



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



Monthly Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, May 13, 2020 – 5:00 to 7:00
Zoom Conference Line to be sent out on Wednesday

Due to safety and health guidance and restrictions around the Covid 19 crisis, the May 13 Board Meeting will be conducted via online platform ZOOM, which 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

I. Roll Call and Introductions

- Call to Order
- Flag Salute
- Introduction of Guests

II. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes & Agenda

- May 2020 Agenda
 - Additions?
- April 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 (pending)
 - **Expense:** Laurel Angell (invoice – March 15 to April 15) \$1,000.00
- New Outside Bank Account – updates

V. Meeting Updates, Handout, and Public Comments

- Public Comments?
- Handouts for this meeting
- Strategy meeting to be scheduled between MAWA, RCD, FB, & County. Scheduled for June 24 (time and location TBD) – SWOT piece below

- Pending meetings to be aware of? (info)
- Diversity, Inclusion and Equity work – DEI Training

VI. Discussion Topics and Action Items

- **Good News! Awarded a grant as part of the RCPP with American Farmland Trust and other regional RCDS! What does that mean next?**
 - Update from Justin Bodell at American Farmland Trust
- **Stephanie Anagnoson, Director of Water & Natural Resources, Madera County: Update on GSAs/GSPs/Advisory Board**
- **Area 9 Regional Meeting on SGMA – Matt Angell**
- **DISCUSSION:** Funding, the grants are on a long timeline so...
 - Approaching Almond Board with SGMA pitch (Laurel, Jay, and Matt)
 - Short term funding ideas – Discussion
- **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)
- **SWOT Analysis for June 24 Strategy meeting**
- **M/CRCDs HUB role on SGMA – ACTION ITEMS**
 - Partnership building/tapping and leveraging expertise (Laurel)
 - Media Project
- **RCD Board Membership**
 - Ethics Training – should be set.
 - Harassment – pending

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 late summer)



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- 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)
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

- LA Contract - Advisory Contract. Approve 5/15 to 7/15.
- Legal description (on hold for now)

IX. Old Business

X. Reports

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

XI. Adjournment... Next Meeting: June 10, 2020; 5:00pm Farm Service Agency Office, 425 N. Gateway, Ste. K, Madera (unless still under guidance for COVID 19)