project:** The Marin Biomass Project is revising its greenhouse gas analysis chapter and its economic analysis chapter, which are respectively the third and fourth chapter of the Biomass Utilization Study. Work is underway to develop findings and recommendations from the Study and to draft the fifth and final chapter of the Study.
- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program (COW):** Two phases of the COW program are in progress. COW MILC (phase VIII) has been awarded a grant of \$1,000,000 from the State Water Board. The agreement has been finalized and is being circulated for execution. COW CCAF (phase VII) completed its original scope with seven management practices implemented. The final report has been drafted and sent to the funder. Before December 2024 close-out, staff will be doing small jobs to spend remaining construction funds and conducting post-implementation monitoring .
- **Permit Coordination Program (PCP):** Green Gulch Farms (GG) is moving through the design, CEQA and permitting process with Prunuske Chatham Inc. (PCI) guiding the way and keeping MRCD and the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria (FIGR) in the loop. PCI has received a letter of support from FIGR and plans to provide the MRCD Board with an update. SPAWN has completed its road decommissioning project. As of April 2024, Black Mountain culvert project is in the PCP and might be constructed next year, Staff checked in with the project consultant, Pacific Watershed Associates, and they said that Black Mtn has not expressed interest in building it in 2024.
- **Urban Streams Program:** The USC carried out three (3) site visits to assist landowners and supported many partners and landowners with various requests. USC has been meeting with Supervisor Rodoni's office regarding the preparation of a study to assess the removal of tires from Tomales Bay. Juvenile fisheries monitoring wrapped up with Marin Water, spawner surveying will begin in November. USC attended various stakeholder meetings. Finally, USC is planning two (2) soil bioengineering workshops; one for staff and one for landowners.
- **Carbon Farming Program:** The CF team is currently developing and planning design and implementation projects in partnership with Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW). STRAW's riparian restoration monitoring and maintenance season is complete. The team is almost finished with the current round of Carbon Farm Plan meetings with producers this fall. The team is working on a website and marketing materials associated with USDA Climate Smart Commodities in partnership with, Ag Institute of Marin, Gold Ridge and Sonoma RCDs. Healthy Soils Projects have been awarded via the ZeroFoodPrint Block Grant to be implemented this fall. Lee is currently working with producers to get these projects implemented.
- **Walker Creek Watershed:** Sarah P. closed out this project with CDFW. The project team will regroup in the near future to determine another funding source to apply for implementation funds.
- **Funding Opportunities:** Possible Tomales Bay grant to remove tires. Prop 4 Climate Bond is passed.
- **Finance Committee:** The next FC meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2024.

- At the last Finance Committee meeting the members discussed health insurance, maternity leave benefits, the office lease, the Wells Fargo collateral agreement and the content of meeting minutes.
- **District:** Admin staff have been focused on financial audit (federal spending), HR audit and investigating health insurance options
- **Landowner Assistance Provided:**
Urban Streams: 3 site visits, 12 partners and/or landowners were assisted with information and 9 landowners and/or partners were educated.
COW: Aside from the grant recipients, 1 rancher assisted w/ water quality plan, 1 with willow stakes
CE: 7

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

- Marin RCD is accepting applications for projects. [Apply here](#) at our website or call Sarah Skinker at (415) 780-2854.

6. 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.

7. MEETING ADJOURNED



MINUTES

DATE: **Wednesday, October 9th, 2024**

PLACE: **Marin Farm Bureau Conference Room, 520 Mesa Road, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956**

1. A regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Sally Gale, President, at 9:00 a.m.

Roll call of Directors: Sally Gale, Mike Moretti, Gerald Meral, David Sherwood and Terry Sawyer

Associate Directors: George Clyde

Staff: Nancy Scolari, Marcus Meggett, Gerhard Epke, Preston Duncan, Michelle Katuna and Lee Farese

Additional Attendees: Eric Rubenstahl (MALT), Bronte Edwards (MALT), Jessie Ditmar (STRAW), Libby Kennedy (STRAW), Isaiah Thalmayer (STRAW), Paul Ingle (Resident), Joe Deviney (Marin Co Ag Commissioner), John Dolcini (Resident)

PRESENTATION:

2. Measure J:

Presented by Lewis Bernier, Yes on Measure J (Sonoma County)

Measure J was a citizen-initiated ballot measure, they gathered 37,000 signatures before it was able to be on the ballot. It is aimed towards ending Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, which is classified by a farm exceeding a certain number of animals on their farm. Measure J is most concerned with excessive greenhouse gasses, waste into water and animal conditions on very large animal farms.

West Marin Housing Study:

Presented by Cassandra Benjamin, CSBC Consulting

This program is to help Ag workers and their families. There are not enough rental units! West Marin needs a minimum of 464 new housing units. Majority of Ag workers have lived here 20+ years, they hold multiple jobs and have extremely low incomes. They are starting with educating and protecting low-income renters, moving to rehabbing and maximizing existing housing. As a last step and end goal they are planning on building more low-income housing.

ACTION ITEMS

3. DISTRICT

- A. Board approval of regular Meeting Minutes. ~ *Cora Richard, Bookkeeper*
MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Terry, David, Sally, Jerry and Mike; NOES: None; to approve September 2024 Board minutes.
- B. Board approval of the Financial Report. ~ *Marcus Meggett, Fiscal and Ops Manager*
MOTION: Jerry; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Jerry, Mike, Sally, Terry and David; NOES: None; to approve the Financial Report.
- C. Board approval of Marin RCD Finance Committee members. ~ *Nancy Scolari, Executive Director*

MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Jerry; AYES: Jerry, Mike, Sally, Terry and David; NOES: None; to approve the current RCD Finance Committee Members and continue to re-approve them on an annual basis.

D. Board approval of FY 24-25 Annual Budget ~*Marcus Meggett, Fiscal and Ops Manager*

MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Jerry; AYES: Jerry, Mike, Sally, Terry and David; NOES: None; to approve the FY 24-25 Annual Budget with two small edits.

4. INFORMATIONAL:

Partner Updates:

- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**– Petaluma Field Office Staff
No staff present at this meeting. They passed on a short update through Nancy: They have completed about 6.5 million in EQIP funding with 76 contracts. They have about \$293,000 obligated through the RCPP. They have a million obligated through the conservation stewardship program (15 contracts). Total between Sonoma and Marin counties is about 8 million.
- **Marin Agricultural Land Trust/SAP** – MALT Stewardship Staff
Bronte Edwards shared that they are 2/3 of the way through their monitoring season, and getting ready to announce the awardees for the third round of their small grants program. Bronte also weighed in on the Measure J discussion and said they would very much like people to understand the distinction between a CAFO (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation) and a factory farm. They are not the same- a farm acknowledging themselves as a CAFO is them acknowledging they need a more through manure management plan.
- **Point Blue & Students & Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW)**– Point Blue Staff
Jessie Ditmore presented and shared that they had 12 new staff start at the beginning of October. They are currently seed collecting for multiple projects. Of their 7 projects in Marin County 6 are in conjunction with MRCD. They have 37 classes slated for these projects.

RCD Program Updates (See staff report for details):

- **Justice Equity Diversity Inclusion (JEDI)**: Michelle Katuna provided an update on recent site visits with the Tribe. The Graton Rancheria-MRCD/Point Blue Memorandum of Agreement is being reviewed by FIGR. The team held 1 site visit in September with FIGR to new projects and recently implemented projects at SoMar and TrueGrass. The next visit is to be determined. David Escobar was hired as a consultant on JEDI in Carbon Farming and continues to meet with staff, and will soon meet with the JEDI Committee to review our implementation process.
- **Media/Messaging/Outreach**: We started with a contact list of 393 in our listserv (consisting mainly urban streams folks with a few partners and ag producers); note this list was before we started the newsletter.

Newsletter Date	Subscribers Sent	Open Rate	Clicks	New Subscribers	Unsubscribed
March 2024	393	66%	9%	31	5
June 2024	401	61%	6%	?	0
Sept 2024	377	64%	9%	-1	2

On Sept 23rd we mailed out a postcard to the ag community asking for subscribers. We have 3 new subscribers - a total of 380.

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- **Urban Streams Program:** The USC worked part time due to another loss in the immediate family. USC attended the annual Coho Confab (conference) on the Smith River, reviewing projects to improve instream habitat for coho salmon. She also carried out site visits and assisted partners with limited capacity. USC met with various officials at the County to address any needs they have in the USC Prgm. Juvenile salmonid monitoring with Marin Water District has kept Sarah very busy during the month of September and will come to a close in early October.
- **Carbon Farming Program:** The CF team is currently developing and planning design and implementation projects in partnership with Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW). STRAW's riparian restoration monitoring and maintenance season is complete. The team has begun the next round of Carbon Farm Plan meetings with producers this fall. The team is working on timelines associated with USDA Climate Smart Commodities in partnership with Gold Ridge and Sonoma RCDs. Healthy Soils Projects have been awarded via the ZeroFoodPrint Block Grant to be implemented this fall. On Sept 24, MRCD and STRAW staff reconnected with land managers, Tribal staff and citizens to re-visit implemented collaborative riparian restoration design projects at SoMar and True Grass Farms. We look forward to having a Board Member out at the next collaborative site visit, likely to happen before the end of the year!
- **Walker Creek Watershed:** Sarah P. closed out this project with CDFW! Project team met with NOAA (National Marine Fisheries Service) to better understand why our proposal was denied funding. The project team will regroup in the near future to determine another funding source to apply for implementation funds.
- **Funding Opportunities:** Possible TBay grant to remove tires and new NACD grant for Soil Hub Director
- **Finance Committee:** The next FC meeting is scheduled for October 15th, 2024. At the last Finance Committee meeting the members discussed the budget, the office lease,

FDIC coverage, COVID funding and hiring an HR consultant. At the next meeting the committee is meeting with the HR consultant to get an update and review a revised health insurance policy.

- **District:** Admin staff have been focused on hiring and directing a new HR consultant, investigating Health Insurance options, analyzing bank insurance liabilities, preparing for audit
- **Landowner Assistance Provided:**
Urban Streams: 2 site visits, 8 partners and/or landowners were assisted with information and 4 landowners and/or partners were educated.
COW: 2-3 landowners assisted
CF: 6 landowners assisted

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

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7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

8. MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:35 a.m.

Marin Resource Conservation District
Monthly Financial Summary
as of 11/06/2024

CASH				
Wells Fargo*	November		October	
Checking - Operating Account	\$	515,922	\$	656,201
No-till Drill Account	\$	14,619	\$	13,454
Total Wells Fargo	\$	530,541	\$	669,655
County of Marin**				
Checking	\$	554,013	\$	654,198
Total Cash	\$	1,084,554	\$	1,323,853

OTHER WORKING CAPITAL DETAILS				
Grants Receivable - Open grant invoices - (see page 3)	\$	545,572	\$	495,005
Retention Receivable - Due from Grantors	\$	22,669	\$	21,247
Prepaid Grant Funds Received:				
Measure A - less-costs/Adm fees	\$	(1,085,961)	\$	(1,067,375)
Ombudsman Fund	\$	(19,793)	\$	(19,793)
Current Bills To Pay (see page 4):				
Administrative Expenses	16.77%	\$ (13,891)	\$	(9,598)
Grant Expenses	83.23%	\$ (68,917)	\$	(275,075)
Net Working Capital	\$	464,234	\$	468,265

* - Wells Fargo bank balances are reported as of 11/06/2024. However, they are reconciled with the most recent statements through 10/31/2024. As a result, there could be adjustments but those adjustments are not expected to be significant.

** - The County account is reported as of 11/06/2024. However, it is reconciled with the most recent "preliminary" statement through 9/30/2024. There will be adjustments as current statements become available and they could be significant.

Marin Resource Conservation District Monthly Financial Summary

Grants Receivable - Money coming in. The RCD submits invoices to our grantors. Our work is paid on a reimbursable basis. The expected turnaround time for reimbursement varies but is usually 60-90 days.

Retention Receivable - Money coming in after grant is finalized. Some funders require a withholding of 10% of each invoice until the entire project is completed and approved. Once the funder is satisfied with the overall grant, the project is deemed complete and the remaining 10% is paid in full to the RCD.

Prepaid Grant funds - Received money upfront. This funding has been paid in advance of work being completed and is held in our accounts where, upon board approval, it is deducted from the balance.

Current Bills To Pay - Pay these bills now. These are bills where 1) the funder has provided payment, 2) the landowner/contractor cannot wait 60-90 days or 3) they support RCD operating expenses.

