

# SAN MATEO COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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## Meeting of the Board of Directors

September 20, 2007

Location: RCD Office

6:30 pm- 9:00 pm

6:30 pm	<b>1. Call to Order</b>
6:30 pm	<b>2. Closed Session</b> <u>Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Anticipated Litigation.</u> Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Govt. Code Section 54956.9; one potential case
7:30 pm	<b>3. Reconvene to Public Session</b>
7:30 pm	<b>4. Introduction of Guests and Staff</b>
7:35 pm	<b>5. Public Comment-</b> The Board will hear comments on items that are not on the agenda where the Board has jurisdiction. Comments are limited to three minutes per person. The Board cannot take action on an item unless it is an emergency as defined under Government code Sec. 54954.2.
7:45 pm	<b>6. Consent Agenda</b> 6.1. May 2007 Meeting Minutes 6.2. June 2007 Meeting Minutes 6.3. July 2007 Meeting Minutes 6.4. August 2007 Meeting Minutes 6.5. May 2007 Financial Statements <sup>ts</sup> 6.6. June 2007 Financial Statements <sup>tv</sup> 6.7. July 2007 Financial Statements <sup>tw</sup> 6.8. August 2007 Financial Statements <sup>tw</sup>
8:00 pm	<b>7. Action Items-</b> The Board will hear public comments on each action item before a decision is made. Comments are limited to one minute per person, not to exceed a total of ten minutes for all participants per action item. 7.1. <u>Agricultural Production Committee.</u> Recommend Board approval to disband Agricultural Production Committee. 7.2. <u>Contract for Bear Gulch Upslope Erosion Control Project Construction Supervision.</u> Recommend Board approval to contract with Pacific Watershed Associates for project construction supervision and provision of materials.
8:30 pm	<b>8. Executive Director Updates</b> 8.1. Identification of Sources of Fecal Contamination in Pillar Point Harbor 8.2. Frenchman's Creek and Apanolio Canyon Fish Passage Projects 8.3. Pilarcitos Creek Integrated Watershed Management Plan 8.4. Bear Gulch Upslope Erosion Control Project 8.5. Agricultural Water Quality Improvement 8.6. Marine Life Protection Act Initiative 8.7. Upcoming Dates/ Events
9:00 pm	<b>9. Adjourn</b>

**SAN MATEO COUNTY RESOURCE**  
**CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**VOLUNTARY SIGN IN SHEET**

DATE OF MEETING: September 20, 2007

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10. <u>Kellyx Nelson</u>	
11. <u>Renee McMoran</u>	
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# **SAN MATEO COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

20 September 2007  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
RCD Office  
625 Miramontes Street, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

**PRESENT:** Rich Allen, President; TJ Glauthier; Jim Reynolds; Roxy Stone, Jim Howard, District Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Kellyx Nelson, Executive Director; Renee Moldovan, Fiscal Officer; Carolann Towe, Resource Specialist; Louie Figone; Tim Frahm; Ron Sturgeon

**CLOSED SESSION:** Conference with legal counsel was held regarding anticipated litigation.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Allen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. A quorum was declared present. Mr. Allen reported that there were no reportable actions taken in the closed session.

**INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES:** Mr. Allen noted that everyone was acquainted so we would dispense with the introductions.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Ms. Nelson noted the following:
  - All the minutes and financials currently under the consent agenda should say draft.
  - Under Action Items: The phrase “not to exceed a total of ten minutes for all participants per action item” should be removed.
  - Items 7.1 and 7.2 will be reversed for the meeting.
- Mr. Figone asked the Board to remember one of the Resource Conservation District’s founding fathers, Cleo Sare, with a moment of silence. Mr. Frahm made a comment about Mr. Sare and his contribution to the RCD.
- Mr. Allen thanked the Executive Director and staff for a job well done on all of the RCD projects.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

A MOTION was made (Glauthier) to adopt the consent agenda, SECONDED (Reynolds), and CARRIED unanimously:

**MOVED:** To adopt the consent agenda.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

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**Agricultural Production Committee:** As Chairman of the Agricultural Production Committee, Mr. Figone is recommending to the Board that the committee be disbanded. The committee has not met for at least seven (7) or eight (8) months. Each meeting needs to be publicly notified and can be labor intensive for RCD staff. His suggestion would be to call on members of the agricultural community in an ad hoc fashion when there are specific issues to be considered.

