



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



**Monthly Board Meeting Agenda**  
**Tuesday November 10, 2020 – 5:00 to 7:00**  
*Zoom Conference Line to be sent out on Monday*

**Due to safety and health guidance for Covid 19, the Board Meeting will be conducted via online platform ZOOM.**

**Anyone who wishes to attend the meeting or make public comments: Please contact [LANGELL@landstewardsproject.org](mailto: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**

- November 2020 Agenda
  - Additions?
- October 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 – confirmed that it has been deposited into account)
  - **Incoming Payment:** \$1,000 for M/CRCDs leadership on carbon cycle institute. (confirm that it was deposited into county account?)
  - **Incoming Grant:** \$25,000 from Water Foundation, expected at in next few weeks
  - **Incoming Grant:** \$60,000 from NRCS, secured and ready for invoicing
  - **Good News! Secured Incoming Grant:** \$25,000 from DOC, grant agreement pending this week
    - **Expense:** Laurel Angell (Invoice – September 15 to October 15) -- \$1,500.00 (can be done

through county if funding or charge to new grants once it comes in).

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

- Public Comments?
- Handouts for this meeting
- Pending meetings to be aware of?
  - GSA Advisory Board Meeting, Thursday, November 12
  - CARCD Annual Conference – November 12-24 - Virtual
    - Fees: CARCD members: Registrants 1-6 are \$95 each; Additional 7-10: \$10 each
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

## VI. Discussion Topics and Action Items

- **Stephanie Anagnoson, Director of Water & Natural Resources, Madera County:** Update on GSAs/GSPs/Advisory Board
- **Priscilla Baker, NRCS:** updates on forest thinning project in North Fork and attendance at CA Dairy Sustainability Summit
- **Getting to work – M/CRCD hub:** RCD Technical/Education Support and Healthy Soils Workshop (Matt)
  - **RCPP launch update: Recharge with AFT, NRCS and RCDs (Laurel)**
  - **Website – amplifying the use of website (Matt)**
- **Arundo discussion:** Mark Hutson
- **Grants in process/applied to/pending & Upcoming Grant Opportunities:**
  - DOC SGMA Watershed Coordinator (10/15) – co-lead with East Stanislaus to fund two watershed coordinators for the region. Madera County also putting in proposal.
  - CA Specialty Crop Grant – SGMA related
  - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation with CARCD - submitted
  - Carbon Hubs Funding Group – Laurel is representing region on preparing that.
    - CCI and CARCD providing \$1k stipend.
- **RCD Board Membership & Compliance**
  - Form 700 – link sent to all Board Members in several emails; if you have not done please do so and send to Stefani to file per her latest email

## VII. Grants (This section is informational and for tracking purposes)

### Secured

- DOC 2020 RCD Financial Assistance Program: \$25K



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- Water Foundation, \$25K
- RCPP with American Farmland Trust – funds likely at the end of the year (\$25K)
- NRCS: Capacity Grant, \$60K
- Community Foundation Capacity Grant (grant for \$7.9k)
- Carbon Cycle Institute Grant (\$2k/ and \$1K grant for staff work on preparing a larger grant)
- National CIG (RCD sent letter of support/for education assistance/award for \$1.2 million for five years) (awaiting information from ESRCD)
- Central Valley Community Foundation/Impact Media Fund (Proposal accepted), \$100k matching, specifically earmarked for the media project.
- CARCD – Bechtel funding for SGMA needs assessment (admin for Laurel – ends in Dec)

**Pending**

- Carbon Cycle Institute Grant, Phase Two, Fundraising Work Group.
- CA Specialty Crop Grant – SGMA related
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation with CARCD – submitted
- Water Funders Group (proposal submitted)
- National CIG (with CARCD, OK RCDs and UC Berkeley around cover crops) (**proposal declined**)
- Rose Foundation (applied for \$25K) (**Denied – will try again next year**)

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

- Legal description (on hold)
- Compliance – checklist for Tier One Requirements
  - Form 700 (all need to file)
  - Harassment/Ethics Training – Will be done in January 21/all who need to do refresh will get signed up for webinars.

**IX. Old Business**

**X. Reports**

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

**XI. Adjournment: Next Meeting: December 9, 2020; 5:00pm Farm Service Agency Office, 425 N. Gateway, Ste. K, Madera OR ZOOM**