MARIN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Open Invoices

11/6/2024

Name	Due Date	Aging	Open Balance
CA OPR Biomass	08/30/2024	68	\$ 14,700
CA OPR Biomass	09/30/2024	37	\$ 10,080
CA SCC Carbon	08/31/2024	67	\$ 31,210
CA SCC Carbon	09/30/2024	37	\$ 27,158
CDFA-2021 Healthy Soils	07/30/2024	99	\$ 9,267
CDFA-CAPGP	07/30/2024	99	\$ 13,489
Conserving Our Watershed - CCAF	09/30/2024	37	\$ 7,725
MALT - SAP	09/30/2024	37	\$ 9,451
Marin County Urban Streams	04/30/2024	190	\$ 29,548
Marin County Urban Streams	07/30/2024	99	\$ 26,295
Marin County Urban Streams	10/30/2024	7	\$ 30,286
MMWD	10/30/2024	7	\$ 9,971
NACD - Soil Hub Director	09/03/2024	64	\$ 15,086
North Coast Resource Conservation (UCOP)	07/30/2024	99	\$ 2,714
North Coast Resource Conservation (UCOP)	10/30/2024	7	\$ 3,762
SPAWN	07/31/2024	98	\$ 549
USDA Climate Smart Commodities (SMACCC)	07/30/2024	99	\$ 181,654
USDA Climate Smart Commodities (SMACCC)	10/30/2024	7	\$ 55,469
USDA GLCI (Grazing Lands)	07/30/2024	99	\$ 5,410
USDA GLCI (Grazing Lands)	10/30/2024	7	\$ 4,549
Wildlife Conservation Board 2022	01/30/2024	N/A*	\$ 9,958
Wildlife Conservation Board 2022	04/30/2024	N/A*	\$ 6,290
Wildlife Conservation Board 2022	10/30/2024	7	\$ 40,951
Total			\$ 545,572

* - These invoices needed additional internal processing and are being resolved. The funder has acknowledged they are outstanding. The invoice that was due on 7/31/2024 has been paid.

MARIN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Bills to Pay

November 2024

Name	Date	Memo	Aging	Open Balance
<i>Administrative Expenses</i>				
CARCD	10/31/2024	Annual Dues	6	\$ 2,800
Destination HR Consulting Inc	10/31/2024	Human Resources Consulting	6	\$ 2,233
Drew Consulting	10/30/2024	Indirect Cost Rate Consultant	7	\$ 1,500
Duncan, Preston	10/31/2024	Reimbursement	6	\$ 685
Epke, Gerhard	10/31/2024	Reimbursement	6	\$ 577
Farese, Lee	10/31/2024	Reimbursement	6	\$ 141
Horizon Cable TV	10/31/2024	Internet	6	\$ 134
Katuna, Michelle	10/31/2024	Reimbursement	6	\$ 36
Meggett, Marcus	10/31/2024	Reimbursement	6	\$ 60
O'Neill, Fiona	10/31/2024	Reimbursement	6	\$ 289
Pt Reyes 4th Investors LLC	12/1/2024	December Office Rent	N/A	\$ 1,529
Richard, Cora	10/31/2024	Reimbursement	6	\$ 84
Scolari, Nancy	10/31/2024	Reimbursement	6	\$ 697
Skinker, Sarah	10/31/2024	Reimbursement	6	\$ 1,298
Smile Business Products	10/17/2024	Copier	20	\$ 131
US Bank Corporate	10/22/2024	AICPA Dues - education/training	15	\$ 350
US Bank Corporate	10/22/2024	Constant Contact	15	\$ 228
US Bank Corporate	10/22/2024	Crucial - hardware memory upgrade	15	\$ 71
US Bank Corporate	10/22/2024	Office Water	15	\$ 54
US Bank Corporate	10/22/2024	Point Reyes Light - subscription	15	\$ 95
US Bank Corporate	10/22/2024	Quickbooks Online fee	15	\$ 99
US Bank Corporate	10/22/2024	RingCentral	15	\$ 311
US Bank Corporate	10/22/2024	SpringAhead	15	\$ 330
US Bank Corporate	10/22/2024	Zoom	15	\$ 160
Total Administrative Expenses				<u>\$ 13,891</u>
<i>Grant Expenses</i>				
Phillips, Sarah	10/31/2024	Reimbursement	6	\$ 495
Point Blue Conservation Science	10/31/2024	WCB - Design, hedgerows, etc.	6	\$ 24,000
Point Blue Conservation Science	10/31/2024	SCC Carbon Restoration	6	\$ 23,206
Spatial Infomatics Group	10/31/2024	Biomass Study Consultant	6	\$ 9,018
US Bank Corporate	10/22/2024	Chico State - conference	15	\$ 650
US Bank Corporate	10/22/2024	Ecological Farming Association - conference	15	\$ 522
US Bank Corporate	10/22/2024	Oklahoma State University - lab testing	15	\$ 1,807
White, Chad	10/31/2024	OPR Biomass Project Management	6	\$ 6,725
Winfield, Emilie	10/31/2024	Reimbursement	6	\$ 794
Yee, Orlena	10/31/2024	SMACCC Carbon Finance Contractor	6	\$ 1,700
Total Grant Expenses				<u>\$ 68,917</u>
Total Bills to Pay				<u><u>\$ 82,808</u></u>

MARIN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES

October 2024

Name	Date	Memo	Open Balance
<i>Administrative Expenses</i>			
Destination HR Consulting Inc	08/31/2024	Human Resources Consulting	\$ 400
Duncan, Preston	9/30/2024	Reimbursement	\$ 527
Epke, Gerhard	9/30/2024	Reimbursement	\$ 990
Farese, Lee	9/30/2024	Reimbursement	\$ 1,462
Horizon Cable TV	9/30/2024	Internet	\$ 134
Katuna, Michelle	9/30/2024	Reimbursement	\$ 131
Meggett, Marcus	9/30/2024	Reimbursement	\$ 60
Nelson, Erik	9/30/2024	IT Support	\$ 119
O'Neill, Fiona	9/30/2024	Reimbursement	\$ 152
Pt Reyes 4th Investors LLC	11/1/2024	November Office Rent	\$ 1,529
Richard, Cora	9/30/2024	Reimbursement	\$ 189
SDRMA	9/9/2024	Worker's Compensation Audit	\$ 775
Scolari, Nancy	9/30/2024	Reimbursement	\$ 630
Skinker, Sarah	9/30/2024	Reimbursement	\$ 2,049
Smile Business Products	9/17/2024	Copier	\$ 131
US Bank Corporate	9/22/2024	Amazon-Office Supplies	\$ 27
US Bank Corporate	9/22/2024	Office Water	\$ 35
US Bank Corporate	9/22/2024	Quickbooks Online fee	\$ 99
US Bank Corporate	9/22/2024	Zoom	\$ 160
Total Administrative Expenses			\$ 9,598
<i>Grant Expenses</i>			
Lunny Grading & Paving	9/19/2024	COW Dickson Ranch Manure Transport	\$ 24,000
Phillips, Sarah	9/30/2024	Reimbursement	\$ 1,210
Point Blue Conservation Science	2/28/2024	SCC Carbon Restoration	\$ 60,164
Point Blue Conservation Science	3/30/2024	SCC Carbon Restoration	\$ 49,950
Point Blue Conservation Science	4/30/2024	SCC Carbon Restoration	\$ 20,666
Point Blue Conservation Science	5/30/2024	SCC Carbon Restoration	\$ 25,822
Point Blue Conservation Science	6/30/2024	SCC Carbon Restoration	\$ 46,713
Point Blue Conservation Science	8/31/2024	SCC Carbon Restoration	\$ 22,923
Spatial Infomatics Group	9/30/2024	Biomass Study Consultant	\$ 1,431
Straus Home Ranch, LLC	9/20/2024	MALT/SAP Project	\$ 8,241
US Bank Corporate	9/22/2024	Office Supplies - Flexispot	\$ 456
US Bank Corporate	9/22/2024	CalCan Conference Registration	\$ 166
US Bank Corporate	9/22/2024	CARDC Annual Conference	\$ 495
White, Chad	9/30/2024	OPR Biomass Project Management	\$ 5,664
Winfield, Emilie	9/30/2024	Reimbursement	\$ 989
Yee, Orlena	9/30/2024	SMACCC Carbon Finance Contractor	\$ 875
Yee, Orlena	9/30/2024	Marin Carbon Project Coordinator	\$ 5,311
Total Grant Expenses			\$ 275,075
Total Bills to Pay			\$ 284,673

Marin RCD Grants

Done	Grant	Funding	Status	Lead	Purpose
	1 SWRCB 319h Water Quality on the ranches-dairies	\$ 800,000	Awarded 2020	Marin RCD	Implement projects on the ranches in TBay and Stemple watersheds
X	2 Campbell Drawdown Marin	\$ 10,000	Declined	Marin RCD	Fund participation in Drawdown Marin
X	3 CA Wildlife Cons Board Pacific Flyway	\$ 400,000	Declined	CARCD	Fund Corda restoration
X	4 CDFW Walker Creek Estuary	\$ 350,000	Awarded 04/2020	Marin RCD	Study Walker estuary for fisheries enhancement
n/a	5 Halleck Creek Horse Stables	TBD	directed to grant	Marin RCD	Manure composting
X	6 COM Keys Creek @ Highway 1 Road Project	\$ 7,100	Awarded 2020	Marin RCD	Work with STRAW and Colliss Ranch to stabilize landslide with willow stakes
X	7 CDFA Restore California - Stemple	\$ 3,126	Awarded 2020	Marin RCD	Work with stemple creek ranch to implement carbon project
n/a	8 Devils Gulch Restoration	TBD	On hold	Marin RCD	Work with CA State Parks on fisheries enhancement
X	9 Cambria/Jackson Wines	\$ 25,000	Awarded 02/2020	Marin RCD	MCP Coordination
X	10 Carbon Farm Plan Implementation	\$ 500,000	Declined	MRCD/STRAW	Implement wildlife projects in carbon farm plans
X	11 GrizzlyCorps Member	\$ 20,000	Awarded 10/2020	Marin RCD	College intern to help with outreach/education in the ag community
X	12 CA Wildlife Cons Board Technical Assistance	\$ 55,000	Declined	CARCD	Technical assistance to producers for carbon farming
X	13 CDFW Lower Lagunitas Assessment	\$ 26,000	Declined	SPAWN	Work with lower Lagunitas landowners and TAC on salmon enhancement opps
X	14 USDA Rancher to Rancher	\$ 25,000	Declined	CARCD	Soil monitoring for 1 ranch, training for staff, 1 rancher to rancher workshop
X	15 NACD TA2020 Regional Soil Health Hub Coordinator	\$ 109,000	Awarded 07/2020	Marin RCD	North Bay Soil Health Coordinator for RCDs. Coordinate programs and staffing
	16 DOC Riparian Restoration Corridor/Cons	\$ 430,000	Awarded 12/2020	Marin RCD	Stemple Creek Riparian Project at Rhigetti Ranch
X	17 MWMA Pyrphytic Plants from Marshall - Inverness	TBD	cancelled	Marin RCD	Remove broom, eucalyptus, jabada grass with 12 properties around the Bay.
	18 PRNS Tech Assist for Ranchers	\$ 69,847	Awarded 03/2020	Marin RCD	Assistance to seashore ranchers for RDM sampling, conditional waivers, planning
X	19 Shovel Ready Projects	\$ 1,000,000	cancelled	NoCoRCDs	Provide legislators with a list of shovel ready projects in prep for stimulus \$
X	20 COVID	\$ 5,000	Awarded 07-2020	CARCD	Provide grants to producers for covid protection
	21 SWRCB 319H Water Quality in Lower Lagunitas	\$ 30,000	Awarded 05/2021	SPAWN	Assist with 2 road projects on ranches
X	22 GrizzlyCorps Member	TBD	Awarded 04/2021	Marin RCD	Intern to help with outreach, monitoring and DEI
	23 CDFA Technical Assistance	\$ 60,000	Awarded 08/2021	Marin RCD	Assist producers in applications to Healthy Soils Program
X	24 NACD TA2021 Regional Soil Health Hub Coordinator	\$ 114,000	Awarded 04/2021	Marin RCD	North Bay Soil Health Coordinator for RCDs. Coordinate programs and staffing
	25 COM Support for Carbon Farm Plans	\$ 50,000	Awarded 03/2021	Marin RCD	Development of 5 carbon farm plans plus match for grant #29
	26 NFWF Monarch Habitat	TBD	Awarded 11/2021	Gold Ridge RCD	Support monarch habitat with landowners
	27 SCC Prop68 Climate Grant	\$ 1,000,000	Awarded 12/2021	Marin RCD	Farm plans, implementation, designs, ed workshops, no till drill and FIGR collaboration
	28 Beaver Dam Analogues	TBD	On hold	TBD	Install Beaver Dam Structures at select locations in the Walker Cr watershed
	29 Lagunitas Restoration @ Coast Guard	TBD	On hold	TBD	Potential collaboration to enhance Lagunitas at the Coast Guard reach
	30 MCF-Kurland Marin Carbon Project Coordinator	\$ 50,000	Awarded 05/2021	Marin RCD	coordinate and scale carbon farming in Marin county
	31 MRCD Internship/Scholarship Fund	\$ 3,000	Awarded 07/2021	Marin RCD	support young disadventaged interns wishing to learn on-the job-skills
X	32 Edwards Mother Earth Foundation	\$ 592,000	Declined	CARCD	[Soil Hub] expand agroforestry component of carbon farm plans in the north coast region
	33 PRNS Tech Assist for Ranchers	\$ 48,285	Awarded 09/2021	Marin RCD	Assistance to seashore ranchers for RDM sampling, conditional waivers, planning
	34 OPR Marin Biomass Project	\$ 500,000	Awarded 06/2022	Marin RCD	Develop recommendations for biomass recovery and utilization processes, infrastructure, and investment
	35 MALT Carbon Farming	\$ 90,000	Awarded 03/2021	Marin RCD	2 carbon farm plans and carbon farming implementation
	36 COM Support for Carbon Farming	\$ 125,000	Awarded 12/2021	Marin RCD	support project develoment
X	37 UC Western SARE Soils Training	\$ 78,167	Awarded 03/2022	Marin RCD	[Soil Hub] Soil Health Assessment/Management Through California's North Coast Soil Hub
	38 WCB Monarch Pollinator Habitat	\$ 250,000	Awarded 09/2022	CARCD	Install and monitor monarch/pollinator plants in riparian or hedgerow areas
	39 USDA Climate Smart Commodities	\$ 3,585,745	Awarded 09/2022	Sonoma County	Plan, design, install, monitor GHG reduction and carbon sequestration projects
X	40 NACD TA2022 Regional Soil Health Hub Coordinator	\$ 124,000	Awarded 09/2022	Marin RCD	North Coast Soil Health Coordinator for RCDs. Coordinate programs and staffing
X	41 Planning Drought Resiliency	\$ 286,239	Declined	Marin RCD	Work with UCCE-MALT on drought resiliency watershed planning for producers
	42 NRCS Grazing Lands	\$ 25,000	Awarded 04/2023	Gold Ridge RCD	[Soil Hub] Staff training on prescribed grazing/ grazing mgmt plans, workshops and education for produce
	43 CDFA Conservation Planning (CAPGP)	\$ 182,000	Awarded 02/2023	Marin RCD	Carbon farm plans, grazing management plans, soil health management plans
	44 SWRCB 319h Water Quality on the ranches-dairies	\$ 739,872	Awarded 07/2023	Marin RCD	Implement projects on the ranches in PRNS and Stemple watersheds