An open discussion commenced:

- Mr. Frahm wanted clarification regarding the Prop 50 grant since the committee is called out in the grant to give recommendations to the board, if it is ad hoc will that still satisfy the grant.
- Ms. Nelson had spoken to the Grant Manager, Carmen Fewless, and ad hoc would be fine. Their concern was that producers have input.
- Mr. Frahm reported that it was established by a Board member, and he felt the committee was more official than an ad hoc committee. He felt it is healthy to have more committees than less.
- Mr. Allen thinks RCD is now more project based, and that more producers are involved in a myriad of ways.
- A question was posed regarding how projects would be selected for the Prop 50 grant if there was no Ag Production committee. Ms. Nelson replied that we could continue the Selection Committee as an ad hoc committee of producers for the grant.
- Mr. Sturgeon felt all meetings should be publicly noticed so that the quality of the input can be monitored, and he would question the state water board's motives for not having it publicly notified.
- Mr. Howard noted that we are not privy to who was receiving funds just by looking at the projects, as it was a blind selection process.
- Mr. Sturgeon felt that was problematic as well.
- Ms. Stone felt that with since various projects deal with specific issues, our discussion reflects more of a need for an ad hoc committee. She also noted that, in business, when you don't have a need for a committee, you don't keep it just to have it on the books.
- Ms. Nelson commented that when asking producers to participate on committees, they were more willing when it was a specific project, relating that to less time commitment.
- Ms. Stone asked how we should address Mr. Sturgeon's concerns about secrecy when you have an ad hoc committee with producers appropriate to those tasks.
- Mr. Allen asked who the members of the committee are at this time: Louie Figone, Tim Frahm, Dave Garibaldi, Rich Allen. It was noted that there is not a formal list of committee participants.
- Ms. Nelson mentioned that she doesn't believe the committee will likely be needed further for the Prop 50 grant, though it is possible.
- Mr. Glauthier felt that if there is no continuing role it should be disbanded. Does Tim see a continuing role for the committee?
- Mr. Frahm felt that we could use the committee any time as a sounding board of information to relate back to the RCD board.

- Mr. Allen said that if we were discussing ranching, with an ad hoc group we could ask for those individuals who were specific to the project. With an ad hoc committee we could gather appropriate people as necessary, whereas we are a little hamstrung with the formal standing Ag Production Committee.
- Ms. Stone said that if we were looking for specific people for specific projects, the committee itself would have to encompass quite a larger group of individuals.
- Mr. Frahm feels with the standing Ag Production Committee you have the public transparency necessary.
- Mr. Allen mentioned that we could have both the Ag Prod Committee and an ad hoc as needed.
- Mr. Glauthier said he is hearing that we need people to participate, if it is a standing committee they don't want to, if ad hoc or tech advisory, it is more appealing to producers because it is less of a time commitment.
- Ms. Nelson posed the question, if three (3) members of the Ag Production Committee were to participate in an ad hoc committee, would it then be in violation of the Brown Act?
- Mr. Reynolds likes involvement of agricultural producers and is sitting on the fence.
- Mr. Figone would like Kellyx to run her concerns by legal counsel and advise board at next meeting.

**Action Taken:** None.

**Contract for Bear Gulch Upslope Erosion Control Project Construction:**

Recommend Board approval to contract with Pacific Watershed Associates for project construction supervision and provision of materials. Ms. Nelson went through the contract and highlighted the title of the project, amount of contract, and scope of work.

**Action Taken:** A MOTION was made (Glauthier), SECONDED (Stone), and CARRIED unanimously:

**MOVED:** To approve the contract with Pacific Watershed Associated for Bear Gulch Upslope Erosion Control Project Construction.

Mr. Howard mentioned that he has requested more funding for Bear Gulch, however, if no funding we will have to change the scope of the project.

**Executive Updates**

Updates will be discussed at the next meeting.

- Mr. Glauthier asked if all projects were on schedule
- Ms. Nelson confirmed, yes all on schedule, however, there are points of discussion.

**NRCS**

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Mr. Howard advised that we will be hiring a part-time engineer, and we think Rixon Rafter will take the job with an office space in the Salinas Area.

Adjournment – 8:20 P.M.

