



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



Monthly Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 - 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

- December 2019 Agenda
 - Additions?
- October 2019 Minutes

III. Correspondence & Mail

- Correspondence (Stefani)

IV. Financial Report

- Monthly Treasurer's Report
- County Accounts consolidated (completed)
- Review & Approval of Expenses
 - Laurel Angell (invoice – Sept 16-Oct 15 and Oct 16 to – Nov 15) (new contract-see business below)
 - Go-Daddy Quarterly charges for website
 - Approve Reimbursement for Hotel/Travel for CARCD conference for Jay Bellach, Laurel Angell and Matt Angell (pre-approval was authorized at Oct Board Meeting)
 - CARCD Soil Health Terrace Stipend for Jay Bellach (\$150 pending)
 - CARCD Annual Meeting Refund for 4th registration (\$385 check mail/Stefani)
- New Outside Bank Account Letter (needs signature) – open with CVCF capacity funding check and now CARCD refund. Norm needs to take in form.
 - Set up a credit card now/Order checks (action item)

V. Meeting Updates, Handout, and Public Comments

- Handouts for this meeting: SGMA Memo/Business Plan; Associate Director Policy; Others?
- San Joaquin Region 9 RCD meeting (Matt) (October 11)
- CARCD meeting (Matt and Jay) (Nov 12-15)
- Laurel update on meetings attended (Carbon Cycle Institute Hub meeting, GSA meetings, Latino Conference, other RCDs, PPIC on recharge and Flood Mar/joined AFT at climate solutions meeting)
- Pending meetings to be aware of? (info)

VI. Discussion Topics and Action Items

- Stephanie Anagnoson, Director of Water & Natural Resources, Madera County: Update on GSAs/GSPs/Advisory Board – Applications due on 12/13
- M/CRCDS role on SGMA - Laurel will present business plan/memo in response to Board wanting to build on their annual plan and take on a more active role on SGMA as also laid out in Region 9 RCD meeting as well. (Will provide handout ahead of meeting via email and will print out and then review together)
- Mark Hudson, presentation on recharge
- “Next Gen Project” – Updates -- Matt Angell and Jayla Cuevas
- RCD Board Membership
 - Associate Director Policy Proposal/Approval (handout)
 - Nominate: Associate Director Silas Rossow
 - Ethics Training for new members

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 (application accepted – \$2k is pending for staff work on preparing for work around a larger grant to be submitted in February to do a regional hub on healthy soils/carbon farming planning and implementation)
- 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. (read letter 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 early January into the Fund for our use.
- CARCD – Bechtel funding for SGMA needs assessment (admin for Laurel)

Submitted and Pending

- RCPP with American Farmland Trust on recharge innovation and demo projects
- DOC/Prop 68 Working Lands and Riparian Corridors (applied with Regional partners/\$10K for planning/decision pending)
- Pacific Flyway Conservation Grant through the Wildlife Conservation Board (Submitted on 9/11 @ \$100K as part of regional effort; decision pending)
- Water Foundation (potential funding for SGMA work, proposal being discussed)
- CDFA Specialty Block Grants – for Next Gen Project, \$25k – decisions early winter
- *Campbell Foundation, Capacity Grant (\$10K/applied/pushed to Spring)*

Waiting for RFP

- Block Grant from CARCD on Monarchs (still pending with CARCD, early winter – they keep moving on this one)
- Discussion around Regional Watershed Management Program
- *Did not get the CDFA Technical Assistance Grant for \$25k – stated that too many qualified applicants this year. Will check into it to find out how to be more competitive.*



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VIII. Madera/Chowchilla RCD Staffing & Compliance

- New 3-month contract for Laurel/with the idea of coming up with a long-term piece here (see Anna Olsen and Julie Konno)
- Website ADA Compliance under new rules
- Board Member compliance – Sexual Harassment & Ethics Training
- Legal description
- RCD credit card (once accounts are consolidated)

IX. Old Business

X. Reports

- NRCS Report
- Madera Region IRWMP/RWMP
- SGMA
- Other--

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