Marin RCD Grants

45	FHA Anadromous Organism Passage (AOP) grant	TBD	Due 2/6/23	Mill Valley	Support Mill Valley StreamKeepers & City of Mill Valley with proposal for barrier retrofit for fish passage
46	OPR Marin Biomass Project	\$ 250,000	Awarded 05/2023	Marin RCD	Develop recommendations for biomass recovery and utilization processes, infrastructure, and investment
47	UC SAREP CA Farm Demonstration Network	\$ 53,730	Awarded 07/2023	UC SAREP (Conser	[Soil Hub] Development and monitoring of field trials, education and outreach on soil health and climate-
48	DOC Capacity Building	\$ 681,445	Declined	Marin RCD	[Soil Hub] Tools and technology for program and project management - Salesforce integration; outreach
49	CDFA Healthy Soils Block Grant w/Zero Foodprint	\$ 22,500	Awarded 09/2023	Zero Foodprint	[Soil Hub] CDFA Healthy Soils Program technical assistance and implementation - block grant pilot
50	NOAA Fisheries	\$ 8,000,000	Declined	Marin RCD	habitat restoration and coastal resilience. Focus on salmon restoration.
51	MCF-Kurland Marin Carbon Project Coordinator	\$ 50,000	Awarded 06/2023	Marin RCD	coordinate and scale carbon farming in Marin county
52	NACD TA2023 Regional Soil Health Hub Director	\$ 73,950	Awarded 01/2024	Marin RCD	[Soil Hub] North Coast Soil Health Coordinator for RCDs. Coordinate programs and staffing
53	OPR Enhancing Climate Resilience in North Bay	\$ 127,000	Declined	Gold Ridge RCD	Urban rebate program to construct rainwater catchment systems
54	OPR Community Economic Resilience Fund	TBD	cancelled	Marin RCD	Feasibility study to build out biomass-related climate jobs (high road jobs)
55	MC Measure A FARE PRNS Weed Mgmt	\$ 100,000	Declined	Marin RCD	Comparative methods of removal of Scotch Broom on PRNS rangeland
56	North Coast Wildfire Resilience Block Grant	\$ 200,000	Awarded 05/2024	Humboldt RCD	Equipment, fire prevention, training/workforce development, CEQA-NEPA permitting
57	NRCS Soil Hub Director	\$ 75,000	Awarded 06/2024	Marin RCD	[Soil Hub] Continuation of North Coast Soil Hub Director position
58	NACD TA2024 Regional Soil Health Hub Director	TBD	Submitted 10/2024	Marin RCD	[Soil Hub] North Coast Soil Health Coordinator for RCDs. Coordinate programs and staffing
59	Tomales Bay Tire Removal	TBD	In Progress	Marin RCD	Possible contract with the county to remove old tires in Tomales Bay

ACTION: DISTRICT/MINUTES/FINANCIALS:

3D. Board approval of revised Marin RCD Associate Director Policy and candidate Associate Directors.

Background:

We have a few applications to serve as Marin RCD Associate Directors: Guido Frosini (since 2020), George Clyde (since 2012), John Dolcini (new) and Paul Ingle (new). According to Marin RCD's Associate Director Policy (below), each year the Board must re-authorize these positions.

According to our policy, all applicants must reside within the district. One of our applicants resides within the county but outside of district boundaries. There is only one mention of Associate Directors in **Div 9 of the CA Public Resources Code**. They are mentioned only when discussing the election of Directors:

*(a) Directors shall be registered voters in the state. (b) Except as provided in subdivision (d), directors shall (1) reside within the district and either own real property in the district or alternatively have served, pursuant to the district's rules, for two years or more as an **associate director** providing advisory or other assistance to the board of directors, or (2) be a designated agent of a resident landowner within the district.*

The **CA RCD Director Handbook** also mentions Associate Directors:

***Associate director** positions were established to give those who did not meet the qualifications of a director a chance to take an active role in the district. Under Division 9, associate directors can qualify for a position on the board after they have served as an associate for two or more years, even if they do not own property within the district. Associate directors do not have the right to vote on board matters. However, they can attend meetings and provide the district with extra expertise. Frequently associate directors also contribute by serving on various district committees.*

There is no mention of directors needing to reside within the district according to these references. It is up to the Marin RCD Board whether our policy should be made to be more restrictive than State requirements.

Policy

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The Marin RCD may select **Associate Directors** subject to the following procedures and conditions:

1. **Application:** Any person 18 years or older, **and residing within the District**, may submit a written application to the Marin RCD Board of Directors. A minimum of three meetings must be attended prior to submittal of application. Applicants must be sponsored by a Marin RCD Board member. The MRCD Board may also seek Associate Directors to perform specific tasks as needed. In order to qualify, the person must show a sincere interest in resource conservation and be willing to commit the time required to actively assist the RCD in meeting its short and long term goals.

2. **Appointment:** Upon a majority vote (3 votes or more), an individual may become an Associate Director. The Associate Director shall serve at the discretion of the Marin RCD Board. The Associate Directors positions shall be at large.
3. **Term of Office:** The appointment as Associate Director is for a period of 1 year, unless designated for a specific project and/or timeframe. Associate Directors shall be reviewed on an annual basis and will be removed from or retained on the District's roster by vote of the Board.
4. **Board Eligibility:** Any Associate Director, after successfully completing two years as an Associate Director, will be eligible to compete for nomination of a Director's position per Division IX of the California Public Resources Code, whether they are a property owner within the district or not, so long as they continue to reside in the District, or are a designated agent of a resident landowner within the District.
5. **Meeting Attendance:** Each Associate Director is expected to attend all regular meetings unless reasonable explanation is provided. Associate Directors provide technical support and personal opinions regarding Marin RCD programs, long-range plans and annual plans in connection with the goals and visions of the Marin RCD. Associate Directors are **non-voting members** of the Marin RCD Board. The Associate Director positions shall be completely voluntary, with no compensation, and shall not have the right to vote, nor function as an alternate.
6. **Duties:** Associate Directors are expected to support and represent the RCD above and beyond the monthly Board meetings. The Marin RCD Board of Directors approves duties or tasks to be accomplished by Associate Directors. Generally, Associate Directors may accomplish the same duties and tasks as full Directors, except voting. Specifically, the RCD's Long Range and Workplan guide all Directors and Associate Directors actions and tasks. Associate Directors activities should complement and reinforce these work plans.
7. **Expenses:** Upon prior approval of the Marin RCD Board of Directors, an Associate Director may be reimbursed for specific expenses in connection with his/her activities on behalf of the District. At no time will there be a blanket approval for any expense.
8. **Conflict of Interest:** The Associate Director shall at all times, comply with the Conflict of Interest laws and policies applicable to Directors, except the requirement for filing Statements of Economic Interests.
9. **Training:** Associate Directors will be required to attend Ethics Training, as required by law for Directors of RCDs.

Associate Director Duties

As stated above, The MRCD Board may seek Associate Directors to perform specific tasks as needed. In order to qualify, the person must show a sincere interest in resource conservation and be willing to commit the time required to actively assist the RCD in meeting its short and long term goals. The Marin RCD Board of Directors approves duties or tasks to be accomplished by Associate Directors. The following duties are performed by current Associate Directors:

George Clyde

George will assist the Marin RCD with media communications and press releases to local papers that highlight the RCD's work and provide more public exposure. George will attend Marin RCD meetings and receive Board packets to remain updated on Marin RCD programs. He will follow up on subject matter which he deems newsworthy by contacting the ED and the appropriate staff person. Conversely, staff will contact George when a new grant or project comes up which may be of interest. Staff will also forward any press releases and articles to the Board.

Guido Frosini

Guido will work with the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria and its tribal members. Guido will establish relations with the Tribe, learn ways to support mutual interests and share collected information with Board and staff so that knowledge may be incorporated into programs or shared with the greater public. One example is the connection through native plants and ways to enhance restorations which are inclusive of plants used in basketry by the tribe. Other ways may be through cultural ecology, food sovereignty, prescribed burns, use of tools, medicines, shelter, etc. Learning may include understanding the history of native Coastal Miwoks and finding tribal members or other local historical resources to provide that history.

New candidates offer an expansion of the RCD's technical expertise including hydrology, engineering and farming.

Today's Action:

3D. Board approval of Marin RCD Associate Director Policy and Associate Directors

Available Budget: N/A.



Marin RCD Associate Director Policy

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The Marin RCD may appoint **Associate Directors** subject to the following procedures and conditions:

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The undersigned acknowledges that he/she has read and understands the above policy, and hereby applies for appointment as an Associate Director of the Marin Resource Conservation District.

Signature John Dolcini Date: 10/8/24

Print Name: John Dolcini Phone: [REDACTED]

**Adopted 10/10/12 by Marin RCD
**Original policy derived from Western Shasta, Sotoyome RCDs.*

**APPLICATION TO SERVE AS AN
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR**

DATE:

NAME: John Dolcini

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

E-MAIL:

1. What is your interest in serving as an Associate Director?

I have a passion for agriculture and would feel honored to help ensure that it continues to thrive here.

2. Give information related to your background in agriculture and/or natural resources.

I am a 6th generation beef cattle rancher, residing in Hicks Valley. Our family ranch also leases land for row crop production and for honey bees.