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**SAN MATEO COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**Board Minutes**  
**625 Miramontes Street, Suite 103**  
**Half Moon Bay, CA 94019**

10 May 2007  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
San Mateo County Resource Conservation Office  
625 Miramontes Street  
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

**PRESENT:** Rich Allen, President; TJ Glauthier; Roxy Stone, Treasurer; Jim Howard, District Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service;; Kellyx Nelson, Executive Director; Renee Moldovan, Fiscal Manager; Tim Frahm; CarolAnn Towe; Holly Sletteland, Upper Salinas/Las Tablas RCD

**ABSENT:** Jack Olsen; Jim Reynolds; G<sup>co</sup> O. Kolombatovich, Recorder

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Allen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. A quorum was declared present.

**INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES:** Ms. Nelson introduced Holly Sletteland; Ms. Sletteland will present the Agriculture Water Quality Alliance (AWQA) Strategic Plan.

**ORAL COMMENT:**

- Ms. Stone, Chairman of the Personnel Committee reported that the review of the Executive Director was concluded and Kellyx Nelson will remain as Executive Director of the RCD.
- Ms. Nelson advised that due to technical difficulties we were not able to reproduce the April 19 minutes.
- Mr. Glauthier requested that the Draft Minutes of April 19, 2007 and the Financial Statements for April 2007 be removed from the Consent Agenda. The Financial Statements for April were put on the Regular agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** No action taken.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**Presentation of the Agriculture Water Quality Alliance (AWQA) Strategic Plan by Holly Sletteland, Upper Salinas/Las Tablas RCD:** Ms. Sletteland presented a draft plan to the board. She is requesting that the RCD adopt the AWQA strategic plan of 2007-2012. This would entail support of the plan by the RCD, and a commitment to water quality flow into the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. AWQA would be considered a resource to the RCD. A discussion ensued among the Board, staff and Ms. Sletteland.

**Comment [SMCRCD1]:** Kellyx I can't remember if we voted on the Financials under the Regular Agenda or not, do you remember?

The RCD determined that changing three areas of concern within the draft would allow them to adopt the plan. They are as follows:

1. Remove the prioritization for identifying projects under Section I. Agriculture Industry Networks.
2. Strengthen the streamlining factor for permitting with project implementation, Section IV. Regulatory Coordination/Streamlining.
3. Remove in Section VI. Public/Private Rural Lands and Roads anything that resembles a training publication for the RCD.

AWQA also confirmed that they would compensate Kellyx Nelson, RCD Executive Director for her time spent implementing the plan.

**Agriculture Water Quality Alliance Strategic Plan:** A MOTION was made (Allen), SECONDED (Glauthier) and CARRIED unanimously:

MOVED: To adopt the AWQA Strategic Plan with changes as stated.

**Resolution 2007-2:** A MOTION was made (Glauthier), SECONDED (Stone), and CARRIED unanimously:

MOVED: To adopt Resolution 2007-2, designating a representative to sign USDA program documentation.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- Ms. Nelson announced, henceforth, George Kolombatovich will be the recorder for the RCD minutes. This is an inkind donation.
- Agricultural Water Quality Program
  - Projects have been selected.
  - TJ requested a description of the projects.
- Critical Coastal Area
  - Steering committee agreed that RCD would be local host.
  - A time-line has been developed for non-point source pollution.
- Pillar Point Harbor
  - The proposal draft for "Identification & Remediation of Sources of Fecal Pollution Impacting Pillar Point Harbor was passed out.
  - This project is categorically exempt, as it consists of basic data collection. Therefore, it does not require a CEQA permit.
  - Standardized signage was discussed regarding accuracy to beach cleanliness.
- Apanolio
  - There is now sufficient funding.
  - Building permit will be approved.
  - Completing bid package and sending out.
- Bear Gulch
  - There are major concerns with the contractor Big Creek. At this time they cannot give a cost estimate, and, they want to charge for the estimate.



Kellyx is asking Big Creek for a definitive answer as to whether or not they will do project.

- o Permit approvals are still in question; however, the goal is June.
- o Point of clarification; Big Creek will not sign up until permits are approved.

