



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



Monthly Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 11, 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

- March 2020 Agenda
 - Additions?
- February 2020 Minutes

III. Correspondence & Mail

- Correspondence

IV. Financial Report

- Monthly Treasurer's Report
 - Two incoming checks not listed on that, so have Stefani report out
 - CCI money paid most of Laurel's contract this month, so minimal expenses while we continue to work on funding
- Incoming Income and Review & Approval of Expenses
 - **Incoming Payment:** ESRCD/Carbon Cycle Institute for \$825.00 to cover Laurel's contract for February. (recommend put into County Account)
 - **Expense:** Laurel Angell (invoice – January to February 15) \$1,000.00

- New Outside Bank Account – updates

V. Meeting Updates, Handout, and Public Comments

- Public Comments?
- Handouts for this meeting
- Laurel update on meetings attended
- Pending meetings to be aware of? (info)
- Diversity, Inclusion and Equity work – DEI Training with CARCD

VI. Discussion Topics and Action Items

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

- **AB 2093 – Process moving ahead for signing on generally**
- **AB 5 Update on new contractor law. Impacts on RCD**
- **DISCUSSION and BRAINSTORM:** Funding, the grants are on a long timeline so..
 - Approaching Almond Board with SGMA pitch (Laurel, Jay, and Matt)
 - Long-term and consistent funding streams/grants (Matt idea on Drones)
 - Short term fundraisers (since grants are taking some time)
 - IRWM – how do we engage?
 - Short-term capacity grants
 - Other ideas
- **M/CRCDs role on SGMA – ACTION ITEMS**
 - IWM and Nutrient Management workshop -- May –MOU (East Stan – Invite from Trina Whalley)
 - Lunch donation/Farm Bureau offices
 - From Trina: The class is to maintain their self-certification. The water coalition has to do the certification classes with a trained staff person from your local office. Once self-certification course is done once the producer has to do one credit a year or three within three years to maintain that certification.
 - Update on NRCS regional position (Matt, Johnnie)
 - 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
 - Partnership building/tapping and leveraging expertise
- **RCD Board Membership**
 - Ethics Training – should be set.

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 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

- **The Nature Conservancy – Acceleration Grants – pre-grant due March 13**
- 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 submitted with goal of funding by summer)



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- 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 early spring)
- Water Funders Group (proposal submitted in December; potential funding for media project)
- CDFA Specialty Block Grants – for Next Gen Project, \$25k – requested more information
- *Campbell Foundation, Capacity Grant (\$10K/applied/pushed to Spring)*

Currently working on:

- **The Nature Conservancy Acceleration Grant – March 13**
- **California Strategic Growth Council/Sustainable Ag Lands Conservation Program (SALC) – Due April but decision is not until August**
- Fundraising for CVCF grant
- Part of fundraising team the CCI/Healthy Soils hub regional proposal

Updates on grant proposals that we did not get:

VIII. Madera/Chowchilla RCD Staffing & Compliance

- LA Contract - Advisory Contract. Need to approve 2/15 to 4/15.
- Legal description

IX. Old Business

X. Reports

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

XI. Adjournment... Next Meeting: April 8, 2020; 5:00pm Farm Service Agency Office, 425 N. Gateway, Ste. K, Madera