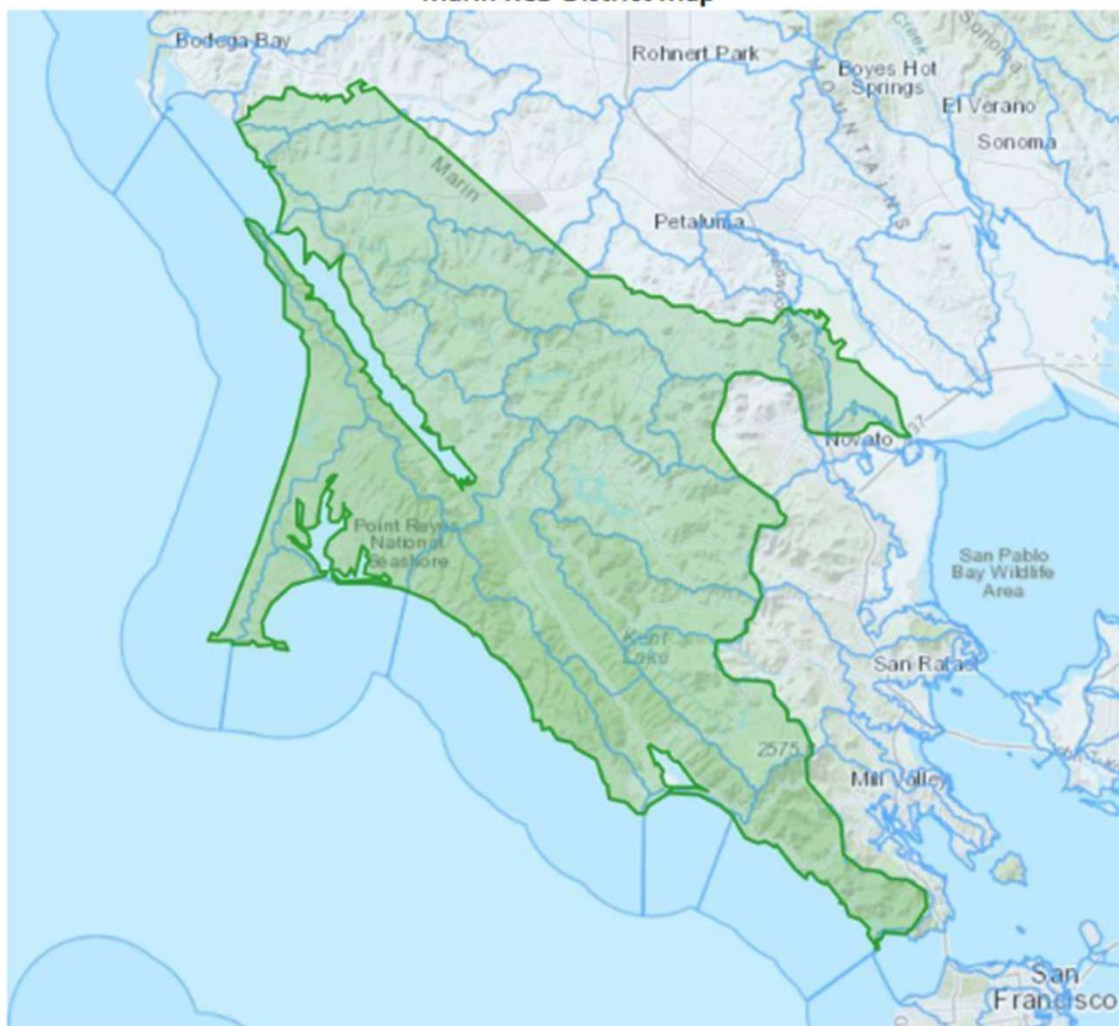
3. What other skills do you think you can bring to the District?

I have experience working with MALT for a variety of project types (related to drought resilience, animal well-being, environment, etc.). In addition, I am a California licensed professional engineer and work for PG&E on a variety of large-scale gas pipeline projects, which all have land, environmental, and cultural components. I also have experience with dams/reservoirs, and spring water systems (tanks/piping).

4. Can you perceive any direct or in-direct conflicts of interest you may have in serving as an Associate Director?

- I hope to become more involved in MALT in the future (Advisory Committee at a minimum).
- I am a full-time PG&E employee so I may abstain from any decisions that impact PG&E.
- I am a landowner and rancher in Marin so I may abstain from any decisions that would benefit me or our family cattle business personally.

**Exhibit A
Marin RCD District Map**





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Signature Paul Ingle Date: October 15th, 2024

Print Name: Paul Ingle Phone: [REDACTED]

**Adopted 10/10/12 by Marin RCD*

***Original policy derived from Western Shasta, Sotoyome RCDs.*

**APPLICATION TO SERVE AS AN
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR**

DATE: October 15th, 2024

NAME: Paul Ingle

1. What is your interest in serving as an Associate Director?

As a retired Watershed Hydrologist I would like to continue contributing to the health of our watersheds by volunteering with my time and experience. I was blessed with a great career and feel like I can offer my expertise in watershed improvement, particularly in watersheds that are predominantly utilized for agricultural production. I also spent the early years of my career in Agriculture so this adds to my experience and understanding of agriculture's impact on the environment.

2. Give information related to your background in agriculture and/or natural resources.

I have attached my resume which demonstrates my experience and expertise in natural resources management, Hydrology, and agriculture.

3. What other skills do you think you can bring to the District?

In addition to my experience in watershed science and agriculture, I have had training and experience in dealing with conflict resolution as related to conflicting land uses and promoting good sound conservation practices versus total preservation. Level heads are needed to work on these land use issues in California and Marin County with divergent views conflicting over these issues.

4. Can you perceive any direct or in-direct conflicts of interest you may have in serving as an Associate Director?

When dealing with watersheds there is always the potential for conflict. For example there has long been the debate about land use with the preservationists versus the conservationists. In addition, agriculture has the potential to create conflicts with the type of agriculture implemented. For example: the scale of the agricultural enterprise being implemented; and organic versus the traditional production methods. This is challenging within a country that has long advocated for a cheap food policy.

First and foremost I am pro-farmer. Farmers have or are becoming an endangered species. We need to be protecting our farmers and work harder at recruiting new farmers. Second, I am a scientist by trade and will always look at the science behind any agriculture and or natural resource management from a scientific perspective. How do we best maintain our Ag and rural communities while simultaneously protecting our natural world and feeding the people? I jumped on the sustainable agriculture band wagon in the 1990s. During that period of time it was difficult to define sustainable agriculture. One recognized definition of the subject was that agriculture needs to be economically viable, environmentally sound, and socially just. I think these ideals should still be pertinent today, though it is becoming increasingly difficult to find this balance.

In closing I have long tried to adhere to what one of our famous conservation advocates wrote. Aldo Leopold famously wrote: "We shall never achieve harmony with the land, any more than we shall achieve absolute justice or liberty for people. In these higher aspirations the important thing is not to achieve but to strive."

— Aldo Leopold, Round River: From the Journals of Aldo Leopold

It would be my utmost pleasure to serve the land and people of Marin County as an Associate Director.

Exhibit A
Marin RCD District Map



PAUL B. INGLE



PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVE:

To promote, design, teach, and implement policies and practices that strive for a sustainable and healthy environment.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2016 Natural Resource Conservationist, *Contra Costa RCD, Concord, CA*

Consulted natural resource projects; applied for necessary permits; wrote grants; and developed new projects for the RCD.

2001 - 13 Project Coordinator/Hydrologist, *Flint Hills RC&D, Emporia, KS*

Coordinated all facets of two Watershed Restoration and Protection projects. This included: administering the project; working with all stakeholders in the watershed; assessing areas where BMPs need to be implemented; overseeing the implementation of the BMPs; and carrying out information and education activities.

1997-99 Environmental Scientist, *Ks. Dept. of Ag. Div. of Water Resources, Topeka, KS*

Performed hydrologic investigations of targeted watersheds including streamflow, groundwater measurements and a water budget for the watershed. Work with local people to develop a water use plan for the watershed.

1992-96 Natural Resource Specialist, *North Central RC&D, Pierre, SD*

Coordinated a stream restoration and riparian demonstration project. The project demonstrated how streams can be stabilized with proper grazing use, in-channel structures, and restored riparian vegetation. Was responsible for administering, planning, and carrying out the information and education activities related to the project. In addition, developed new natural resource related projects for the RC&D.

1990-91 Hydrologist, *U.S. Geological Survey, Lawrence, KS*

As a graduate student was an intermittent employee as a research hydrologist working on a number of hydrologic surface and groundwater projects.

1986-88 Agricultural Extensionist, *U.S. Peace Corps, Honduras, Central America*

Worked with small farmers improve agronomic practices (i.e. soil conservation, soil fertility, pest management, planting techniques, agro-forestry, crop rotations, etc.)

Agronomist, *Kansas Crop Service, Maize, KS*

Sold fertilizer, pesticides, seeds and services to local farmers. Made field visits with clients to check for problems and made recommendations for treatment if necessary. Managed a branch location and supervised three employees.

1978-82 Farm Manager, *Ingle and VanHorn Farms, Pomona, KS*

Managed a 500-acre grain and livestock farm in East-central Kansas.

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EDUCATION:

- 1991 M.S. Natural Resource Conservation, Kansas State University
- 1986 B.S. Agronomy, Kansas State University
- 1978 B.S. Agricultural Mechanization, Kansas State University

TRAINING:

- 2008 Society Range Management Certified Professional Course – 80 hours
- 2002 Kansas Environmental Leadership Program – 80 hours
- 2001 Stream Assessment, David Derrick, U.S. COE – 40 hours
- 1994 Holistic Resource Management, Allen Savory – 40 hours
- 1994 Coordinated Resource Management & Facilitation – 40 hours
- 1992 Stream Physics and Classification, David Rosgen – 100 hours
- 1992 Project Development and Grant Writing – 40 hours
- 1986 Agricultural Development – U.S. Peace Corps – 200 hours
- 1985 Effective Speaking and Human Relations, Dale Carnegie – 40 hours

AWARDS:

- 1996 RC&D Natural Resource Service Award
- 1991 Gamma Sigma Delta Agricultural Honorary Society
- 1980 Kansas Young Farmers Discussion Meet Winner
- 1973 Optimist Oratorical Speech Contest Winner
- 1972 American Legion Outstanding Student Award
- 1970 Eagle Scout and God and Country Awards

PUBLICATIONS:

Range Pasture Assessment Guidelines
Kansas Country Living Guidelines
Kansas Visual Stream Assessment Guidelines
Clean Streams for Kansas Educational CD
The Flint Hills Water Log Watershed Newsletter
Stream Improvement Brochure

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS:

Technical and grant writing; public speaking; **teaching**; problem solving and technical analysis; project design/development, monitoring and administration; ability to design and perform effective educational demonstrations; self motivator and initiator; leadership; team player; good PC computer skills including ArcGIS mapping.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES: Spanish

BOARDS: Served on the board of directors for the Kansas Rural Center (www.kansasruralcenter.org) and served with the Kansas Riparian Work Group.

ACTION: DISTRICT/MINUTES/FINANCIALS:

Board discussion and decision to pursue an increase in the number of director seats. ~Nancy Scolari, Executive Director

Background:

The Board has the option of adding additional seats to the existing 5-member board. **Division 9 of the Public Resources Code** gives RCDs the option of increasing the number of Board seats:

9301. (a) The board of directors shall consist of five, seven, or nine directors. The number of directors may be changed by resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the board of directors after publication of notice of the intended change at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published in each county in which the district is located.

(b) If the number of directors is increased, the new positions shall be treated as vacancies and shall be filled as provided in Section 9317, except that if the board of directors is appointed as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 9314, then the new positions shall be filled in the same manner pursuant to Section 9316. If the number of directors is decreased, the terms of the directors in office on the date of the resolution adopted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall not be reduced.

(c) The directors first elected shall take office immediately upon qualifying.

Section 9317 of the CA Public Resources Code directs RCDs to **Government Code section 1780**. This section allows the board to fill the vacancies either by holding elections or by appointment. Because we would be considering this increase in between elections I have limited the Code sections below to the sections only related to appointments.

1780. (b) The district shall notify the county elections official of the vacancy no later than 15 days after either the date on which the district board is notified of the vacancy or the effective date of the vacancy, whichever is later.

(c) The remaining members of the district board may fill the vacancy either by appointment pursuant to subdivision (d) or by calling an election pursuant to subdivision (e).

(d) (1) The remaining members of the district board shall make the appointment pursuant to this subdivision within 60 days after either the date on which the district board is notified of the vacancy or the effective date of the vacancy, whichever is later. The district shall post a notice of the vacancy in three or more conspicuous places in the district at least 15 days before the district board makes the appointment. The district shall notify the county elections official of the appointment no later than 15 days after the appointment.

(2) If the vacancy occurs in the first half of a term of office and at least 130 days prior to the next general district election, the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall hold office until the next general district election that is scheduled 130 or more days after the date the district board is notified of the vacancy, and thereafter until the person who is elected at that election to fill the vacancy has been

qualified. The person elected to fill the vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired balance of the term of office.

In June 2024 the Marin RCD responded to the **Marin County Civil Grand Jury report** recommendation #7 entitled, *Spending Public Money to Preserve Agricultural Heritage: Is Anyone Watching? And stated that we would explore this option before December 31, 2024.*

R7. The Marin Resource Conservation District should expand the number of its directors from five to seven.

