



**Madera/Chowchilla
Resource Conservation District
Post Office Box 531
Chowchilla, CA 93610**



Monthly Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, December 9, 2020 – 5:00 to 7:00
Zoom Conference Line to be sent out on Tuesday

Due to safety and health guidance for Covid 19, the Board Meeting will be conducted via online platform ZOOM.

Anyone who wishes to attend the meeting or make public comments: Please contact LANGELL@landstewardsproject.org for link and access.

I. Roll Call and Introductions

- Call to Order
- Flag Salute
- Introduction of Guests

II. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes & Agenda

- December 2020 Agenda
 - Additions?
- November 2020 Minutes

III. Correspondence & Mail

- Correspondence

IV. Financial Report

- Monthly Treasurer's Report
- Incoming Income and Review & Approval of Expenses
 - **Incoming Grant:** \$25,000 from Water Foundation, expected at in next few weeks
 - **Incoming Grant:** \$60,000 from NRCS, secured and ready for invoicing
 - **Incoming Grant:** \$25,000 from DOC, grant agreement pending this week
 - **Expense:** Laurel Angell (Invoice – November) -- \$1,500.00 (can be done through county).
 - **Expense:** Yearly Go-Daddy for Domain name: \$117.23 (reimburse Laurel Angell)

V. Meeting Updates, Handout, and Public Comments

- Public Comments?

- Handouts for this meeting
- Pending meetings to be aware of?
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

VI. Discussion Topics and Action Items

- **Stephanie Anagnoson, Director of Water & Natural Resources, Madera County:** Update on GSAs/GSPs/Advisory Board
- **Report from Special Board Session Business Meeting:** Norman Kuhr
- **Report on RCD Technical/Education Cover Crop Workshop 12/7 and 12/8:** Matt Angell
- **Arundo updates:** Mark Hutson (on behalf of subcommittee on Arundo)
- **Madera County RWMG:** Mark Hutson (as representative for the RCD)
- **RCPD launch update: Recharge with AFT, NRCS and RCDs:** Laurel
- **Grants in process/applied to/pending & Upcoming Grant Opportunities:**
 - DOC SGMA Watershed Coordinator (10/15) – co-lead with East Stanislaus to fund two watershed coordinators for the region. Madera County also putting in proposal.
 - CA Specialty Crop Grant – SGMA related
 - Any others?

VII. Grants (This section is informational and for tracking purposes)

Secured

- DOC 2020 RCD Financial Assistance Program: \$25K
- Water Foundation, \$25K
- RCPD with American Farmland Trust – funds likely at the end of the year (\$25K)
- NRCS: Capacity Grant, \$60K
- Community Foundation Capacity Grant (grant for \$7.9k)
- Carbon Cycle Institute Grant (\$2k/ and \$1K grant for staff work on preparing a larger grant)
- National CIG (RCD sent letter of support/for education assistance/award for \$1.2 million for five years) (awaiting information from ESRCD)
- Central Valley Community Foundation/Impact Media Fund (Proposal accepted), \$100k matching, specifically earmarked for the media project.
- CARCD – Bechtel funding for SGMA needs assessment (admin for Laurel – ends in Dec)

Pending

- Carbon Cycle Institute Grant, Phase Two, Fundraising Work Group.
- CA Specialty Crop Grant – SGMA related
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation with CARCD – submitted (Did not make final round)



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- Water Funders Group (proposal submitted)
- National CIG (with CARCD, OK RCDs and UC Berkeley around cover crops) (**proposal declined**)
- Rose Foundation (applied for \$25K) (**Proposal declined: will try again next year**)

VIII. Madera/Chowchilla RCD Staffing & Compliance

- Legal description (on hold)
- Compliance – checklist for Tier One Requirements
 - **RCD Board Membership & Compliance**
 - Form 700 – link sent to all Board Members in several emails; if you have not done please do so and send to Stefani to file per her latest email
 - Harassment/Ethics Training – Will be done in January 21/all who need to do refresh will get signed up for webinars.

IX. Old Business

X. Reports

- NRCS Report
- Madera Region IRWM/RWVG (Mark – RCD Rep)
- Other--

XI. Adjournment: Next Meeting: January 13, 2020; 5:00pm Farm Service Agency Office, 425 N. Gateway, Ste. K, Madera OR ZOOM