



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



**Monthly Board Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, February 12, 2020 - 5:00 pm to 7:00pm**

*Farm Service Agency Conference Room, 425 N Gateway Drive, Madera*

**I. Roll Call and Introductions**

- Call to Order
- Flag Salute
- Introduction of Guests

**II. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes & Agenda**

- February 2020 Agenda
  - Additions?
- January 2019 Minutes

**III. Correspondence & Mail**

- Correspondence

**IV. Financial Report**

- Monthly Treasurer's Report
  - CCI money paid all of LA's contract this month, so minimal expenses while we continue to work on funding
  - Used \$1375 (from CCI) to open outside account
- Incoming Income and Review & Approval of Expenses
  - **Incoming Payment:** ESRCD/Carbon Cycle Institute for \$825.00 and \$996.72 mostly use to cover Laurel's contract for January. (recommend put into County Account)
  - **Expense:** Laurel Angell (invoice – Dec 15 to Jan 15) \$1800.00
  
- New Outside Bank Account – updates

**V. Meeting Updates, Handout, and Public Comments**

- Public Comments?
- Handouts for this meeting
- Laurel update on meetings attended (specifically talk about county water market meeting)
- Pending meetings to be aware of? (info)
- Diversity, Inclusion and Equity work – NRCS; African American Farmers Conference

**VI. Discussion Topics and Action Items**

- Stephanie Anagnoson, Director of Water & Natural Resources, Madera County: Update on GSAs/GSPs/Advisory Board

- **M/CRCDs role on SGMA – ACTION ITEMS**

- IWM and Nutrient Management workshops (East Stanislaus – Invite from Trina Whalley)
  - Next Steps on Letter to Carlos requesting a NRCS regional position
  
  - Capacity & Funding:
    - Long-term and consistent funding streams/grants
    - Other ideas
    - Updates on grant writer with County(?)/Watershed Coordinator; other?
  
  - Assessment and Data (LA working with CCI)
  - Educational and Technical:
    - Lining up and deploying technical team (MCRCD team, NRCS, NCAT, Point Blue)
    - producer outreach and workshops; GSAs,
  - Media project fundraising for matching fund
  - MAWA project
  - Partnership building/tapping and leveraging expertise
- Monarch Block Grant – Finally have the RFP and discussion
  
  - RCD Board Membership
    - Ethics Training (scholarships set up for Mike and Laurel (LA will register)

## **VII. Grants (focused on priorities laid out in Annual Plan)**

### **Secured**

- Community Foundation Capacity Grant (grant for \$7.9k- needs depositing into new account)
- Carbon Cycle Institute Grant (\$2k/Travel paid for staff work on preparing a larger grant to be submitted in February to do a regional hub on healthy soils/carbon farming planning and implementation), \$1.2 million
- National CIG (RCD sent letter of support/for education assistance/award for \$1.2 million for five years, we will be convening soon to talk logistics of that. (awaiting information from ESRCDC))
- Central Valley Community Foundation/Impact Media Fund (Proposal accepted), \$100k matching, specifically earmarked for the media project. Initial amount of \$15K to start to be disbursed in late January into the Fund.
- CARCD – Bechtel funding for SGMA needs assessment (admin for Laurel)

### **Submitted and Pending**

- Carbon Cycle Institute Grant, Phase Two, Worked with ESRCDC to finalize proposal that will be part of a joint proposal to private foundations to be a Healthy Soils Hub housed at M/CRCD and ESRCDC; (final proposal will be submitted with goal of funding by summer)
- RCPP with American Farmland Trust on recharge innovation and demo projects (pending decision in Spring)
- DOC/Prop 68 Working Lands and Riparian Corridors (applied with Regional partners/\$10K for planning) (pending decision)
- Water Foundation (proposing SGMA Strategy laid out in Dec Meeting as a pilot project; potential funding for SGMA work, proposal being reviewed – timeline of late winter)
- Water Funders Group (proposal submitted in December; potential funding for media project)
- CDFA Specialty Block Grants – for Next Gen Project, \$25k – requested more information



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- *Campbell Foundation, Capacity Grant (\$10K/applied/pushed to Spring)*

**Currently working on:**

- Monarch Grant
- Foundation Proposal(s)
- Fundraising for CVCF grant
- Part of team pushing out the CCI/Healthy Soils hub regional proposal

**Updates on grant proposals that we did not get:**

- USDA Conservation Collaboration Grants for 2020 – This one we did not qualify for as the partnership did not have enough matching funds between all the partners;
- Pacific Flyway Conservation Grant through the Wildlife Conservation Board (Submitted on 9/11 @ \$100K as part of regional RCD effort; the entire CARCD proposal was not accepted. No significant reason given, just a very competitive grant.

**Waiting for RFP**

- Nothing right now

**VIII. Madera/Chowchilla RCD Staffing & Compliance**

- LA Contract ends on 2/15. Recommend month by month for now listed as an “Advisor” until funding is secured for capacity to hire an ED Part Time. .
- Legal description

**IX. Old Business**

**X. Reports**

- NRCS Report
- Madera Region IRWM/RWVG
- Other--

**XI. Adjournment... Next Meeting: March 11, 2020; 5:00pm Farm Service Agency Office, 425 N. Gateway, Ste. K, Madera**