**FISCAL MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- Ms. Moldovan reported that Mr. Glauthier would give an overview of the meeting he had with staff regarding the budget.
  - o Board discussed financials and how they related to the production of the Fiscal Year 07/08 Budget
  - o Mr. Glauthier gave overview of Fiscal Year 07/08 Budget
  - o We will give out a revised draft before the June meeting
  - o The intention is to have a budget ready for approval at the June meeting.

**Adoption of April Financials:** A MOTION was made (Allen), SECONDED (Glauthier), and CARRIED unanimously:

MOVED: To adopt the April Financials

**NRCS REPORT:** Mr. Howard had nothing to add to the current agenda.

**NEXT MEETING:**

- We will table the following two(2) items for the July agenda:
  - o Discussion and possible decision: Agenda Format
  - o Discussion: Reciprocity of contracts with State Water Resources Control Board
  - o The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, 21 June 2007, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at the Farm Bureau.
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**ADJOURNMENT:** At 9:15 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned.

**SAN MATEO COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**625 Miramontes Street, Suite 103**  
**Half Moon Bay, CA 94019**

21 June 2007  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
625 Miramontes Street, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

**PRESENT:** Rich Allen, President; Jack Olsen; Jim Reynolds; Jim Howard, District Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Kellyx Nelson, Executive Director; Renee Moldovan, Staff; Ron Sturgeon, Carolann Towe, Dee Harley, Michael Shuppenhauer

**ABSENT:** TJ Glauthier, Roxy Stone

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Allen called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. A quorum was declared present.

**INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES:** Michael Shuppenhauer, Dee Harley of Dee Harley Farms

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No oral comments were made.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Executive Director asked that we remove the draft Meeting minutes and financial statements for May 2007.

A MOTION was made (Olsen), SECONDED (Reynolds), and CARRIED unanimously:

**MOVED:** To adopt the consent agenda minus the May draft meeting minutes and May financial statements

**DISCUSSION OR INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**Presentation on Microbial Source Tracking:** Ms. Towe made a PowerPoint presentation about microbial source tracking. The RCD will be using the library independent method for the Pillar Point Harbor study. Ms. Nelson explained that the big picture is that the project will undertake studies to determine the source of fecal contamination in Pillar Point Harbor. A primary way this will be done is by genetically testing the bacteria that are found to determine which animal they came from, human or otherwise. The fact that this is a 3 year study came up as a discussion point. Mr. Sturgeon felt results could happen within a much quicker time period. He also asked if the Technical Advisory Committee is paid, and if it is open to the public. Ms. Nelson said it is

not going to be publicly noticed. Mr. Sturgeon stated that is a violation of Brown Act. Ms. Nelson will check with counsel.

**Discussion of District Compliance with Brown Act:**

In response to a letter sent by Ron Sturgeon to the RCD Board of Directors stating that he felt the RCD was in violation of the Brown Act, Ms. Nelson said that there are two parts to the discussion: (1) whether the RCD is legally compliant with the Brown Act, and (2) recommendations on how the RCD can improve. Ms. Nelson contacted Miruni Soosaipillai, County Counsel; Martha Poyatos, LAFCO; Tacy Curry, CARCD; and various other RCD's. She then broke Mr. Sturgeon's concerns down into six (6) different issues:

- Was the May board meeting publicly noticed?
  - By counsel and staff's understanding, this was publicly noticed and freely accessible because 72 hours prior to the meeting, the agenda was posted at the front door of the building, available in the office, sent out to interested parties via email, and posted on the web page.
- Can meeting dates and locations be changed?
  - Counsel advised that it is legal to periodically meet in another location or time that that which is regularly scheduled. However, this should only be done occasionally. Ms. Nelson advised that the RCD had been changing meeting times or locations too frequently to obtain quorum and recommended that if there is no quorum, the meeting should be cancelled.
- Are we in violation of the Brown Act by holding meetings outside of district jurisdiction?
  - Counsel was not certain about this and would look into it so Ms. Nelson did not have a certain answer yet. However, counsel's initial reaction was that the common sense interpretation is about accessibility and it appears that we are accessible. It is possible that, under Mr. Sturgeon's interpretation, the RCD office would not be a legal meeting place either, as the office is technically not in the district jurisdiction. Counsel will research the issue further to determine the legality of our meeting place.
- Are our agendas specific enough?
  - Counsel said there is very little guidance in the Brown Act regarding what is specific enough but it was her conclusion that our agendas were specific enough to be legally compliant. Ms. Nelson shared many examples of agendas from other RCDs and special districts that are more, less, and similarly specific to demonstrate that there is a wide variety of ways to interpret what is legally required. Examples were from the Santa Cruz RCD, Montara Water and Sanitary District, Southern Sonoma RCD, Alameda RCD, RCD of Grater San Diego County, East Merced RCD, and San Mateo County RCD before Ms. Nelson arrived. One example was that of San Mateo RCD agendas before she began at the RCD, to demonstrate that we have tried to become more specific than earlier. Ms. Nelson recommended that enough directors' time had been spent on agenda format and that this be something that is managed at the staff level.
- Should the agenda include itemized topics under public comment?

