



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



Monthly Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, July 8, 2020 – 5:00 to 7:00
Zoom Conference Line to be sent out on Wednesday

Due to safety and health guidance and continued changes due to the Covid 19 crisis, the July 8 Board Meeting will be conducted via online platform ZOOM; a link will be sent to all Board Members directly.

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

Insurance and Letter

I. Roll Call and Introductions

- Call to Order
- Flag Salute
- Introduction of Guests

II. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes & Agenda

- July 2020 Agenda
 - Additions?
- June 2020 Minutes

III. Correspondence & Mail

- Correspondence

IV. Financial Report

- Monthly Treasurer's Report
- Incoming Income and Review & Approval of Expenses
 - **Incoming Payment:** Reimbursement for Mike's Training (\$80 - pending)
 - **Expense:** Laurel Angell (Invoice – May 15 to June 15) -- \$500.00

V. Meeting Updates, Handout, and Public Comments

- Public Comments?
 - Handouts for this meeting
 - List of upcoming grants - details
- Pending meetings to be aware of? (info)

- Diversity, inclusion and equity work – DEI Training

VI. Discussion Topics and Action Items

- **Farm Bureau**, update on SGMA Strategy meeting: MAWA, RCD, FB, & County, held June 24.
- **Stephanie Anagnoson, Director of Water & Natural Resources, Madera County: Update on GSAs/GSPs/Advisory Board**
- **Grants applied to/Upcoming Grant Opportunities (discussion – see handout)**
 - Opportunity with NRCS
 - DOC – Riparian Corridors Restoration and Conservation Grants (July 1—applied as part of collaborative)
 - DOC 2020 RCD Financial Assistance Program (June 25) (applied - \$25K)
 - Upcoming:
 - Rose Foundation (August 14) - \$25K
 - Campbell Foundation (August 31) \$10K
 - Patagonia Grant (August 31)
 - DOC SGMA Watershed Coordinator (9/15) with other RCDs
- **DISCUSSION:** Funding, the grants are on a long timeline so...
 - Short term funding ideas – still on the table
- **M/CRCDS HUB role on SGMA – Discussion**
 - Partnership building/tapping and leveraging expertise (Laurel)
- **RCD Board Membership**
 - Harassment Training – updates (Stefani)

VII. Grants (focused on priorities laid out in Annual Plan – for tracking purposes)

See Grant tracking document as well

Secured

- RCPP with American Farmland Trust – funds likely at the end of the year
- 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/CRCDC and ESRCDC; (final proposal will be submitted fall)
- DOC/Prop 68 Restoration and Conservation grants (applied with Regional partners/\$10K for planning) (Submitted July 1)



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- Water Foundation (proposing SGMA Strategy laid out in Dec Meeting as a pilot project; potential funding for SGMA work, proposal being reviewed – timeline of early summer)
- Water Funders Group (proposal submitted in December; potential funding for media project)
- DOC 2020 RCD Financial Assistance (\$25K)
Campbell Foundation, Capacity Grant (\$10K/applied)

Currently working on:

- Part of fundraising team the CCI/Healthy Soils hub regional proposal
- Foundation discussion

VIII. Madera/Chowchilla RCD Staffing & Compliance

- Renew short term contract for Laurel Angell/Advisor (July 15 to September 15)
- Legal description (on hold for now)
- Updating Compliance for Year – checklist for Tier One Requirements
 - Audit – (every 5 years)

IX. Old Business

X. Reports

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

XI. Adjournment... Next Meeting: August 12, 2020; 5:00pm Farm Service Agency Office, 425 N. Gateway, Ste. K, Madera (unless still under guidance for COVID 19)