The Marin RCD requires further analysis of this recommendation. The Marin RCD began conversations with County Counsel to explore the expansion of seats in October of 2021 and remains interested in exploring this option within the next 6 months. The Board will discuss several considerations including, but not limited to, representation associated with the following attributes:

- *Diversity of agricultural land uses*
- *Environmental stewardship*
- *Geographic location*
- *Experience with government programs*

The following RCD list identifies skills, experiences, connections and demographics that may be important characteristics to have represented on an RCD Board. It may allow the Marin RCD to identify gaps in expertise and determine if additional members may be necessary.

Skills and Talents

Farming/ranching

Resource conservation

Finance

Communications/marketing

Legal

Public policy

Business / Fee for Service

Connections and Influence

Farm/ranching industry

Resource conservation

Public officials/agencies

Funders/donors

Capacity/Commitment

Bring connections

Leadership prospect

Participation

Demographics

Geographic (e.g., North County, coastal)

Gender

Age

Cultural diversity

Today's Potential Actions:

1. Board approval to post public notice and approving a resolution at a future meeting to expand the board to 7 seats.
2. Board to direct staff to further investigate and bring additional facts to a future RCD meeting.
3. Board decision to decline to pursue additional seats.

Available Budget:

The addition of 2 or more seats will result in additional staff time to prepare materials and communicate with new board members but will not result in additional cash expenses. It will likely stretch the staff if done immediately as we have one staff member out on maternity leave.

Marin Sea Level Rise Governance Steering Committee

Project Overview

Recognizing the need for a comprehensive strategy to effectively plan and implement sea level rise adaptation projects across jurisdictions and stakeholders, the County is sponsoring a project to understand the potential for a multi-jurisdictional governance structure and decision-making framework to address sea level rise (SLR) across Marin County.

Key phases of this effort include:

- **Conduct Research and Stakeholder Engagement** to understand community and agency priorities, challenges, and needs as they relate to sea level rise planning and project implementation. *(Spring 2024 to Early 2025)*
- **Identify Governance Structure Alternatives** based on input received in Phase 1 and prioritize and refine alternatives in collaboration with stakeholders from across the county. *(Early 2025 to Summer 2025)*
- **Develop Recommendations** for an alternative multi-jurisdictional governance structure and decision-making process to be approved by the County Board of Supervisors. *(Summer 2025)*

Additional details about the project may be found online at marinslr.org.

Steering Committee Overview and Purpose

We recommend the formation of a **Steering Committee that is composed of geographically representative elected officials** and are seeking two representatives from West Marin, **including one from the Marin Resource Conservation District**. The Steering Committee will inform the overall project process, representing the perspectives and interests of their constituents and agencies. If the goal of this project is to identify a widely accepted multi-jurisdictional governance structure, the purpose of this **Committee is to ensure that the project is conducted in a way that results in a recommendation that reflects the needs of the broader community**. The Steering Committee will guide communication and stakeholder engagement plans, and review and approve the final recommendation. Committee members are intended to coordinate with other relevant entities from within their jurisdictional boundaries and to represent these perspectives on the Committee.

Steering Committee Participation Considerations

The Steering Committee will be composed of elected officials with the following perspectives and are asking the Marin RCD to identify one member of their board to join the Steering Committee:

- Prior or current involvement in adaptation planning in Marin County,
- Currently manage infrastructure that may be impacted by sea level rise, or
- Currently represent communities and/or businesses that may be impacted by sea level rise.

The first Steering Committee meeting will be hosted on November 22, 2024 (hybrid or in-person), with all meetings thereafter being scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of the month from 1:30pm to 3:00pm (for those who participate in the BayWave Executive Steering Committee, this time slot is intended to capitalize on the regular BayWave meeting time). This **Committee would meet regularly at an approximately three-month interval through the duration of the project.**



November 13, 2024

Mr. Derek Johnson, County Executive
Marin County Executive's Office
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 325
San Rafael, CA 94903

Subject: \$125K Support of Marin Resource Conservation District

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Welcome back to Marin! We are pleased to see you take the post of County Executive given your environmental background as well as your willingness to take a fresh look at the county's organizational structure. Each year the Marin County Board of Supervisors approves a budget allocation of \$125K to the Marin Resource Conservation District (MRCD). This allocation is critical in providing operational funding and enabling us to provide environmental stewardship services to landowners throughout the County. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, each county dollar secured an additional \$14.60 in local, state and federal grants that protected and enhanced Marin's natural resources. **The MRCD respectfully requests \$125K in FY 24/25 to continue to support delivery of natural resource programs on Marin's working landscapes.**

The FY 23/24 agreement provided funding to support MRCD programs and partially offset operational costs not covered by state or federal grants, including staff training and skill development, project maintenance, and production of outreach materials to landowners. MRCD exceeded our goal which was to 1) initiate 7 new Carbon Farm Plans, 2) construct 4 riparian restoration projects in the Stemple Creek and Tomales Bay watersheds with local partners including the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria (FIGR) and 3) complete several nonpoint source pollution reduction projects on dairies and ranches, including construction of a state-of-the-art dairy flush-to-robot vacuum conversion project also designed to reduce GHGs.

The Carbon Farming Program, which addresses Marin County Climate Action Plan goals, currently has a cumulative total of 20 carbon farm plans with 7 more plans initiated this last year. These 7 plans totaling just over 4000 farm acres will include plans to sequester carbon, restore stream corridors and increase biodiversity. Over 70 soil and forage samples have been processed and analyzed to provide farmers with farm-specific data about their soils in addition to technical expertise on ways to enhance soil health and combat climate change. It is expected all plans will be completed by July 2025. In addition, MRCD has completed 4 riparian restoration projects in the Stemple Creek and Tomales Bay Watersheds, four of which have included a new

collaborative consultation process with FIGR to include cultural goals. Over 800 native trees were planted with over 200 local students through a contract with Point Blue Conservation Science. The Point Blue team completed native hedgerow and windbreak designs that will be implemented on ranches and dairies this winter season. These are linear planting projects focused on native species that will provide critical wildlife habitat, sequester carbon, decrease the threat of wind to forage production and animal comfort, and many other co-benefits.

Dairies, which were once ubiquitous on the Marin landscape, continue to be an important part of the County's agricultural identity, and the MRCD works with dairies, as well as ranches and equestrian facilities to modernize and protect natural resources on farms. The Conserving Our Watersheds (COW) program in particular has been providing technical and financial assistance to these livestock facilities to improve water quality for over 15 years. Within the last fiscal year this program spent over \$300,000 on construction of eleven projects at seven cattle and horse ranches. These projects generally consist of building fences to keep animals out of riparian areas, developing alternative water sources to support grazing away from sensitive areas, hardening heavy-use areas to reduce erosion, and upgrading manure management systems. In Tomales Bay this work plays an important role in keeping the oyster industry open, and the California Shellfish regulatory authority is reporting steadily improving water quality.

To support these programs MRCD was awarded supplemental grant funds exceeding \$1.4M in FY 23/24. Funding was awarded by local, state and federal sources (see Exhibit B). In FY 24/25, MRCD will be completing 7 Carbon Farm Plans, launching a new innovative climate partnership with Sonoma County combining forces to expand climate programming and planting 5 native hedgerow/windbreak projects on ranches. MRCD will leverage Measure A with federal USDA funding to reach Marin County Climate Action Plan goals. Under the Conserving Our Watersheds program, MRCD will be selecting four high priority projects in the Point Reyes National Seashore and Stemple Creek watersheds to help land managers (confined animal facilities and ranches) install conservation practices to reduce potential non-point source pollutants from entering these watersheds.

These funds were applied to regenerative agricultural practices which offer water quality, air quality and wildlife co-benefits. MRCD continues to track ecosystem benefits associated with our projects. MRCD is building upon the excellent land stewardship practices implemented in previous years and expanding the organization's knowledge base in order to provide exceptional service to Marin County landowners. We are very grateful for your consideration to continue this past level of support in our current FY 24/25 request and we look forward to forging a strong partnership between your office and the MRCD for years to come.

Sincerely,

Nancy Scolari
Executive Director

C: Supervisor Rodoni, 4th District Marin County

ATTACHMENT A

MRCDC completed the following activities in FY 2023/24:

1) STAFF TRAINING AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT (for 9.8 FTE):

- Hired/trained 4 new staff – Bookkeeper, Soil Conservationist, Rangeland Ecologist, Water Quality Program Manager to finance, plan, and implement climate-smart and water quality practices on agricultural lands.
- Completed personnel evaluations for staff
- Created new Internship/Scholarship program for students

2) MAINTENANCE OF PROJECTS:

- Monitored and reported on water quality projects to the SF Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board.
- Monitored and reported on climate and soils projects to the CA Dept of Food and Ag.

3) OUTREACH MATERIALS TO LANDOWNERS:

- Created a new newsletter and outreached to landowners with funding opportunities for carbon farm planning and implementation opportunities.
- Updated website to publicize Measure A and the RCD Project selection process and converted pages into Spanish.

4) NON-RECOVERABLE ACCOUNTING AND AUDIT COSTS:

- Completed daily/monthly/annual bookkeeping functions including A/R, A/P, bank and credit card reconciliations, deposits, cash flow statements, expense reports, payroll, journal entries, financials, budgets, annual audit.
- Completed salary survey analysis and made salary adjustments for staff.
- Responded to Public Records Act Requests including Marin County Civil Grand Jury Investigation.
- Completed 10 grant proposals for agricultural lands as identified in Exhibit B.

EXHIBIT A: Straus Home Ranch – Tomales Bay Riparian Restoration Project

This project restores a 769-foot reach of an unnamed tributary that drains directly into Tomales Bay by installing 706 native plants across 5.98 acres of fenced riparian area. The project site was previously degraded and devoid of native woody vegetation. The goal of this project is to increase wildlife habitat, reduce erosion, sequester carbon, and increase connectivity with adjacent riparian habitat.

Being an active cattle ranch, this historic creek is vulnerable to erosion, sedimentation and native plant decline if not protected and restored with care. Plant species have been selected to provide a number of critical benefits (e.g. wildlife shelter, pollinator resources, and to meet the producer's livestock management needs) across a wide range of possible climate scenarios to increase resiliency and maximize project success in an uncertain future. The plant species and quantities were determined by Point Blue restoration designers to create a mature closed canopy riparian forest with habitat complexity and species diversity analogous to intact plant communities in the Tomales Bay Watershed.



This design was created with consultation from the Sacred Sites Protection Committee of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria (FIGR SSPC). MRCD has worked with tribal staff at multiple stages including approval of the final design.

The restoration was planted winter 2023/2024 by Point Blue with local students in the Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW) program. Students learned the many benefits of riparian restoration while planting native plants along the creek. Measure A dollars matched State Coastal Conservancy funding to complete this critical project.

EXHIBIT B

Funding Awarded to the Marin RCD in FY 23/24:		
Private Foundations	Strategic Planning	\$100,000
CA Department of Food and Agriculture	Healthy Soils	\$22,500
CA Office of Planning and Research	Enhancing Climate Resilience in the North Bay	\$127,000
CA State Coastal Conservancy	North Coast Wildfire Resilience	\$200,000
National Association of RCDs	Soil Health Coordinator	\$73,950
EPA- State Water Board	Dairy-Ranch Water Quality Projects	259,725
Measure A	Carbon farming Projects	\$640,000
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service	Soil Hub Director	\$75,000
		\$1,498,175
Funding Declined:		
CA Department of Conservation	Capacity Building Assistance	\$600,000
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association	Walker Creek Watershed Fisheries Enhancement	\$8,00,000

ACTION: Approve Wells Fargo Collateral Agreement

Board discussion and approval to enter into a Collateral Agreement with Well Fargo to protect deposits in excess of the FDIC limit as well as comply with California Law.

Background:

Direct deposits of the District are sent to the Wells Fargo operating account. These deposits are mostly from Federal and County governments who only pay by EFT. Primarily with the introduction of County Measure A the balance in the account often exceeds the federally insured \$250,000 limit.

The board has previously approved a resolution allowing for banking activities in the Wells Fargo accounts. As a result, funds are now being sent to the County and then sent back to cover payroll and related expenses.

From the Collateral Agreement:

“The California Government Code specifies that all local agency deposits in excess of the deposits covered by FDIC insurance must be collateralized by the depository bank.”

With the approval of the Collateral Agreement, Wells Fargo will collateralize 110% of deposits in excess of the FDIC limit in compliance with California law.

The finance committee voted unanimously to recommend the Collateral Agreement to the board for discussion and approval.

Today's Potential Actions:

1. Board approval to enter into the Collateral Agreement with Wells Fargo.
2. Board decision to decline collateralization and find an alternative to protect public funds.

Available Budget:

No budget impact.

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Public Funds Collateral Management Team
333 Market Street 31st Floor
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San Francisco, CA 94105
PublicFundsCollateral@wellsfargo.com

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September 16, 2024

Marin County Resource Conservation District
Tax ID: 941658700

RE: Confirmation of Collateral Pledged

Dear auditor,

This is to confirm that as of 08/31/2024, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. is collateralizing the balances for **Marin County Resource Conservation District** at 110% and in accordance with applicable California state law.