- These points were put in as an invitation to the public for discussion on topics so that they were aware of their opportunity to do so, in addition to any other comments. It was not a violation of the Brown Act, but was a style choice that she is happy to eliminate.
- Do advisory committees need to be publicly noticed?
  - Not all advisory bodies are subject to the Brown Act. However, standing committees are. An ad hoc committee for a specific project does not need to be noticed if it does not contain a quorum of the board.
  - Counsel advised that the Agricultural Production Subcommittee must be noticed, as it was established to have an ongoing task and is an advisory committee to the board.
  - The Finance Committee should be publicly noticed as well.

Mr. Olsen suggested a closed session with legal counsel for the next meeting. He feels Mr. Sturgeon's letter could be exposure to litigation. The information he has been getting from county counsel is in direct opposition to Ms. Nelson's. Ms. Nelson agreed with the recommendation.

**Executive Director Report:** Ms. Nelson shared the written notes included below and reported on them verbally. In addition, there was discussion on the following items:

- Frenchman's Creek – Ms. Nelson will speak with Marsha Raines regarding letter sent by Steve Flint, Planning Director of Half Moon Bay.
  - Coastal Development Permit was necessary due to the fact that this project is in dual jurisdictions, county and city, and since this was such an expensive endeavor to do separately, we went straight to Coastal Commission (by recommendation of consultant) for a single approval. This also eliminates an appeal period.
- PIWMP – Ms. Nelson will be sending letter out to landowners in watershed.
- Funding is now available for Renee to work 4 days per week.
- RCD is now insurable for benefits package as a group.
- Oil Creek and Slate Creek grant application – Mr. Sturgeon requested that the board think up front whether or not they want to get involved with this project. He feels that there is no reason to do project if assessment is on state lands.
  - Ms. Nelson mentioned that a major property owner is Red Tree, a private landowner. She will bring map to next board meeting so they can see areas involved.
- Ms. Nelson reported that we have started a very small partnership doing beach clean-ups with HOPE Services which aid the developmentally challenged.
- Mr. Olsen mentioned that a group of lawyers are moving offices and furniture is being donated, Renee will check out availability.
- Mr. Glauthier would like to discuss staff overhead costs at another meeting.
- Ms. Nelson reported that the NRCS has proven to be a valuable partner providing surveying, biological monitoring, advice and technical knowledge, furniture for new staff, and tech support

**NRCS Report:** Mr. Howard reported on the success of the Ag Innovation Workshop for 2007. Implementation is cranking, Jim K. is done training and moving forward with ferocity. Many new customers.

**Action Items**

**Critical Coastal Areas Project Funding:**

A MOTION was made by (Allen), SECONDED by (Olsen), and CARRIED unanimously:

MOVED: To approve Contract No. 716 with San Francisco Estuary Institute for RCD Services.

**FY 07-08 Budget:**

A MOTION was made by (Olsen), SECONDED by (Allen), and CARRIED unanimously:

MOVED: To approve district budget for Fiscal Year 2007-08

**NEXT MEETING:** The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, July 19, 2007, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at the Farm Bureau.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 9:05 p.m., the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned.

## Executive Director Updates June 2007

**Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Critical Coastal Area Pilot Project**

Planning effort of stakeholders in watersheds contributing to Fitzgerald Marine Reserve and harbor to address non-point source pollution. Will complete assessment and characterization of watershed, model ways to reduce pollution, and develop action plan.

