



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



Monthly Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, February 10, 2021 – 5:00 to 7:00
Zoom Conference Line to be sent out on Tuesday

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 for link and access.

Note Meeting will be recorded and posted on website

I. Roll Call and Introductions

- Call to Order
- Flag Salute
- Introduction of Guests

II. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes & Agenda

- February 2020 Agenda
 - Note that January 2021 meeting was cancelled
 - Additions?
- December 2020 Minutes
 - December 2020 Special Board Meeting minutes were reported out in Dec 2020 meeting

III. Correspondence & Mail

- Correspondence

IV. Financial Report

- Monthly Treasurer's Report (Laurel)
- Incoming Income and Review & Approval of Expenses
 - **Incoming Grant:** \$25,000 from Water Foundation, expected at in next few weeks
 - **Incoming Grant:** \$60,000 from NRCS, secured and ready for invoicing
 - **Incoming Grant:** \$25,000 from DOC, secured and ready for invoicing
 - **Expense:** Invoice for Laurel Angell - Dec-Jan for \$3500 approved by Board electronically in January. Tom Petrucci moved to approve, Tim Coehlo seconded the motion.
 - To be charged to NRCS and DOC grants for work under those grants.

- **Expense:** \$1,020.00 for Farm Bureau for notetaker services – July 2020 to December 2020. (charge to county?)
- **Expense:** \$3,500.00 Invoice for Laurel Angell – Jan-Feb per contract, charge to Water Foundation and DOC grant

V. Meeting Updates, Handout, and Public Comments

- Public Comments?
- Handouts for this meeting
 - TBD
- Pending meetings to be aware of?
- 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
- **Discussion of Building the RCD - Capacity, hiring and next steps:** Laurel, Mike, Matt, & Eric
 - Web manager proposal – Presentation: Nathan Newberry, CalTech Web
 - Confirmation for Farm Bureau to end notetaker contract (which ended in 2020)
 - Need action from Board to confirm official notice of ending contract
 - Report on hiring committee meeting
 - Positions/position descriptions
 - budget
 - next steps
- **Early spring Workshop: Next steps**
- **RCPP launch update: Recharge with AFT, NRCS and RCDs:** Laurel
- **Training:** All Board Members - Harassment and Ethics Training – see email to sign up/do ASAP
- **Arundo updates:** Mark Hutson (on behalf of subcommittee on Arundo)
- **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
 - Any others?

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 (**Did not make final round**)
- Water Funders Group (proposal submitted)
- National CIG (with CARCD, OK RCDs and UC Berkeley around cover crops) (**proposal declined**)
- Rose Foundation (applied for \$25K) (**Proposal declined: will try again next year**)

VIII. Madera/Chowchilla RCD Staffing & Compliance

- Legal description (on hold)
- Compliance – checklist for Tier One Requirements
 - **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
 - 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/RWGM (Mark – RCD Rep)

XI. Adjournment: Next Meeting: March 10, 2021; 5:00pm Farm Service Agency Office, 425 N. Gateway, Ste. K, Madera OR ZOOM