FDIC insures the deposits of governmental accounts on a per Official Custodian basis as follows: the aggregate balances in demand deposits accounts are insured up to **\$250,000** per Official Custodian and the aggregate balances in time and savings accounts are insured up to **\$250,000** per Official Custodian.

Feel free to give me a call if you have any question or concerns at 877-479-6603 or email publicfundscollateral@wellsfargo.com

Sincerely,

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Sheila Lynch, VP
Public Funds Collateral Management Team

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Together we'll go far



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September 18, 2024

Marin County Resource Conservation District

Dear Wells Fargo Customer,

On a daily basis, our Public Funds Collateral Unit will monitor your collected balances in deposit accounts maintained with our commercial and business banking offices, as well as cash and deposit balances held in certain trust agency and asset management custody accounts. The California Government Code specifies that all local agency deposits in excess of the deposits covered by FDIC insurance must be collateralized by the depository bank. We will pledge collateral as necessary to the California Local Agency Pool. Uncollected funds are excluded from this requirement. Currently FDIC insures the deposits of governmental accounts on a per Official Custodian basis as follows: the aggregate balances in demand deposits accounts are insured up to **\$250,000** per Official Custodian and the aggregate balances in time and savings accounts are insured up to **\$250,000** per Official Custodian. The Government Code also requires that the Bank report total deposits with the related collateral for each pool to the Administrator of Local Agency Security weekly as of every Wednesday. At quarter-end, the Bank reports the aggregate balance for each individual local agency and the related pool directly, as well. Please feel free to contact the Administrator's office to verify your holdings with Wells Fargo Bank.

Enclosed is the Contract for Deposit of Moneys (collateral agreement) covering deposits held at Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. for **Marin County Resource Conservation District** with Bank of New York Mellon, acting as Agent of Depository. In accordance with the applicable federal law (12 U.S.C. 1823), this collateral agreement must be approved by the bank's board of directors or loan committee; the approval must be reflected in the applicable meeting minutes; and the agreement must be an official record of the bank, continuously from the time of its execution. The fully executed agreement will be submitted to the Wells Fargo Bank N.A.'s Board of Directors/Loan Committee for approval. A fully signed and executed agreement and corporate resolution will be mailed to you upon completion.

- **All shaded areas on document MUST be completed for processing**

Please sign the Contract for Deposit of Moneys and return to Public Funds Collateral Unit by either email, or mail at:

- **publicfundscollateral@wellsfargo.com**
- **Wells Fargo Bank**
Public Funds Collateral Management Team
333 Market Street, 31st Floor
San Francisco, CA 94105
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Upon receipt of the above signed documents, we will pledge collateral to protect your deposit balances above FDIC coverage.

We hope this information regarding the documents required for collateralization is clear. If you have additional questions, please contact me at 877-479-6603. We look forward to serving you!

Sincerely,

Sheila Lynch, Vice President

Together we'll go far



Contract for Deposit of Moneys

THIS CONTRACT, relating to the deposit of moneys, is made as of the _____ day of _____, 2024, David Sherwood acting in his official capacity as Treasurer of **Marin County Resource Conservation District** ("Depositor"), and **WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION** ("Bank"), having a shareholder's equity of \$162,969,000,000.00 on December 31, 2023, and is made with reference to the following facts:

WHEREAS, the Treasurer proposes to deposit in the Bank from time to time, moneys in his or her custody in an aggregate amount on deposit at any one time not to exceed the total shareholder's equity of the Bank, and said moneys will be deposited subject to Title 5, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 4, Article 2 (commencing with Section 53630) of the Government Code of the **State of California** (the "Local Agency Deposit Security Law").

WHEREAS, the Government Code requires the Treasurer to enter into a contract with the Bank setting forth the conditions upon which said moneys are deposited.

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Treasurer, this Contract is to the public advantage.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. This Contract cancels and supersedes any previous contracts between the Treasurer and the Bank relating to the method of collateralization of Depositor's deposits. To the extent not inconsistent herewith, any such deposit shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the Bank's standard disclosure statement (as in effect from time to time) for deposits of that type.

2. This contract, but not deposits then held hereunder, is subject to termination by the Treasurer or the Bank at any time upon 30 days' written notice. Deposits may be withdrawn in accordance with the agreement of the parties and applicable federal and state statutes, rules and regulations. This contract is subject to modification or termination upon enactment of any statute, rule, or regulation, state or federal, which, in the opinion of the Administrator of Local Agency Security of the **State of California** (the "Administrator"), is inconsistent herewith, including any change relative to the payment of interest upon moneys so deposited by the Treasurer. The Treasurer may withdraw Depositor's deposits from the Bank immediately upon receiving notice from the Administrator that the Bank has failed to pay assessments, fines or penalties assessed by the Administrator. The Treasurer may immediately upon receiving notice from the Administrator withdraw authorization for the placement of securities with the Agent of the Bank in the event that the Agent of the Bank fails to pay fines or penalties assessed by the Administrator.

3. Interest shall accrue on any moneys so deposited as permitted by any act of Congress of the United States or by any rule or regulation of any department or agency of the Federal Government. If interest may legally be paid on the account into which the moneys are deposited, then all moneys deposited shall bear interest at a rate agreed upon by the Treasurer and the Bank.

4. The Bank shall issue to the Treasurer for each deposit a receipt on a form agreed to by the Bank and the Treasurer, stating the interest to be paid (if any), the duration of the deposit (if appropriate), the frequency of interest payments (if any) and the terms of withdrawal. Each such deposit receipt is by reference made a part of this contract.

5. The Bank will maintain at all times with the Agent of the Bank as security for Depositor's deposits: (a) eligible securities of the classes described in Government Code Section 53651 (except subdivisions (m) and (p)) having a market value at least 10% in excess of the total amount of deposits secured by those securities, (b) eligible securities of the class described in subdivision (m) of Government Code Section 53651 having a market value at least 50% in excess of the total amount of deposits secured by those securities and (c) eligible securities of the class described in subdivision (p) of Government Code Section 53651 having a market value at

least 5% in excess of the total amount of deposits secured by those securities. If the Administrator determines that a security is not qualified to secure public deposits, the Bank will substitute other securities to comply with the requirements of this Paragraph.

6. The Treasurer hereby waives security for that portion of the total amount on deposit which is insured pursuant to Federal law.

7. The Agent of the Bank, which the Treasurer and the Bank hereby authorize to hold the eligible securities posted as collateral under this contract, is **THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A.**. The Agent of the Bank has filed with the Administrator an agreement to comply in all respects with all provisions of the Local Agency Deposit Security Law.

8. Authority for placement of securities for safekeeping in accordance with Government Code Section 53659 is hereby granted to the Agent of the Bank, including placement with any one or more Federal Reserve Banks or branches thereof.

9. If the Bank fails to pay all or part of any moneys of the Depositor on deposit with the Bank which are subject to this contract when ordered to do so in accordance with the terms of withdrawal set forth on the applicable deposit receipt, the Treasurer will immediately notify the Administrator in writing. Action of the Administrator in converting the collateral required by Paragraph 5 above for the benefit of the Depositor is governed by Government Code Section 53665.

10. The Bank may add, substitute or withdraw eligible securities being used as security for deposits made hereunder in accordance with Government Code Section 53654, provided the requirements of Paragraph 5 above are met.

11. The Bank shall have and hereby reserves the right to collect and retain for the Bank's own account the interest or income on the securities, except in cases where the securities are liable to sale or are sold or converted in accordance with the provisions of Government Code Section 53665.

12. The Bank will pay all expenses incurred in transporting eligible securities maintained as collateral for moneys on deposit to and from the Agent of the Bank. The Depositor will pay (or promptly reimburse the Bank for or otherwise compensate the Bank for) all expenses incurred in transporting all moneys deposited with the Bank to and from the Depositor's offices. The Depositor will pay the Bank (or otherwise compensate the Bank for) the fees and charges stated in the Bank's then current Schedule of Charges (unless the Bank and the Treasurer otherwise agree) for handling, collecting and paying all checks, drafts and other exchange or securities according to the Bank's standard practices.

13. This contract, the parties hereto, and all deposits governed by this contract shall comply with and be subject in all respects to the Local Agency Deposit Security Law, and all other state and federal laws, statutes, rules and regulations applicable to such deposits, whether now in force or hereafter enacted to promulgated, all of which are by this reference made a part hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Treasurer in his or her official capacity on behalf of the Depositor, and the Bank by its duly authorized officer, have signed this contract in triplicate as of the day and year first above-mentioned.

TREASURER of: **Marin County Resource Conservation District**
Name of Local Agency Depositor
By: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
By: _____
Title: Vice President
Address: 333 Market Street, 31st Floor
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Marin RCD Staff Report

October 1-31, 2024

District

- **ED Report**
 - Worked with HR on health insurance options and clarification of personnel policy benefits
 - Reviewed and reclassified sensitive HR files
 - Completed evaluations and scheduled personnel check-ins
 - Submitted information to county counsel to complete Conflict of Interest Policy
 - Initiated content for quarterly newsletter
 - Completed Elise's So-Ma Climate grant duties including arranging a tour at Stemple Creek Ranch for the national USDA program officer.
 - Organized/facilitated weekly staff finance meetings and check-ins with staff.
 - Attended meetings: Marin Farm Bureau VIP luncheon, Sonoma-Marín Climate Smart Commodities, MCL Farm Day (presented)
 - Contract Approvals under \$50,000:
 - Marin County Carbon Farming Amendment to extend contract to 8/25
 - Dickson Ranch/Lunny Grading Manure Removal \$24,000
 - Destination HR Consulting Oncall HR services
 - Marin Water Fee for Service Fisheries Monitoring \$25,000
 - Montana State University Amendment to change reporting dates
 - Drew Consulting Indirect Cost Rate \$5,000
 - MollyAnne Meyn Walker Creek Native Plant Garden \$30,000
 - Frosini/Poncia/Moreda Landowner Agreements
 - Creque/Black TAC Contracts \$0
 - UC SAREP Contract Extension to 7/25

- **New Grants:** (See [grant status spreadsheet](#) for a full list of out-standing grants)
 - **A "Funding Opportunities for Working Lands" spreadsheet:** informs local producers about cost-share and grant programs they can apply to for conservation projects. For most programs on the list, you do not need to have a Carbon Farm Plan to apply or qualify. Spreadsheet will be updated semi-annually. [Find at this link](#) or on the Carbon Farming page at www.marinrcd.org.
 - Tire Clean up in Tomales Bay is being worked on by Sarah P.

- **District Operations & Financials:** *(FC: David Sherwood, Sally Gale, Terry Sawyer, Marcus Meggett, Nancy Scolari)*
 - The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19th
 - Audit fieldwork was postponed because our records show we spent more than \$750,000 in federal grant funds last year. This has triggered an audit that is much broader in scope and includes compliance with grant terms and applicable county, state and federal laws. It is called a “Single Audit.”
 - The finance committee is in on-going conversations with the office landlord regarding common area expenses and the underlying calculations. They are proposing a very steep increase in these expenses. Major concerns include space allocation given there are 2 production operations on the first floor and the accuracy of the costs. A meeting is being planned with the landlord to discuss concerns.

- **Staff Development**
 - We are re-evaluating health insurance options with an HR consultant.
 - A complete list of staff training and take-aways can be [found at this link](#).

- **Diversity Equity, Inclusion and Justice**
 - CARCD is addressing DEI on a state-wide level following some staff conflicts within districts. See [BIPOC letter to CARCD Board here](#), and the [CARCD Board reply letter here](#). CARCD has formed a JEDI Committee, based on a collaboratively developed charter. [Link to draft charter can be found here](#).
 - The Carbon Farming team has hired David Escobar as a JEDI consultant, funded by the SCC grant. David continues to meet with MRCD staff and will soon meet with the JEDI committee to discuss our implementation process.
 - Marin RCD worked with FIGR on 4 design plans for which implementation is complete. The team is planning follow up visits with the Tribe for Fall 2024: 2 designs were re-visited with FIGR on 9/24, and 2 more are being planned.
 - MRCD Carbon Farm Team and Michelle Katuna developed a scope of work with FIGR that outlines a workflow between the two parties and other partners such as STRAW. The draft was approved at the August 2023 board meeting. The final draft is currently going through the FIGR legal team channels for approval.
 - MRCD JEDI Committee has met twice and will continue to hold meetings regarding various JEDI topics as it relates to the Carbon Farming Program. Sarah will reach out to JEDI committee members this month to schedule the next meeting.
 - Nancy and Elise drafted a DEI analysis associated with RCD programs which David Escobar is currently reviewing.
 - Maya translated some key Marin RCD website pages into Spanish.