- RCD confirmed as local host to project- coordinating stakeholders, hosting public workshops, web page, acting as liason to technical aspects, etc.
- Negotiated subcontract for funding RCD's role in project (on agenda for vote).
- Developed draft MOU.
- Consultants completed preliminary draft assessment/ characterization of watersheds.

**Frenchmans Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project**

Removal of culvert and earthen bridge in Frenchmans Creek, habitat improvements, replacement of culvert with railcar bridge that does not impede fish passage.

- USFWS completed Biological Opinion for garter snake.
- \$80-90 K funding shortfall. Anticipating additional funds:
  - Payment for bridge pending
  - Notification from American Rivers for \$25K in June

- Notification from DFG for \$25K through Adaptive Management funds in June.
  - May ask Coastal Conservancy to augment their existing \$60 K grant by 15%.
- Cost reduction for labor provided by California Conservation Corps, funded by NOAA Fisheries.
- Invited 12 contractors to bid on project and asked County Department of Public Works as back-up.
- Held pre-bid site meeting. Twelve people attended: project engineer, three construction companies, DPW, California Conservation Corps, NRCS, and people conducting required archeology and rare plant surveys.
- Discovered need for surveyors that was not budgeted or previously identified.
  - NRCS partnership saves the day.
- Remaining permits and status:
  - Coastal Commission considering permit application on July 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - Planning Director of City of Half Moon Bay wrote letter to Coastal Commission saying that the project is not consistent with Local Coastal Plan.
  - Received 1600 permit from DFG.

#### **Pilarcitos Creek Integrated Watershed Management Plan**

Development of integrated watershed management plan to determine how to more effectively manage the Pilarcitos Creek watershed to promote balanced solutions that satisfy environmental, public health, domestic water supply, and economic interests.

- New signatures to MOU are County Board of Supervisors, Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District, Farm Bureau, and Department of Fish and Game.
- Preparing to send letter to all landowners in watershed.

#### **Apanolio Canyon Fish Passage Enhancement Project**

Removal of culvert and earthen bridge, habitat improvements, and replacement of culvert with freespan bridge to allow steelhead access to spawning grounds while assuring continued agricultural access to both sides of creek

- Amended funding contract is fully executed.
- Only remaining permit- bridge permit, pending
- Invited 12 contractors to bid on project and asked County Department of Public Works as back-up.
- Held pre-bid site meeting. Eleven people attended: project engineer, landowner, three construction companies, DPW, California Conservation Corps, and NRCS.
- Cost reduction for labor provided by California Conservation Corps, funded by NOAA Fisheries.
- Discovered need for surveyors that was not budgeted or previously identified.
  - NRCS partnership saves the day.

#### **Bear Gulch Upslope Erosion Control Project**

Repair of rural roads to reduce sediment delivery to South Fork Gazos Creek, resulting in improved habitat for coho salmon.

- Coastal Development Permit on agenda for consideration by County Planning Commission July 11<sup>th</sup>. Asked them to bump it up to June 27<sup>th</sup>.
- If project is appealed likely will not be done at all.
- Received 1600 permit for signature from DFG.
- Concern about lack of commitment and communication by contractor.

### **Agricultural Water Quality Grant**

Cost-share and technical assistance to EQIP and other projects that improve water quality leaving farms.

- Amended funding contract with SWRCB is fully executed.
- Projects to be included in the grant chosen by Selection Committee comprised of agricultural producers, RCD Directors, NRCS staff, and RCD staff.
- Project team has been visiting sites, working with landowners, developing water quality monitoring protocol document. Can be very challenging to monitor some practices.
- Still in process of hiring Carolann on project.

### **Identification and Remediation of Fecal Pollution in Pillar Point Harbor Beaches**

Microbial source tracking, hydrology, and other studies to identify sources of fecal contamination in beaches in the harbor and propose ways to remediate.

- Submitted final grant application (in board packet).

### **Oil Creek and Slate Creek Watershed Restoration Assessment**

Restoration plan for three properties in two sub-basins of the Pescadero Creek watershed to improve salmonid habitat.

- Applied for grant under DFG Fisheries Grant Program (in board packet).

### **Marine Life Protection Act Initiative**

Design of network of marine protected areas to protect marine life and improve recreational, educational and study opportunities provided by marine ecosystems.

- Selected as regional stakeholder.
- Will present on MLPA and invite fishermen, interested parties, to July meeting.

More information at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/MRD/mlpa/>