



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



Monthly Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, June 10, 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 June 10 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

- June 2020 Agenda
 - Additions?
- May 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 – April 15 to May 15) -- \$500.00
 - **Expense:** GS Risk Management Authority, Yearly Insurance Premium -- \$939.85

V. Meeting Updates, Handout, and Public Comments

- Public Comments?
- Handouts for this meeting
 - Letter of support for AFT from M/CRCD

- List of upcoming grants - details
- SGMA Strategy meeting: MAWA, RCD, FB, & County. Scheduled for June 24 – Updates from FB
- Pending meetings to be aware of? (info)
- Diversity, Inclusion and Equity work – DEI Training

VI. Discussion Topics and Action Items

- **Stephanie Anagnoson, Director of Water & Natural Resources, Madera County: Update on GSAs/GSPs/Advisory Board**
- **DISCUSSION:** Funding, the grants are on a long timeline so...
 - Update on conversation that Jay, Matt and Laurel had with Almond Board
 - Short term funding ideas –
- **Upcoming Grant Opportunities (discussion)**
 - NRCS Wetland Mitigation Banks Program
 - DOC – Riparian Corridors Restoration and Conservation Grants (July 1)
 - DOC 2020 RCD Financial Assistance Program (June 25)
- **M/CRCDs HUB role on SGMA – ACTION ITEMS**
 - Partnership building/tapping and leveraging expertise (Laurel)
 - Media Project
- **RCD Board Membership**
 - Harassment Training – updates

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

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 ESRCD)
- 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 ESRCD 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 ESRCD; (final proposal will be submitted mid-summer)
- 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 early summer)
- Water Funders Group (proposal submitted in December; potential funding for media project)



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

Currently working on:

- Part of fundraising team the CCI/Healthy Soils hub regional proposal
- NEW: DOC/Prop 68 Grant with other RCDs and CARCD – East Stan lead
- DOC Capacity Grant
- Foundation discussion

VIII. Madera/Chowchilla RCD Staffing & Compliance

- Legal description (on hold for now)
- Updating Compliance for Year – checklist for Tier One Requirements
 - Audit – (discussion of every year of every 5 years)

IX. Old Business

X. Reports

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

XI. Adjournment... Next Meeting: July 8, 2020; 5:00pm Farm Service Agency Office, 425 N. Gateway, Ste. K, Madera (unless still under guidance for COVID 19)