I. Roll Call and Introductions
   • Call to Order
   • Flag Salute
   • Introduction of Guests

II. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes & Agenda
   • February 2020 Agenda
     o Additions?
   • January 2019 Minutes

III. Correspondence & Mail
   • Correspondence

IV. Financial Report
   • Monthly Treasurer’s Report
     o CCI money paid all of LA’s contract this month, so minimal expenses while we continue to work on funding
     o Used $1375 (from CCI) to open outside account
   • Incoming Income and Review & Approval of Expenses
     o Incoming Payment: ESRC/Carbon Cycle Institute for $825.00 and $996.72 mostly use to cover Laurel’s contract for January. (recommend put into County Account)
     o Expense: Laurel Angell (invoice – Dec 15 to Jan 15) $1800.00
   • New Outside Bank Account – updates

V. Meeting Updates, Handout, and Public Comments
   • Public Comments?
   • Handouts for this meeting
   • Laurel update on meetings attended (specifically talk about county water market meeting)
   • Pending meetings to be aware of? (info)
   • Diversity, Inclusion and Equity work – NRCS; African American Farmers Conference

VI. Discussion Topics and Action Items
   • Stephanie Anagnoson, Director of Water & Natural Resources, Madera County: Update on GSAs/GSPs/Advisory Board
M/CRCDs role on SGMA – ACTION ITEMS

- IWM and Nutrient Management workshops (East Stanislaus – Invite from Trina Whalley)
- Next Steps on Letter to Carlos requesting a NRCS regional position

- Capacity & Funding:
  - Long-term and consistent funding streams/grants
  - Other ideas
  - Updates on grant writer with County(?) / Watershed Coordinator; other?

- Assessment and Data (LA working with CCI)
- Educational and Technical:
  - Lining up and deploying technical team (MCRCD team, NRCS, NCAT, Point Blue)
  - Producer outreach and workshops; GSAs,
- Media project fundraising for matching fund
- MAWA project
- Partnership building/tapping and leveraging expertise

- Monarch Block Grant – Finally have the RFP and discussion

- RCD Board Membership
  - Ethics Training (scholarships set up for Mike and Laurel (LA will register)

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 ($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 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, Worked with ESRCD to finalize proposal that will be part of a joint proposal to private foundations to be a Healthy Soils Hub housed at M/CRCD and ESRCD; (final proposal will submitted with goal of funding by summer)
- RCPP with American Farmland Trust on recharge innovation and demo projects (pending decision in Spring)
- DOC/Prop 68 Working Lands and Riparian Corridors (applied with Regional partners / $10K for planning) (pending decision)
- Water Foundation (proposing SGMA Strategy laid out in Dec Meeting as a pilot project; potential funding for SGMA work, proposal being reviewed – timeline of late winter)
- Water Funders Group (proposal submitted in December; potential funding for media project)
- CDFA Specialty Block Grants – for Next Gen Project, $25k – requested more information
Currently working on:
• Monarch Grant
• Foundation Proposal(s)
• Fundraising for CVCF grant
• Part of team pushing out the CCI/Healthy Soils hub regional proposal

Updates on grant proposals that we did not get:
• USDA Conservation Collaboration Grants for 2020 – This one we did not qualify for as the partnership did not have enough matching funds between all the partners;
• Pacific Flyway Conservation Grant through the Wildlife Conservation Board (Submitted on 9/11 @ $100K as part of regional RCD effort; the entire CARCD proposal was not accepted. No significant reason given, just a very competitive grant.

Waiting for RFP
• Nothing right now

VIII. Madera/Chowchilla RCD Staffing & Compliance
• LA Contract ends on 2/15. Recommend month by month for now listed as an “Advisor” until funding is secured for capacity to hire an ED Part Time.
• Legal description

IX. Old Business

X. Reports
• NRCS Report
• Madera Region IRWM/RWMG
• Other--

XI. Adjournment... Next Meeting: March 11, 2020; 5:00pm Farm Service Agency Office, 425 N. Gateway, Ste. K, Madera