- Through the North Coast Soil Hub, RCDs are collaborating on Spanish language education and outreach on soil health and climate-friendly ag and creating a regional outreach plan for small and underserved producers.

See below for Marin RCD Studies, Programs & Project updates:

Walker Creek Study (Sarah Phillips, PM)

- **Lower Walker Creek Estuary Study (100% complete):** Closed on March 31, 2024. This grant from CA Dept of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) was to study the Walker Creek estuary and evaluate opportunities for fisheries enhancement.
 - The team will reconvene to determine best steps forward and other sources of funding to secure for carrying out implementation.
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Biomass Project (Chad White, PM)

The Marin Biomass Project was developed to explore sustainable uses of biomass feedstocks being generated in Marin County, an urbanized coastal region in California comprising towns and cities, mixed woodland, agricultural lands, and preserved open space. The Project was developed in response to increasing flows of biomass materials generated by wildfire prevention activities and by landfill diversion efforts in the County overseen, respectively, by the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA) and by Zero Waste Marin (ZWM). Materials range from woody biomass generated by woodland thinning and landscape trimmings to source-separated and mixed organic streams generated by the collection of metropolitan wood debris, food scraps, yard materials, and agricultural biomass.

The purpose of the Project is to support nimble and sustainable development of new biomass utilization infrastructure and economic opportunities in Marin County. The goal is to ensure that biomass utilization pathways support wildfire prevention and landfill diversion, while also reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

The Project is designed to foster cooperation among stakeholders in biomass utilization, particularly the public authorities who oversee and the private organizations that manage biomass management infrastructure and processes. A forum called the “Marin Biomass

Collaborative” was created to support rapid implementation of recommendations developed through the Study.

The Marin Biomass Project is one of five pilot projects selected in 2021 by the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR). It has been awarded \$900,000 in grant funding to identify solutions that overcome barriers to biomass feedstock utilization. Funding under this grant has been awarded through an RFP to consulting contracts.

Activity in the last month:

- **GHG Analysis.** Substantive feedback and requests for revision have been given to our consultants on the greenhouse gas analysis of wildfire prevention and alternative utilization pathways. A revised chapter is forthcoming.
- **Economic Analysis.** Substantive feedback and requests for revision have been given to our consultants on the greenhouse gas analysis of wildfire prevention and alternative utilization pathways. A revised chapter is forthcoming.
- **Findings and Recommendations.** We are actively working to develop findings and recommendations from the Study and draft its fifth and final chapter.

*Conserving Our Watersheds Program
Gerhard Epke PM*

- **COW (UDRS) Phase V funded by 319(h) Water Board (99% complete)**
 - Final Report and invoices submitted to Water Board 1/31/2022 for completed projects. The project is almost done - the various components need to be hooked up, and the contractor that was going to do it is no longer available. Bivalve Dairy is pending inspection - delayed due to drought and pandemic. John Taylor manages sub-grant from AAMP now that the bulk of matching funds have been spent. UCCE staff are assisting John with wrapping up this project.
- **COW (CCAF) Phase VI funded by 319(h) Water Board (96% complete)**
 - MRCD BOD approved 7 projects for: design phase 12/2021; PCP list/CEQA Compliance 6/2022 and 4/2023; construction phase 6/2023.
 - MRCD Board approved the funding of seven TAC-prioritized projects through this program.
 - NRCS EQIP matching funds awarded for 2 projects
 - Management practices implemented at 7 sites: 3 dairies, 3 ranches, one equestrian facility
 - Grant objectives and match have been met.
 - Draft final report sent to Water Board

- **COW (MILC) Phase VII funded by 319(h) Water Board (0% complete)**
 - Contract has been finalized and being circulated for execution
 - MRCD’s scope of work includes Management Practices in both impaired and unimpaired waterbodies was submitted in 2022 and awarded in 2023. Specifically two MPs are to contribute toward the attainment of the Stemple Creek-Estero de San Antonio Hydrologic Area Sediment & Nutrients TMDL and two MP to enhance the high water quality of Drakes Bay Watershed.

*Marin Permit Coordination Program
Gerhard Epke PM*

The Marin RCD created an easier and faster way for landowners and ranchers to apply for permits for restoration projects. The Marin Permit Coordination Program (PCP) is designed to help ranchers plan, permit, fund, and implement practices that will minimize impacts to wildlife and water quality. Marin RCD has operated the program for the past 13-years with considerable success; it has incentivized restoration projects throughout west Marin. The program provides streamlined environmental review for 44 conservation practices that meet certain criteria including size limitations. On an annual basis, the RCD submits projects into the program for CEQA review, and then applies and pays for permits to assist landowners wanting to construct conservation projects.

- The term of this ten-year program ends in 2027. Start fundraising plan in mid 2025.
- The 2024 project list was presented at the August board meeting and constitutes hedgerow planting projects for which a categorical exemption has been filed.

- **Salmon Protection and Watershed Network (SPAWN) Sediment Reduction Projects**
 - MRCD was contracted by SPAWN to act as CEQA Lead on a project funded by the water board. Two sites on federal land managed by the Golden Gate National Recreation Area involve road decommissioning or repair and one site adjacent to the buddha barn along Lagunitas Creek.
 - Permitting was conducted by SPAWN
 - Contract was reviewed and approved by County Counsel and MRCD BOD.
 - Projects designed & approved by PRNS review committee, presented to MRCD BOD
 - CEQA completed in 2023
 - Construction completed in October with some revegetation remaining

- **Audubon Canyon Ranch (ACR) CA Vegetation Treatment Program Plan**
 - MRCD was contracted by ACR to act as CEQA Lead on a field management plan funded by the CALFIRE and managed by ACR. MRCD scope of work is limited to CEQA document drafting, review and submission.
 - ACR has started their Project Specific Analysis Draft 1 and are in touch with MRCD staff as they develop a plan for Coastal Commission permits.
 - Contract extended to 12/31/24

- **Green Gulch Streamflow Enhancement Project**
 - MRCD was contracted by Green Gulch to act as CEQA Lead on a streamflow enhancement project funded by the Wildlife Conservation Board and managed by Green Gulch and Prunuske Chatham Inc (PCI). Project involves a Section 1707 Water Rights change, pond installation, pond enhancement and pond decommissioning/restoration. All permitting will be conducted by PCI.
 - MRCD conducted a site visit with FIGR.
 - Designs at 75% - 90% designs, construction cost estimates, and draft specifications - end of February/early March 2024
 - Met with Cutting the Green Tape (2).
 - Suronen, on behalf of MRCD, sent a formal request to consult with FIGR on the project in 08/2023. A CEQA consultation meeting was held with FIGR, PCI and Green Gulch Farms, and FIGR gave their support along with next steps for coordinating with them as PCI moves forward with the permitting of the project.
 - PCI is developing the draft Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects (SERP) then they will send draft SERP for MRCD and CDFW Cutting the Green Tape staff review, then present SERP Findings to MRCD Board for approval to submit for CDFW concurrence
 - PCI plans attend MRCD Board meeting and provide update, possibly December 2024
 - Hunt for implementation dollars – now and at completion of the 90% designs and cost estimate
 - Designs have changed due to seismic concerns a/o April 2024.

Carbon Farming Program (Sarah Skinker, Lee Farese, Preston Duncan, Fiona O'Neill)

- **MALT Stewardship Assistance Program (SAP-100% complete):** The MRCD interacts with the SAP program funding in two ways which is through interagency projects or through conflict of interest projects.
 - 4 MALT SAP project has been completed and documented (Little Wing Farm, Moreda Dairy, Blake's Landing, Straus Home Ranch) 🛩️🛩️🛩️🛩️

- **2021 CDFA Healthy Soils Incentive Program (90% complete)**

A Contract with CDFA to provide technical assistance to producers was awarded in 2021/22. CDFA funding round for implementing climate smart agricultural practices. STRAW is written into grants to provide technical assistance for planting-specific practices.

 - Marin RCD/STRAW are coordinating with UCCE, and MALT to provide technical assistance to all awarded producers in County.
 - For information on future rounds, visit [the Program webpage here](#).
 - Marin RCD can provide post-award soil sampling, and implementation assistance to awarded Marin producers.
 - Locally-specific resources, related to Climate Smart Agriculture design and implementation will continue to be compiled [on Marin RCD's Design and Implementation webpage here](#). Soils sampling resources can be found on our [CDFA HSP assistance webpage here](#).

- **Restore CA by Zero Footprint (ZFP):** ZFP's Restore CA program will generate funds from restaurants charging diners with a 1% donation to support regenerative agriculture. Local producers can apply for the grant on their own, but must designate a local RCD as their technical assistance provider. Please contact Marin RCD well in advance of the application deadline to discuss our technical assistance budget. Past applications have been ranked by the "total carbon removal per dollar" which is calculated as the requested grant amount divided by the total metric tons of modeled CO2e (calculated using COMET Planner). Priority also given to historically underserved applicants. Currently, Marin RCD staff are coordinating with other North Coast RCDs to discuss improvements to grant process with ZFP.
 - Marin RCD provided TA on 1 additional ZFP application
 - Marin RCD participated in submitting a CDFA Healthy Soils block grant, alongside 8 additional RCDs, with ZFP serving as the administrative grantee. 6 projects at 4 ranches were submitted and have been approved by CDFA for implementation this fall. Implementation on these projects began in late October, and will continue this month.
 - Zero Footprint now also runs a Compost Connector program. [More information can be found here](#).

- **Marin Carbon Project (ongoing):** The MCP now has a new Strategic Plan and Charter to guide overall coordination of carbon farming activities in the county and beyond.
 - MCP is working on the following topics:
 - Carbon farm plan accessibility
 - Carbon farming practice implementation
 - Monitoring and verification
 - MCP has created a Compost Working Group to ID barriers to composting.
 - Orlena is also working on Climate Financing

- **State Coastal Conservancy – SCC (30% complete):** This grant funds the Carbon Farming (CF) technical support team for the RCD while building county-wide capacity to accelerate adoption of the Marin County CF Program. The RCD and eight partners will expand Marin County’s existing CF Program by: implementing 15-20 shovel-ready CF practices on 6–8 ranches, designing 15–20 more CF practices (planning for future implementation), and writing 6 new CF plans (CFPs) on newly participating farms (planning).
 - Carbon Farm Planning and Design update(s)
 - The team completed baseline forage and soil sampling for current carbon farm plans and is awaiting lab results to interpret with producers.
 - A new round of solicitations will be announced in fall/winter 2024 for a variety of projects.
 - Tribal collaboration Buffy McQuillen and Matthew Johnson attended October’s board meeting for an open discussion about the collaboration. The CF Team met with STRAW and FIGR representatives in late June to discuss upcoming opportunities for collaboration. On Sept 24, MRCD and STRAW staff reconnected with land owners and managers, and Tribal staff and citizens to re-visit implemented collaborative riparian restoration design projects at SoMar and True Grass Farms, and to receive input on new designs. Tribal staff expressed interest in another site visit to Straus Home and Toluma in the near future, and to continuing collaboration. We received news Matthew Johnson will be returning to his position with the cultural resources department in January, and will likely resume being our Tribal staff contact. We look forward to having a Board Member out at the next collaborative site visit, likely to happen before the end of the year!
 - Guido Frosini, MRCD Associate Director wrote of the 9/24 site visit on his land:

- “I thought and told Sarah this already that it was a great success and proves that patience, listening, perseverance and openness to a slow process have been crucial to this outcome.
This was shown in our circle at the end of our walk of the land by everyone, sharing their hopes and takeaways in a very genuine, comfortable and inspiring way.
That was one of the goals here, to build trust, where everyone feels welcomed, at home, and be able to express their opinion in safety, knowing that it will land on open ears and inspired hearts.”
 - Other partners - STRAW contract completed, UCCE contract completed.
 - 4 of 6 WCB design recipients were implemented last fall/winter: TrueGrass, Straus, Toluma, Cohen. Planting has begun. Mahrt is not moving forward with implementation due to the current avian flu conditions. Torliatt has chosen not to move forward with implementation in this grant, but rather implemented herself last winter.
- **WCB 2022 (15% complete):** MRCD staff will collaborate with PB STRAW to implement 3-5 hedgerow/windbreak projects (also covers STRAW maintenance), work with Walker Creek Ranch to construct an ADA accessible pollinator and planting garden, and complete 1 Carbon Farm plan.
 - Carbon farm plan in development
 - Hedgerow/windbreak designs complete. MRCD Board heard design and plant palette updates in August. STRAW is preparing for implementation this fall.
 - Initial meetings around Walker Creek project, educational resources are underway
 - Sarah met with Patrick and potential designers, developing contracts. WCR did not receive the FARE grant from Marin County so they’re regrouping on funding a staff member for the nursery.
 - STRAW nursery team met with WCR nursery designer onsite in September to discuss infrastructure considerations.
 - Educational resources will be developed in coordination with Emilie and regional RCDs (North Coast Soil Hub)
- **USDA Climate Smart Commodities – SMACCC (15% complete)**
 - Emilie is representing MRCD on the Regional Carbon Finance Working Group. This group is evaluating current Carbon Farming finance mechanisms and producing policy recommendations for improving the efficiency and efficacy of funding streams.

