



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



Monthly Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, August 12, 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 August 12 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

I. Roll Call and Introductions

- Call to Order
- Flag Salute
- Introduction of Guests

II. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes & Agenda

- August 2020 Agenda
 - Additions?
- July 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 – June 15 to July 15) -- \$1,500.00
 - **Expense:** Stefani Dias/Farm Bureau for Secretary Services for RCD from 8/19 to 7/20: \$2610.00
 - **Expense:** Fees: CARCD Annual: \$150

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: Jacob Roberson, Madera RWMG Coordinator; Updates and discussion on RWMG.**
- **Stephanie Anagnoson, Director of Water & Natural Resources, Madera County: Update on GSAs/GSPs/Advisory Board**
- **Grants applied to/Upcoming Grant Opportunities (discussion – see handout)**
 - Good News: \$25K from Water Foundation – pending September
 - DOC – Riparian Corridors Restoration and Conservation Grants (July 1—applied as part of collaborative)
 - CARCD Technical Assistance Hub (applied with East Stan/east Merced) (\$25K)
 - DOC 2020 RCD Financial Assistance Program (June 25) (applied - \$25K)
 - Carbon Hubs Funding Group – Laurel is representing region on preparing that.
 - Update: CCI and CARCD will provide \$1k stipend for participation in the working group.
 - Upcoming:
 - Rose Foundation (August 14) - \$25K
 - Campbell Foundation (August 31) \$10K
 - DOC SGMA Watershed Coordinator (9/15) with other RCDs
- **Local Working Group Meeting – Hosted by RCD**
 - Meeting: Wednesday, August 26, 2020
 - Letter to Carlos Suarez, NRCS
- **M/CRCDS HUB role on SGMA – Discussion**
 - RCPP
 - Partnership building/tapping and leveraging expertise (Laurel)
- **RCD Board Membership**
 - Harassment/Ethics Training – updates

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, we will be convening soon to talk logistics of that. (awaiting information from ESRCD)
- Central Valley Community Foundation/Impact Media Fund (Proposal accepted), \$100k



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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, Fundraising Work Group,
- National CIG (with CARCD, OK RCDs and UC Berkeley around cover crops) (applied in 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; potential funding for media project)
- DOC 2020 RCD Financial Assistance (\$25K)
- Campbell Foundation, Capacity Grant (\$10K/applied))

VIII. Madera/Chowchilla RCD Staffing & Compliance

- Legal description (on hold for now)
- Updating Compliance for Year – checklist for Tier One Requirements
 - Form 700

IX. Old Business

X. Reports

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

XI. Adjournment... Next Meeting: September 9, 2020; 5:00pm Farm Service Agency Office, 425 N. Gateway, Ste. K, Madera (unless still under guidance for COVID 19)