



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



**Monthly Board Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, September 9, 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 September 9th 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](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**

- September 2020 Agenda
  - Additions?
- August 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 – CSDA has been contacted and is looking into it)
  - **Incoming Payment:** \$1,000 (\$500 in September/\$500 in October) for M/CRCDS leadership on carbon cycle institute project to put together a group funding proposal for SJV hub with state-wide RCDs.
  - **Expense:** Laurel Angell (Invoice – July 15 to August 15) -- \$1,500.00

## 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, Equity and Inclusion

## VI. Discussion Topics and Action Items

- **Guest Speaker: Vicki Espinoza, PhD Candidate, UC Merced; Presentation on CaliWaterAg and her research on land use changes under SGMA.**
  - **Vicky, Laurel & Priscilla: Women for the Land Learning Circle: Sponsored by American Farmland Trust: Thursdays 9/17 and 9/24 3 to 5:00**
- **Stephanie Anagnoson, Director of Water & Natural Resources, Madera County: Update on GSAs/GSPs/Advisory Board**
- **Mark Hutson, Presentation on Arundo**
- **Local Working Group Meeting Follow up (Aug 26) —Recap of Meeting/Letter from RCD**
- **Madera Regional Water Management Group update (Laurel)**
- **RCP update:** “San Joaquin Valley Land and Water Conservation Collaborative,” which will be funded by a \$10 million Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCP)
- **Grants recently secured/applied to & Upcoming Grant Opportunities**
  - **Good News:** \$25K from Water Foundation – check expected end of September (what account should it go to)
  - **Good News:** Grant Agreement finalized for NRCS capacity grant \$30K
  - DOC 2020 RCD Financial Assistance Program (June 25) (applied - \$25K)
  - Rose Foundation (applied for \$25K)
  - Carbon Hubs Funding Group – Laurel is representing region on preparing that.
    - CCI and CARCD providing \$1k stipend.
  - Upcoming:
    - DOC SGMA Watershed Coordinator (10/1) – co-lead with East Stanislaus to fund two watershed coordinators for the region.
- **M/CRCs HUB role on SGMA – Discussion**
  - Partnership building/tapping and leveraging expertise (Laurel)
  - Communications project
- **RCD Board Membership & Compliance**
  - Form 700 - waiting on county
  - Harassment/Ethics Training – updates -- waiting on county



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

**Secured**

- Water Foundation, \$25K
- RCPP with American Farmland Trust – funds likely at the end of the year (\$25K)
- NRCS: Capacity Grant, \$25K
- 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) (awaiting information from ESRC)
- 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)

**Pending**

- Carbon Cycle Institute Grant, Phase Two, Fundraising Work Group,
- National CIG (with CARCD, OK RCDs and UC Berkeley around cover crops) (May 2020)
- DOC/Prop 68 Restoration and Conservation grants (applied with Regional partners/\$10K for planning) (Submitted July 1)
- Water Funders Group (proposal submitted in December)
- Rose Foundation (applied for \$25K)
- DOC 2020 RCD Financial Assistance (\$25K)

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

- Legal description (on hold for now)
- Renewal of Laurel's contact – for two months
- Compliance – checklist for Tier One Requirements

**IX. Old Business**

**X. Reports**

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

**XI. Adjournment... Next Meeting: October 14, 2020; 5:00pm Farm Service Agency Office, 425 N. Gateway, Ste. K, Madera OR ZOOM**