- EW, SS and PD are part of Implementation and MMRV project teams. EW is serving as lead for the MMRV team. Lee Farese is attending meetings.
- The Implementation Team has established Technical Advisory Committees for a Marin/Sonoma joint range/dairy TAC and joint Crop/Specialty Crop TAC.
- Sarah is leading the Dairy/Range TAC across 3 RCDs and completed the selection criteria.
- Nancy is participating in the steering committee for the Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities grant.
- Nancy is scheduling a tour for the national USDA program officer at Stemple Creek Ranch.
- EW is serving on the SMACCC Crop Support Organization Working Group for small and underserved producers.

- **CDFA Conservation Agriculture Planning Grant Program – CAPGP (20% complete)**
 - This grant will fund 7 Carbon Farming Plans (CFPs), 7 grazing management plans, and 7 soil health management plans currently underway
 - This grant began on 7/1/23 and the MRCD Carbon Farm Team is in the process of writing all conservation plans.
 - Marin RCD staff are meeting regularly with North Coast RCD planners to develop templates together and share resources/tools around planning.

- **No-Till Drill**
 - Rentals of the No-Till Drill began in September and will continue into December, weather permitting. We are currently accepting requests for the remainder of the fall. We are grateful that it is housed at Mike Moretti's place.
 - In an attempt to get more users, we reduced the cost from \$250/day to \$200/day, a rate consistent with other local RCDs.

- **Technical Capacity Building and Training**
 - Fiona is participating in the Chico State Center for Regenerative Ag and Resilient Systems Technical Assistance Provider certification program through the end of August 2025.
 - Sarah, Fiona, and Emilie attended a regenerative ranching workshop at Sonoma Mountain Institute in October. Lee attended in November

- **National Associated of Conservation Districts (NACD) North Coast Regional Soil Hub (60% complete for 4th year):**

Emilie is continuing to meet regularly with Soil Hub RCDs to identify needs and discuss challenges and opportunities for soil health and carbon farming work. The Soil Hub is revising their current 5-year strategic plan. Emilie is supporting 3 regional RCDs with onboarding support for new agriculture program staff. Assisted Gold Ridge RCD with interviews for new ag program staff.

Outreach/communications/events:

- Coordinating outreach and education deliverables for the region through WCB Implementation Grant, NRCS Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative grant, UC SAREP CA Farm Demonstration Network grant, and Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities.
- Working on education and outreach for the Soil Hub. Currently developing a series of implementation stories for carbon farming practices. The goal is to have a series of stories showcasing regional implementation activities for the purpose of informing other farmers and ranchers and being a source of inspiration and empowerment.
- Working with Hub members to assemble information on soil testing labs, soil sampling protocols, sources of compost and compost spreaders, native plants, equipment, etc. to share on the Hub website.
- Working with Marin, Sonoma, and Gold Ridge RCDs to plan an event with Rancher to Rancher in 2024.
- Writing an article on NRCS CSP program for North Coast farmers and ranchers.
- Attended California Climate and Agriculture (CalCAN) Summit at UC Davis.

Regional partnerships and working groups:

- Facilitating a North Coast carbon farm planning peer learning group with regional RCDs to build technical capacity for CF planning.
- Facilitating a Soil Health Management Planning committee with North Coast RCD planners.
- Serving on Humboldt RCD Carbon Farm and Soil Health Management Plan Technical Advisory Committee
- Participating in statewide ag and climate hubs cohort group with other regional coordinators and CARCD. Attended 2 meetings in October.
- Participating in statewide policy workgroup for RCD Ag & Climate program advancement. Attended two workgroup meetings so far.
- Serving on the Bay Area Regional Climate Action Plan: NWL Technical Stakeholder Group. Attended first meeting in October.

Technical capacity building and training:

- No new items to report this month.

Hub Governance:

- EW hosted a Soil Hub Executive Committee meeting in October to discuss strategic plan revision, collaborative fund development, and regional staffing.

Funding opportunities:

1. The Soil Hub RCDs are exploring a collaborative application to a NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant later this year (funding announcement has not been released yet).
2. Submitted an application to the NACD TA and Outreach Program for a 5th year of funding for Emilie's position in October.
3. Supported GRRCD to submit a proposal to the NACD TA and Outreach Program for a regional CRM position to support North Coast RCD ag programs.

Urban Streams Program (Sarah Phillips, PM)

Sarah has been working mostly full time with some weeks of part time to handle family affairs, as needed.

- Phillips provided assistance on the following during the month of October:
 - Site visit: met with a landowner in Forest Knolls to provide guidance on their creekside property in SGV, answering various questions.
 - Site visit: met with landowner and neighbor in Lagunitas to assess a significant log and woody debris jam between their properties.
 - Site visit: met with landowners to discuss BMPs for trimming willows to reduce further scouring from an eddy effect on left bank.
- Attended several meetings to learn about the Salvage Study needed regarding the potential removal of tires from Tomales Bay.
- Attended the Sonoma Marin Weed Management Area (WMA) meeting then a follow up meeting, developing a steering committee to facilitate more effective meetings in the future. Sarah accepted the invitation to serve as the lead facilitator moving forward with the new Ag Commissioner, Joe D., as the Chair.
- Working with Gerhard to organize a staff-focused workshop on soil bioengineering at Gallagher Ranch.
- Organizing a soil bioengineering workshop for landowners in Marin that will be held in January in San Anselmo.

- Working with landowner and realtor on the transition of the property while maintaining records of regulatory monitoring efforts to date that will be handed off to the new buyer.
- Developing the November Lagunitas TAC meeting.
- Assisted landowner in San Geronimo with questions relating to water quality and private property owner's responsibilities.
- Represented the Marin RCD at the farewell gathering to honor Eric Rubenstahl at MALT after working there eight (8) years and now moving onward to the east coast.
- Juvenile salmonid monitoring with Marin Water District wrapped up in early October. Spawner surveys will pick up in November.

Stemple Creek Project (Preston Duncan)

Department of Conservation Riparian Restoration at Lazy R Ranch (90% complete): Marin RCD, in collaboration with Point Blue Conservation Science's Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW) program, received funding from the Department of Conservation to restore approximately 4,260 linear feet of degraded riparian area along Stemple Creek at the Lazy R Ranch (Righetti). STRAW is a key subcontractor and will be responsible for implementation, plant establishment, and monitoring.

- Implementation phase and the first year of monitoring and maintenance is complete. Second year of monitoring and maintenance is underway. Plants are looking fantastic!
- 4 invoices have been paid.
- Contract Amendment #3 has been approved by DOC, which updated Preston's billing rate and added Fiona to the list of personnel, as she will be handling Project Tracker tasks.
- Contract Amendment #1 with STRAW has also been approved.
- We are now in the maintenance and monitoring phase of this grant, and will be invoicing 1x per year.

Pine Gulch Project (Gerhard Epke)

- All ponds are working except for: Pond 1A is leaking at Peter Martinelli's farm and Pond 2 is leaking at New Land Fund.

- Peter Martinelli is working with MALT and Stetson Engineering and has identified installation of an impervious liner as the preferred solution to abate the leaks. Therefore he is planning to move ahead with permits and construction and meeting with regulators at the Marin Project Coordination meeting November 7.
 - “The bentonite application we did to the pond bottom in 2018 worked well, however once the water goes above that bottom area (about 1-2 ft.) it quickly seeps out.” - Peter M.

Monitoring and Project Tracking (Preston Duncan)

- **PRNS Monitoring:**
 - Fiona and Preston are beginning the RDM monitoring season with PRNS. This year includes soil monitoring to try to inform a UC Berkeley study to improve Ecological Site Descriptions for this region
- **Project Tracker:**
 - Fiona has been updating Project Tracker entries 🚀
- **Wildlife Monitoring:**
 - Marin County Breeding Bird Atlas has completed it's monitoring window for this edition 🦉
 - Preston has continued to attend Marin Monarch Working Group meetings when possible
- **GIS:**
 - Preston has been updating GIS data across programs (COW, CF, SAP) to reflect what projects and practices are occurring and have occurred on the ground. He hopes to be able to accurately quantify RCD project footprints across programs.
 - GIS is being updated to reflect the narrative portions of 3 outstanding Carbon Farm Plans. All maps are being developed and created for these CFPs in order to get them in producers' hands. *On hold*
 - As development of CFP updates continues, Preston is developing automated calculations from COMET emission reduction coefficients, in order to increase ease of reporting and writing/updating CFPs into the future.
 - CFP team is meeting regularly for GIS Training sessions, with other Staff to join soon. Fiona and Lee have been onboarded
 - MRCD now has 2 iPads for data collection with an app called Field Maps, which connects directly back to our GIS remotely. MRCD staff can update

spreadsheets, maps, and photos in the field, and all of those data connect back to our Google Drive or ArcGIS Online.

- Preston has been meeting with MALT to identify areas where we can get standardized and consistent data structures to more easily share data across organizations.
- Preston is building out more system updates to increase our efficiencies on the user end
- **CFP Monitoring:**
 - At the time of the board meeting, all 7 CFP sites will have been monitored for soil and forage: forage samples have been acquired, but we are still waiting on soil samples.
- **COW Monitoring:**
 - Preston and Gerhard are closing out COW CCAF monitoring.

Staff serving on committees or attending regular meetings

Nancy Scolari

- Marin Carbon Project Steering Committee, Implementation Working Group
- Ag Lands Emergency Response Team (Host)
- MRCD Finance Committee
- North Coast RCD Durable Collaboration
- Sonoma-Marín Climate Smart Commodities

Marcus Meggett

- MRCD Finance Committee (Facilitator)

Sarah Phillips

- Marin Prescribed Burn Cooperative
- Lagunitas Technical Advisory Committee (Chair)
 - Large Woody Debris Subcommittee
 - Membership Subcommittee (Chair)
 - Aquatic Toxicology Subcommittee
 - Marin Water's TUCP (Temporary Urgency Change Petition) Subcommittee
 - Marin Water Stewardship Plan Subcommittee
 - Prop 68 Lagunitas Watershed Enhancement Study Subcommittee
- Sonoma-Marín Weed Management Area Meetings
 - WMA Steering Committee
- Marin County Permit Coordination Program
- Gallinas Watershed Council (Advisor)
- Technical Advisory Group San Geronimo Commons Restoration (former golf course)

- Tomales Bay Foundation Advisory Committee
- MKAT (Marin Knotweed Action Team)

Sarah Skinker

- A-Team
- North Coast Soil Hub
- Marin Carbon Project (MCP) Implementation Working Group
- SMACCC Implementation and TAC Working Groups
- California Farm Demonstration Network

Gerhard Epke

- Regional Water Quality Control Board Grazing Waiver Technical Advisory Committee
- Tomales Bay Foundation Advisory Committee
- Petaluma TMDL Technical Advisory Committee
- Sonoma Farm Bureau Animal Resource Committee
- Marin Prescribed Fire Cooperative
- Lagunitas Technical Advisory Committee (Alternate MRCD Rep to SP)
- County Marin Project Coordination Meeting (Backup to SP)
- A-Team

Preston Duncan

- A-Team
- Lagunitas Technical Advisory Committee (Alternate MRCD Rep for Sarah P)
- North Coast Soil Hub
- Marin Monarch Working Group
- Marin Prescribed Fire Cooperative

Emilie Winfield

- North Coast Soil Hub (Coordinator)
- CARCD Ag Technical Assistance Task Force
- Regional Carbon Finance Core Working Group
- Western Cover Crops Council CA State Cover Crops Selection Tool Committee
- California Farm Demonstration Network
- RCD Statewide Ag & Climate Hubs Coordinators Cohort
- RCD Ag & Climate Hubs Partnership Policy Workgroup
- Bay Area Regional Climate Action Plan: NWL Technical Stakeholder Group

Chad White (special consultant)

- Marin Biomass Steering Committee/Collaborative (Project Manager)

Orlena Yee (special consultant)

- Marin Carbon Project (Coordinator)

Elise Suronen

- Regen Score (Stakeholder Board)

Lee Farese

- Sonoma-Marín Weed Management Area Meetings
- A-Team
- North Coast Soil Hub
- Marin Carbon Project (MCP) Implementation Working Group

Fiona O’Neill

- A-Team
- North Coast Soil Hub
- California Farm Demonstration Working Group