

Sonoma-Marin County Local Work Group Agenda

A meeting of the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service and Resource Conservation Districts of Sonoma and Marin Counties

Thursday, August 1, 2024 | 2:00 - 4:00 pm

NRCS Petaluma Office 5401 Old Redwood Hwy, Petaluma CA 94954

Goal: This meeting aims to support collaboration and identify priority local environmental resource concerns with the overall goal of providing locally led conservation recommendations that will contribute to community vitality.

Welcome, Introductions, Purpose and Goals (20 mins) - Nancy

- RCD/NRCS introductions
- Round robin introductions of participants

Purpose of Local Work Groups (5 minutes) - Chase

- History of NRCS/RCDs relationship, role and importance of Local Working Groups

RCD Programs, Funding and Resource Priorities (20 Minutes) All RCD leads

- Introduction to relevant programs and funding sources
- Current focused resource concerns/areas
- Staff contacts

NRCS Ranking Process and Project Funding Data (20 Minutes) - Chase

- How screening/ranking works currently
- Projects (practices) that are/aren't receiving funding
 - data on previous years (past funding years, how many applications, # of awards made, most popular practice requests)
- What impact has IRA funds made on project funding now and in the future?

Partner/Producer Resource Priorities (40 Minutes) - Christine

- Small groups discussion based on land use
- Large group discussion to summarize needs/priorities

Meeting wrap-up (5 minutes) - Brittany

- How the RCD and NRCS will use this information.
- Meeting notes will be shared with attendees who RSVP'd via email